

## Alpine Convention Platform “Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society” (WISO)

### International Workshop

### “Prevention and compensation of damages from large carnivores” Final programme and information

**Place:** Domodossola (IT), Alpine Convention Infopoint Domodossola, Istituto Mellerio Rosmini, Via Rosmini 24, 28845 Domodossola, Italy.

**Date:** 27-28.02.2018 followed by a WISO meeting on 1.3.2018 (WISO members only).

**Registration:** the WISO Platform members and the invited experts are kindly invited to confirm their participation before February 2, 2018 by writing to [wiso@alpconv.org](mailto:wiso@alpconv.org). The participants are invited to specify in their registration any specific dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, gluten-free). The participants agree to bear the travel and accommodation costs related to their attendance to the workshop. The Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention cordially invites all experts attending the workshops for lunch and coffee breaks as well as for the workshop dinner (27.02) and excursion lunch (28.02).

**Working language:** English.

**Moderation:** Marianna Elmi (Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, chair of the WISO Platform).

**Concept:** The workshop will be informative and interactive and will combine keynotes and experts presentations with moderated discussions and an excursion. The activity contributes to the implementation of the 2017 – 2018 WISO mandate.

#### Main aims:

1. **Analysing the state-of-art:** sharing knowledge on prevention and compensation measures for damages by large carnivores already in place in the Alps;
2. **Setting priorities:** identifying the most important and effective prevention and compensation measures;
3. **Identifying challenges:** highlighting the main challenges related to an effective and efficient system of prevention and compensation measures;
4. **Finding solutions:** highlighting possible solutions to the identified challenges, based also on effective systems presented in the state-of-art review;
5. **Finding financing tools:** deepening the understanding of the use of the European Agricultural Rural Development Fund (EARDF), the European Rural Development Fund (ERDF) as well as other financing solutions for damage prevention and compensation.

## Day 1

**27.02.2018, 13:00 – 18:00**

**13:00** Get-together and snack

**13:45** Opening of the workshop, welcome by Markus Reiterer (Secretary General of the Alpine Convention) and Andrea Cottini (Alpine Convention Infopoint Domodossola)  
Setting the general concept for the day

**14:15** **Keynote 1:** Experiences beyond the Alps: "Wolf damage management in the Apennines: strategies for prevention and compensation across different Regions" (*Valeria Salvatori and Paolo Ciucci*)

**Session 1:** "Damage prevention and compensation in the Alps – status quo, priorities and challenges"  
Presentations (Representatives of the WISO Platform and other invited guests) on the status of prevention and compensation systems in the Alpine area.

**14:45**

- Catherine de Roince (Terröiko, France): "Damage prevention and compensation systems in the French Alps"
- Rok Černe (Slovenia Forest Service) "Damage prevention and compensation systems in the Slovene Alps"
- Claudio Groff (Autonomous Province of Trento): "Bear attacks on humans in Trentino: a new management challenge"
- Francesca Marucco (Life WolfAlps): "Prevention of wolf damage in the Italian Alps: state of art, challenges, priorities and possible solutions"

**15:45** Coffee break

**Session 1:** continues

**16:00**

- Olivier Nägele (Liechtenstein Office for the Environment): "Damage prevention and compensation systems in Liechtenstein"
- Georg Rauer (University of veterinary medicine, Vienna): "Damage compensation systems and first steps in damage prevention in the Austrian Alps"
- Mirjam Pewsner (Swiss Federal Office for the Environment): "Damage prevention and compensation systems in the Swiss Alps"
- Manfred Wölfl (Bavarian Office for the Environment): "Damage prevention and compensation systems in the German Alps"

**Session 1:** Discussion in break-out groups on the following topics, based on the systems presented:

**17:00**

1. Main challenges to be tackled and priorities to be set at Alpine level;
2. Main problems in implementing prevention and compensation systems in the Alps;
3. Communication with stakeholders and public: challenges, bottlenecks and positive experiences.

**18:00** End of day 1

**19:30** "0 Km" dinner at "Locanda Piemonte da Sciolla" in the city center of Domodossola.

## Day 2

**28.02.2018, 09:15 – 16:00**

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**09:15** Reports with results from break-out groups from day 1

**10:00** **Keynote 2:** “EADRf funds for financing mechanisms for damage prevention. Insights and experiences from the EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores”  
(Katrina Marsden, *Adelphi - EU Platform Secretariat*)

**10:30** **Session 2:** “Damage prevention and compensation in the Alps – financing opportunities”  
Discussion in break-out groups. Topics:

- EADRf and other EU funds: experiences and application, good examples and limitations;
- Other financing systems for damage prevention and compensation: examples, opportunities and limitations;
- Priorities for structuring financing systems.

**11:00** Coffee break

**11:20** **Session 2:** Break-out groups - continuation

**12:00** Presentation of the results of the Break-out session 2 and closing of the workshop

**Excursion** on the topic “Damage from ungulates and mountain agriculture: examples of compensation and prevention in the Domodossola area”.

Visit to the mountain farm “La Tensa” (apples, wine) to experience first - hand the measures in place for the prevention of damages by deer and wild boar. Discussion with the owners.

Brunch at “La Tensa”.

**12:45 – 16:00** Q&A on damage prevention and compensation with representatives of the local municipal police (responsible for managing the notification of damages), representatives of the Val Grande Nature Park and the Protected areas Val d'Ossola. Presentation of a project for the valorization of local game.

*The excursion place will be reached by minibus and a short walk (approximately 1 km). Although the road is suitable for vehicles, we kindly ask the participants to be prepared with sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the outdoor weather of a late February afternoon.*

*A limited number of participants who do not wish to walk can be transported by car. Please inform the organizers directly at the beginning of the meeting.*