

# Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos Large Carnivore Platform



Large Carnivores in the Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos region:  
Management, Monitoring,  
Threats and Conflicts

Establishing a transnational exchange platform  
for the management of large carnivores  
in the Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos Region  
– Progress Report 2025 –



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## Activities since last meeting

- (in collaboration with initiative partners)
- Progress report : a snapshot of the situation in all 10 countries, 2022-2025
- Translated versions online, hard copies sent
- Connectivity report finalised May 2025
- Thematic exchange on monitoring – F BiH, SI, HR, May 2025
- Capacity building of IT in MNE, participation ME and SER, meeting with local stakeholders on bear incident in Piva NP - October 2025

## Aims of this meeting

- At Ioannina
  - The progress report was used as a basis for building on the platform workstreams
  - Break out groups examined the main challenges and made suggestions for next steps
- In this meeting:
  - Concretise thematic actions for the platform based on previous inputs and discussions today
  - Convene species focused groups tomorrow, to consider which actions are most important for which species
  - Examine synergies with key existing projects and identify priority areas for collaboration and future funding

## Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos Platform Conference 24 February

	<b>Session 1: Introduction and scene setting</b>
9:30	Welcome and administrative points from DiBaPi Secretariat
9:40	Welcome to Albania and scene setting
10:00	EU Large Carnivore policy and stakeholder engagement
10:20	The Bern Convention and its Large Carnivores Working Group
10:40	The Convention on Migratory Species Balkan Lynx Regional Strategy
11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>Session 2: Dinaric Balkan Pindos platform</b>
11:30	Situation on Large Carnivore Management and Monitoring in Albania
11:50	Members' updates
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00	Advisory Board (members only)

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	<b>Session 3: The platform action plan</b>
14:30	Thematic working groups: Further development of the DiBaPi action plan as established at the Ioannina meeting
	Livestock protection including inputs from the Co-creating Coexistence Horizon Project and LIFE Safe-Grazing
	Intervention teams
15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00	Thematic working groups continued
	Collaboration between stakeholders
	Connectivity and habitat quality
17:00	Cross-cutting
17:00	Monitoring as a cross-cutting issue, using the Handbook for Monitoring
17:15	Next steps
18:00	End
19:00	<b>Walk to the city (1 hour starting hotel)</b>
20:00	<b>Networking dinner</b>

## Dinaric-Balkan-Pindos Platform Conference 25 February

	<b>Session 4 DiBaPi Species Working Groups</b>
9:00	Species working groups
	Lynx
	Wolf
	Bear
11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30	Feedback
12:10	Next steps for the action plan
14:00	<b>Large Carnivore Habitat Management International Conference of the 4PETHABECO Project</b>

## Practicalities

- Interpretation
- Sign up for working groups – Session 3 and 4
- Dinner at Artur Restaurant (Rruga Kavajës Nr. 47, përballë xhamisë "Dine Hoxha) at 20:00 this evening. 30 minute walk to get there setting off at 19:00 from hotel reception