

What does the downlisting mean: a stakeholder perspective



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FACE: who we are and what we do

- International NGO
- Members from 37 European Countries
- Representation in the EU institutions and stakeholder platforms





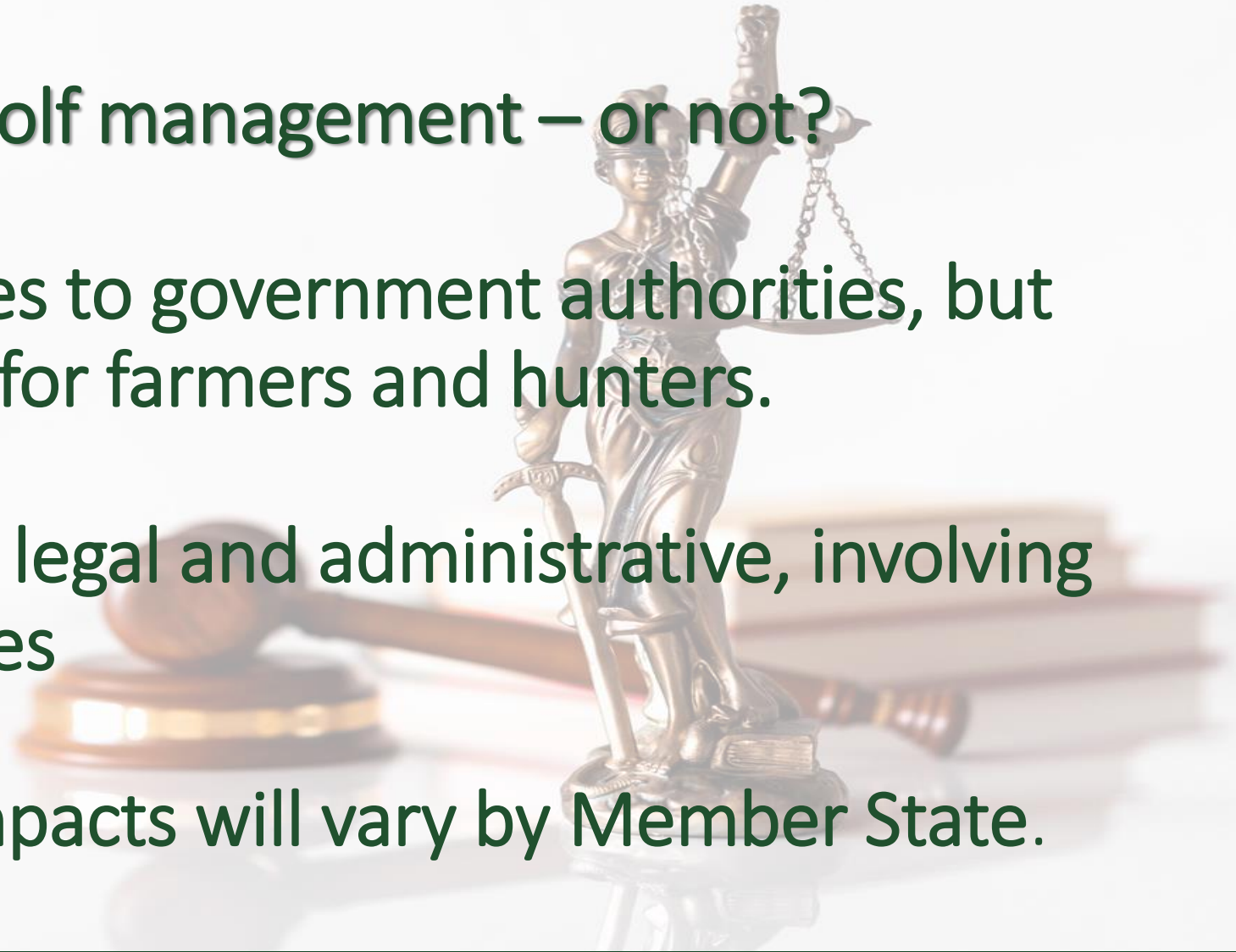
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Legal changes impacting wolf management – or not?

Applicability: Initially applies to government authorities, but framed as instant changes for farmers and hunters.

Nature of Changes: Mostly legal and administrative, involving different steps and timelines

Variability: Changes and impacts will vary by Member State.





Problems with Annex IV

- Annex IV led to numerous court cases and a nervous regulatory/court system.
- Created political tensions
- Huge administrative burden
- Hunters were afraid to manage wolves even with permission



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Transition to Annex V

Annex V benefits: Easier problem wolf management and/or easier wolf population management guided by reference values and FCS

Manage expectations & greater data requirements

Country-specific impacts and differences

General impact: Increased flexibility in wolf management, but some countries may see little change

Interest of hunters will vary: long tradition vs. no hunting for decades

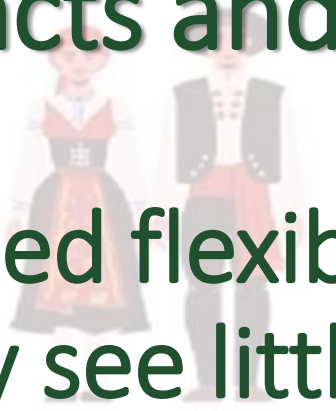
Different questions to resolve damage, hunter training/education, which ministry is responsible, ...



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