



Alpine Convention

Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Platform (WISO)

Statement on the DINALPBEAR report “Guidelines for Common Management of Brown Bear in the Alpine and Northern Dinaric Region”

The Platform Large Carnivores, ungulates and society of the Alpine Convention thanks the project LIFE DINALPBEAR for the fruitful cooperation and for the elaboration of the document “Guidelines for Common Management of Brown Bear in the Alpine and Northern Dinaric Region”; several members of the WISO Platform have participated in its elaboration.

The Platform recognizes the high quality and significance of the guidelines. The actions identified constitute a solid basis for joint further steps towards a harmonized Alpine-wide brown bear management.

All fields of intervention highlighted in the guidelines need to be harmoniously tackled at Alpine-wide level: conflict management, stakeholder involvement, monitoring and research, connectivity and habitats as well as the respective legal backgrounds. In particular, the Platform highlights the importance of transnational dialogue and cooperation for the discussion about the most appropriate transnational measures to be adopted.

WISO acknowledges its role in the cross-sectorial coordination on international level, as highlighted by the guidelines.

The Platform points out the need of continuing the exchange on measures concerning both the Alpine and Dinaric populations beyond the closure of the project, keeping as a basis the recommendations highlighted in the “Guidelines for Common Management of Brown Bear in the Alpine and Northern Dinaric Region”.

In conclusion, the Platform stresses in particular the importance of the measures related to the communication to and with the stakeholders; in this context, the experts and chair will further disseminate the results of the report “Guidelines for Common Management of Brown Bear in the Alpine and Northern Dinaric Region” in the appropriate fora and events.