

Transnational exchange platform for the management of large carnivores in the Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos region

11-13 June 2024, Sofia, Bulgaria

Venue: Ministry of Environment and Water

22 Mariya Luiza Blvd, Sofia

The 5th conference of the Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos Platform hosted by the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water and the Bulgarian Forest Agency in collaboration with the EU Platform on Coexistence with people and large carnivores, the Bern Convention Secretariat and supported by the Union of Hunters and Anglers in Bulgaria and WWF Adria.

The programme for the meeting is as follows. Please plan your travels with these times in mind.

Day 1: 11 June (13:00-18:00)
Advisory Board exchange
Registration
Session 1: Scene setting and input from international guests (14:00-18:00)
Inputs from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water • The EU Platform on Coexistence between people and large carnivores • The European Commission (video) • The Bern Convention
Evening event (18:30-20:00)
Evening networking event
Day 2: 12 June (09:00-18:00)
Session 2: Dinaric Balkan Pindos platform updates
Large carnivore management in Bulgaria from the Ministry of Environment and Water and the Executive Forest Agency Updated on Large Carnivore monitoring and management and implications for implementation of EU Policy and the Bern Convention
Feedback from the workstreams and other initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring report • Connectivity • Platform Agreement • Incidents / intervention teams
Session 3: Thematic discussion
Focus on livestock and land use: EU Platform input and discussion on conflicts in land use, financing, etc

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Focus on hunters: Union of Hunters and Anglers in Bulgaria and international representatives

Session 4: Looking forward

Feedback from discussions

Next steps

Networking dinner hosted by the Union of Hunters and Anglers in Bulgaria

Day 3: 13 June (07:30-14:00)

Guided field trip organised by the Executive Forest Agency

Vitosha Natural Park

End

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