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As the wolf remains a protected species under the Habitats Directive¹, Member States have to report every six years to the Commission² the results of their surveillance of the conservation status of the wolf and other species and of habitats, as well as on the impact of the conservation measures. Each Member State has to assess the conservation status of wolf according to the agreed guidelines and based on the best available scientific data. In addition, the Commission discusses regularly the management of large carnivores, including wolves, as well as their impact on agriculture and rural communities, with Member States and stakeholders.

Investments in coexistence, including damage prevention measures, remain essential to reduce livestock predation. Member States can use different measures and funding instruments, including under the Common Agricultural Policy³, to lower predation risks and enhance coexistence with large carnivores, covering up to 100% of the costs. The Commission continues to help Member States and stakeholders in the design and implementation of such measures, through funding and other forms of support⁴, such as projects funded by Horizon Europe and the EU programme for the environment and climate action⁵ that develop strategies for coexistence and prevention measures.

Since 2014, good practices have been collected from stakeholders in Member States under the EU Platform on coexistence between people and large carnivores⁶ to address conflicts related to large carnivore conservation and management, which represent a set of measures that farmers, other stakeholders and public authorities can replicate. The Commission intends to continue supporting Member States and stakeholders through that platform.

¹ Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7–50.

² pursuant Article 17 of the Habitats Directive.

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy_en.

⁴ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/habitats-directive/large-carnivores_en#tools.

⁵ For example: <https://cocoproject.eu/> (Horizon Europe) and <https://www.lifewolfalps.eu/> (LIFE).

⁶ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/habitats-directive/large-carnivores/eu-large-carnivore-platform_en.