

COORDINATED ACTIONS FOR WOLF-HUMAN COEXISTENCE ACROSS THE ALPS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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German, Italian, French, Slovenian

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INTRODUCTION

The **first International Conference** of the EU project "LIFE WolfAlps EU" provides a great opportunity to get specific information on the state of the art of project activities and on the wolf situation in the Alps. The focus will be on the great transnational coordinated teamwork built to favour wolf-human coexistence at the wolf population scale.

The conference will be held on May 27, 2021 via web streaming on Zoom, simultaneously translated into **4 languages** (English, Italian, French, Slovenian) and shared for free on YouTube and Facebook (in English).

The morning session will open with a brief presentation of the overall project goals, structure and activities of the project, as well as inspiring speeches by key actors from the EU Commission and the LIFE Programme. Then, the project partners will report on the wolf situation in every Alpine country, highlighting the issues and the coordinated actions triggered by the project. The morning session will be closed with a round table to discuss the past, present and future of the wolf management in Europe.

The afternoon will focus on the presentation of selected international activities by each international working group. These address monitoring, genetics, livestock protection, the relationship between human activities, predators and prey, the prevention of illegal poisoning and the anti-poisoning dog units, the development of a participatory approach with thematic platforms and the stewardship program, the topic of overall education and training of young people, the young ranger program, the attitude and perception about wolves, as well as the effective communication of the project in a digital era.

The various topics will be presented by a speaker (in bold in the agenda), who will take the stand on behalf of the whole international team (in normal type).

All information can be found on the conference webpage at www.lifewolfalps.eu/conference

Keywords

Wolf, Coexistence, Population, Alps, Coordinated Actions, International Teamwork, Europe, LIFE Programme

AGENDA

- 09:00 **Welcome and Opening**
Roland Psenner, Eurac Research, IT
Thomas Streifeneder, Institute for Regional Development, Eurac Research, IT
Arnold Schuler, Councillor, Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano, IT
Giuseppe Canavese, Protected Areas of the Maritime Alps (LIFE WOLFALPS EU Project Responsible), IT
Maurizio Battagazzore, Division IV, Directorate-General for Natural Heritage – Biodiversity, Italian Ministry of Ecological Transition, IT
- 09:30 **Introduction to the Conference and the LIFE WolfAlps EU Project: Past, Present and Future**
Francesca Marucco, DBIOS, University of Turin, IT
Andrea Omizzolo, Institute for Regional Development, Eurac Research, IT
- 09:50 **The Role of the LIFE Programme for the Conservation of Large Carnivores Populations in Europe**
Angelo Salsi, LIFE Programme, EASME - European Commission
- 10:10 **The EU Support for Wolf-Human Coexistence: Policies, Tools and Funding Opportunities**
Marco Cipriani, Directorate-General for Environment - European Commission

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Moderated by Francesca Marucco, DBIOS, University of Turin, IT

- 10:30 **The Wolf in France and the Coordinated LIFE WolfAlps EU Activities**
Ricardo Simon, Christophe Duchamp and Nolwenn Drouet-Hoguet, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), FR
Rachel Berzins and Nathalie Siefert, Mercantour National Park, FR
- 10:50 **The Wolf in Austria and the Coordinated LIFE WolfAlps EU Activities**
Theresa Walter and Felix Knauer, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
Stefanie Gappmaier and Verena Mayer, Agricultural Research and Education Centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein (AREC), AT
- 11:10 Short break
- 11:30 **The Wolf in Slovenia and the Coordinated LIFE WolfAlps EU Activities**
Rok Černe, Bojana Lavrič, Tomaž Berce & Nives Pagon, Slovenian Forest Service (ZGS), SLO
Tomaž Skrbinšek, and Irena Kavčič, University of Ljubljana, SLO
- 11:50 **The Wolf in Italy and the Coordinated LIFE WolfAlps EU Activities**
Francesca Marucco, DBIOS, University of Turin, IT
Giuseppe Canavese, Michele Ottino, Andrea De Giovanni, Daniele Piazza, Giancarlo Papitto, Lucia Ratti, Filippo Favilli, Mario Lupo, Carlo Maiolini, Simonetta Dalla Corte, Paolo Oreiller, Daniela Minetti, Elisabetta Rossi (ITALIAN Partners, Responsibles)
- 12:10 **LIFE BOREALWOLF: Actions enhancing wolf-human co-existence in Finland**
Ilpo Kojola and **Madeleine Nyman**, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), FI
- 12:30 **PANEL: Large Carnivores Population Management Plans in Europe: Past, Present and Future**
Moderated by Luigi Boitani, Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe, IUCN
Angelo Salsi, Head of LIFE Programme, EASME - European Commission
Nicola Notaro, Directorate-General for Environment - European Commission
- 13:00 Lunch break

