



## European Alliance for Wolf Conservation



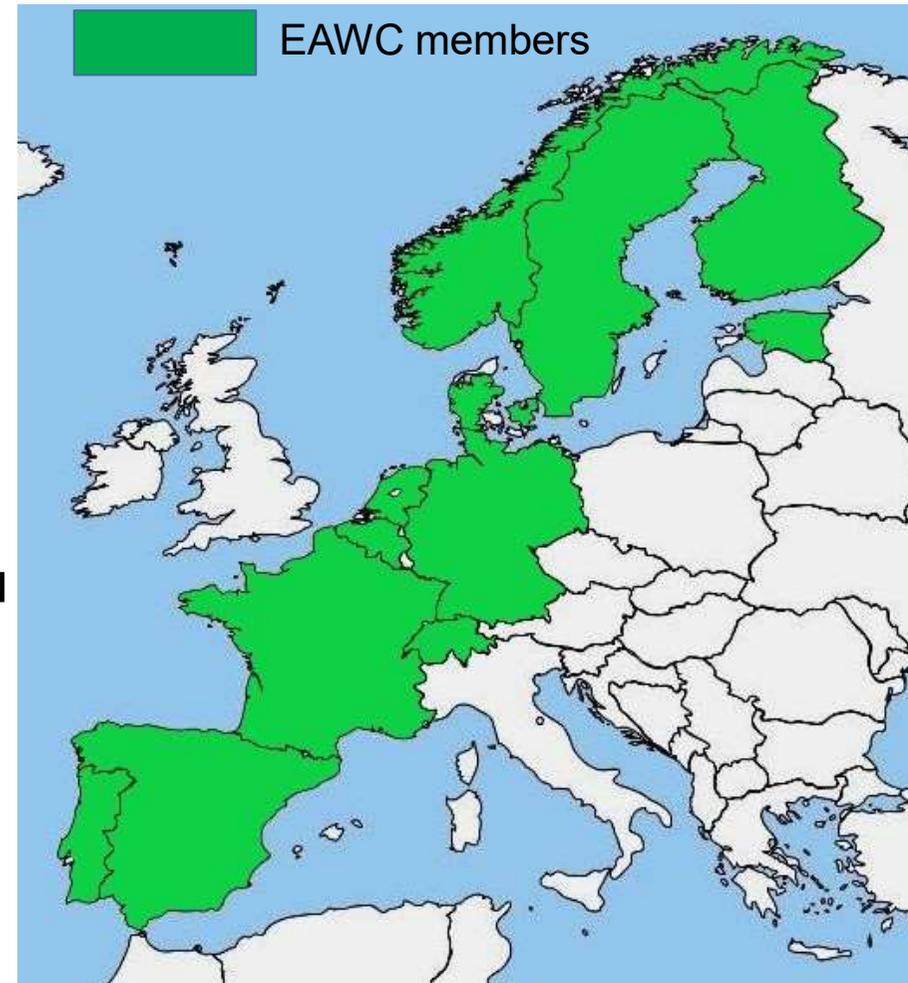
- The European Alliance for Wolf Conservation (EAWC) is a coalition of European NGO's acting for a more efficient conservation of the wolf (*Canis Lupus*) in each European Union country and advocating for better coexistence between wolves and livestock.
- Created in May 2015 in reaction to recurrent threats faced by wolves in their expansion areas, the Alliance advocates for strict protection of the species via implementation of efficient protection methods instead of ineffective lethal control, and for full enforcement of Habitat Directive (*existing European protection law*).
- EAWC's founding members are : Ferus (France), Lobo Marley (Spain) and Zoo Logical (Portugal)
- Membership has increased over the years, and in 2021 the EAWC includes 12 NGO's covering half of the European countries where the species is present

