

## Funding to support participatory processes on large carnivores

The EU has established a [wide range of financing instruments](#) many of which can be used for a range of very different purposes. Since engagement of stakeholders is a part of many projects there is potential from many different areas. A non-exhaustive list of potential funding sources (gathered from existing platforms) is listed below.

Type of funding	Description	Application process	Example where available
<a href="#">European LIFE Programme</a>	The EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. LIFE has a number of different sub-programmes. <a href="#">Nature and Biodiversity</a> is especially relevant	LIFE proposals are grant applications sent to meet particular calls which may have varying priorities. The applicants therefore need to develop an appropriate project idea themselves and find match funding.	A number of projects which include stakeholder platforms have been carried out in the past such as LIFE EUROLARGECARNIVORES, LIFE WOLF ALPS EU and LIFE LYNX. An overview of LIFE projects relevant to large carnivores is available on the <a href="#">EU website</a> .
<a href="#">Interreg</a>	Interreg, financed through the <a href="#">European Cohesion Fund</a> finances cooperation across borders through project funding. Its aim is to jointly tackle common challenges and find shared solutions in fields such as health, environment, research, education, transport, sustainable energy and more. There are a number of sub-programmes with different regional focuses.	As with LIFE, Interreg projects are co-financed as grants. An appropriate partnership in the region and match funding are required. More general information is included in the <a href="#">Programme Manual</a>	<a href="#">Carnivora Dinarica</a> aims to improve conservation status of large carnivores between Slovenia and Croatia.  <a href="#">3 lynx</a> aims to coordinate approaches to engagement of stakeholders in the Bohemian-Bavarian-Austrian, Dinaric and South-East Alpine lynx populations.
<a href="#">The EU Common Agricultural Policy</a>	The CAP is made up of two funds, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund. The EAFRD in particular, can fund a wide range of different	Each member state is responsible for implementing the CAP in their country. They choose from a menu of measures they want to promote – described in their CAP strategic plans. There are a number of measures relevant for cooperation including	See the EU Platform's <a href="#">Rural Development Programmes (RDPs)</a> page for more information on support for coexistence.

	actions including collaboration actions in rural areas.	cooperation between farmers, LEADER and the EIP-network. Each measure has its different funding requirements. It may be 100% financed or only partially.	
<a href="#">European Parliament Pilot project</a>	Pilot tools introduced in the European Union (EU) budget that aim at testing new policy initiatives	Parliament chooses priority topics as pilots for potential further role-out across the EU.	The EU financed <a href="#">regional and local large carnivore platform</a> project. This project was funded as a pilot and is not funding source for ongoing activities.
<a href="#">Biodiversa Plus</a> or <a href="#">Horizon Europe</a>	Research funding following calls of EU relevance	Scientific grant application procedure. The proposal must clearly describe the partnership and scientific aims of the undertaking. Collaborative platforms could be a part of such a project only if contributing to the scientific aims	<a href="#">Bearconnect</a> focussed on connectivity of bear habitats but also brought together interest group platforms to input data and gather feedback.
National or regional agricultural or environmental ministries	Environmental or agricultural ministries may fund platforms as part of their management plans on large carnivores.	Variable	See several case studies <a href="#">here</a> such as:  Core Group Wolf, Switzerland  Transfer and Communication Project, Germany
NGO or Donor financing	A range of different NGOs and Donors may be willing to support conservation or the engagement of Civic Society e.g. <a href="#">Civic Europe</a> supports dialogues in countries where there is a shorter history of citizen participation.	Variable	Potimo platform on bears, Ticino - Switzerland

Informal / ad-hoc (participants fund own participation)	In some cases, debate around large carnivores is so controversial that participants are willing to contribute themselves	N/A	<a href="#">Campo Grande Group (CCG)</a> on wolves, Spain
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