- 14:00 **LIFE WolfAlps EU in Actions!**
Moderated by Filippo Favilli, Institute for Regional Development, Eurac Research, IT
- 14:10 **Livestock Prevention for Coexistence: The Wolf Prevention Intervention Units (WPIU)**
Tomaž Berce, Slovenian Forest Service (ZGS), SLO
Arianna Menzano, Large Carnivore Center, IT
 Ricardo Simon, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), and Rachel Berzins, Mercantour National Park, FR
 Stefanie Gappmaier, Agricultural Research and Education Centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein (AREC), AT
- 14:30 **LIFEstockProtect: a LIFE Project for the Livestock Protection in Austria, Bavaria and South Tyrol**
Max Rossberg, European Wilderness Society, AT
 Julia Stauder, Institute for Regional Development, Eurac Research, IT
- 14:40 **International Alpine Wolf Population Monitoring and Genetics**
Christophe Duchamp, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), FR
Elisa Avanzinelli, Large Carnivore Center and Francesca Marucco, DBIOS, University of Turin, IT
Astrid Vik Stronen and Hubert Potočnik, University of Ljubljana, SLO
 Jörg Rauer and Felix Knauer, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
 Ilka Reinhardt, LUPUS German Institute, DE
 Fridolin Zimmermann, KORA, CH
- 15:00 **Evaluating the Relationship between Humans, Wolves, Wild and Domestic Prey: A Coordinated Study across 3 Countries**
Ricardo Simon, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), FR
 Nives Pagon, Slovenian Forest Service (ZGS), SLO
 Francesca Marucco, DBIOS, University of Turin, IT
 Luca Pedrotti, ERSAF, Stelvio National Park, IT
- 15:20 **Anti-Poisoning Dog Units to fight Illegal Poisoning and the International LIFE Approach**
Ten. Col. Giancarlo Papitto, Carabinieri - Command for Biodiversity and Parks Protection, IT
 Theresa Walter, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
 Bojana Lavrič, Slovenian Forest Service (ZGS), SLO
- 15:40 Short break
- 16:00 **Developing a Participatory Approach: from the LIFE WolfAlps EU Platforms to the Stewardship Program**
Giulia Bombieri and Carlo Maiolini, Science Museum of Trento (MUSE), IT
Andrea Omizzolo, Institute for Regional Development, Eurac Research, IT
 Theresa Walter, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
 Rachel Berzins, Mercantour National Park, FR
 Stefanie Gappmaier, Agricultural Research and Education Centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein (AREC), AT
 Manca Velkavrh, University of Ljubljana, SLO
- 16:20 **Education and Young Rangers across the Alps!**
Irene Borgna, Protected Areas of the Maritime Alps, Maria Bertolini and Maria Vittoria Zucchelli, Science Museum of Trento (MUSE), IT
 Rachel Berzins and Elena Maselli, Mercantour National Park, FR
 Manca Velkavrh, University of Ljubljana, SLO
 Theresa Walter, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
- 16:40 **Attitudes and Perceptions about Wolves across the Alps**
Bernarda Bele, Aleksandra Majič Skrbinšek and Meta Mavec, University of Ljubljana, SLO
 Elisa Avanzinelli, Large Carnivore Center and Valentina Ruco, Protected Areas of the Maritime Alps, IT
 Ricardo Simon and H el ene Fournet, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), and Rachel Berzins, Mercantour national park, FR
 Theresa Walter, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
- 17:00 **Effective LIFE WolfAlps EU Project Communication in the Digital Era**
Laura Scillitani, Science Museum of Trento (MUSE), and Irene Borgna, Protected Areas of the Maritime Alps, IT
 Theresa Walter, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (VETMED), AT
 Verena Mayer, Agricultural Research and Education Centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein (AREC), AT
 Maja Sever, Slovenian Forest Service (ZGS) and Manca Velkavrh, University of Ljubljana, SLO
 H el ene Fournet, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), FR
- 17:20 End of the Conference
- 17:30 **PRESS Q&A** (IN ENGLISH, WITHOUT INTERPRETATION)

USEFUL INFO

- ★ The participation is **free** of charge.
- ★ The Conference will be held in **English** with **simultaneous translation** in **German, Italian, French and Slovenian** (reg. required).
- ★ Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2OJehoa>
- ★ Registration is strongly recommended and it is required on Zoom to **submit questions** and to attend the Conference with the interpretation service.
- ★ The **Press** is invited to register and mention their affiliation.
- ★ The Conference will be also shared for free on **YouTube** and **Facebook** (in English).
- ★ Following the Conference, the recording and all materials will be saved and released for free on the project website (www.lifewolfalps.eu) and shared on social media channels.

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