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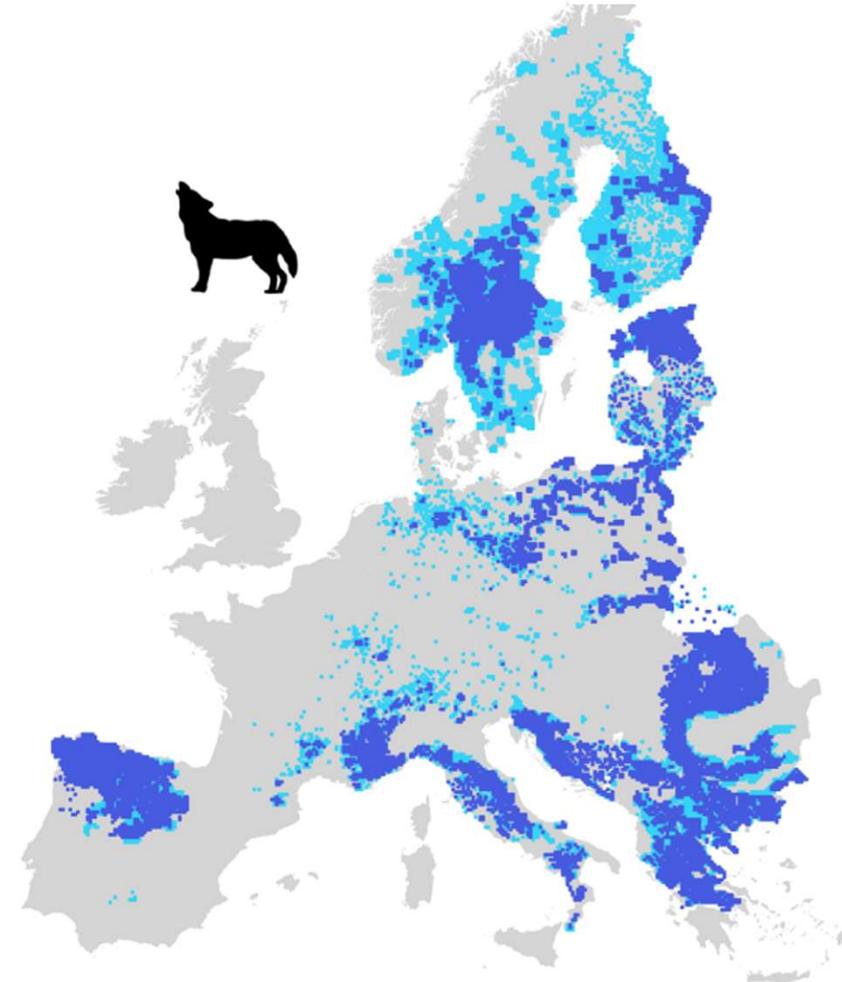
- Ferus (France)
- Lobo Marley (Spain)
- ZooLogical (Portugal)
- FFW (Germany)
- Natagora (Belgium)
- Luonto Liito (Finland)
- Swiss Wolf Group (Switzerland)
- Ulvetid (Denmark)
- Svenska Rovdjursföreningen (Sweden)
- Noah (Norway)
- Eesti Suurkiskjad (Estonia)
- Stichting Wolf Nederland (Netherlands)



# The wolf in Europe



- European population (Russia excluded) ~ 13,000 wolves (source : International Wolf Center)
- EAWC countries ~ 4,760 wolves
  - Finland : 300
  - Estonia : 200
  - Sweden : 300
  - Norway : 54
  - Denmark : 15
  - Germany : 1,400
  - The Netherlands : 10
  - Belgium : 10
  - Switzerland : 120
  - France : 600
  - Spain : 1,500
  - Portugal : 250



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## Our goals

- To offer an umbrella structure to all European NGO's dealing with wolf conservation
- To obtain implementation of livestock protection methods instead of lethal control in all countries
- To require protection as a prerequisite before granting any financial compensation
- To stop the use of lethal control as a management method, and strongly prosecute poaching
- To facilitate natural dispersion between countries and not obstruct it
- To put an end of inadequate derogations
- To obtain "Favorable Conservation Status" in all countries





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## Our actions

- Benchmark wolf situation between countries and support NGO's struggling with inadequate wolf population management and hunting
- Ad hoc group for regional cooperation (eg : Scandinavia)
- Meeting with embassies on specific issues
- Distribution of scientific publications proving inefficiency of lethal control
- Contribution to local authorities' inquiries on wolf management
- Monthly teleconferences
- Periodic meetings of all EAWC members
- Lobbying with the European Commission
  - EAWC is now recognised as an official contact with EC
  - During a recent conference EAWC reported 4 examples of inadequate population management, the Commissioner assured us of being in close contact with the relevant administrations

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# European Alliance for Wolf Conservation Recent lobbying action



## ❖ Facts :

- Denmark's current Minister of the Environment said in an interview that she was in contact with other countries to examine the possibilities to “export wolves out of Denmark » and regulate (read: shoot) wolves. She mentioned collaborating with like-minded countries to put pressure on the European Commission to authorise “liberal” wolf management and to make “wolf regulation” (i.e. killing of wolves) easier.
- In a note to Parliament, she implied that the Habitat Directive allowed for the killing of wolves “depending on wolf population size” - a highly incorrect statement as the wolf is strictly protected under the Habitat Directive (\*).

## ❖ EAWC reaction :

- EAWC member Ulvetid of Denmark used the Freedom of Information Act to request all notes, e-mails, or papers that shed light on the Minister's view regarding wolves, and found the above note to Parliament.
- Ulvetid wrote directly to the Environmental Committee in Parliament and corrected the Minister's comment referring to the Habitat Directive (\*).

## ❖ Result :

- When asked to comment on Ulvetid's letter, the Minister admitted that the Habitat Directive requires full protection for wolves and made no further mention of her personal views

(\* ) Habitat Directive is the European protection law that all Member States must apply in their legislation