

# EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

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## Financing coexistence – opportunities through the Rural Development Fund

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# Introduction to the Platform

- Launched on 10 of June, 2014
- **AIM:** to provide a structure for constructive dialogue to find solutions to human – large carnivore conflicts (4 LC species);
- **ENTRY TICKET:** Signing an agreement stating the key principles of engagement;
- **MISSION:** To promote ways and means to minimize, and wherever possible find solutions to, conflicts between human interests and the presence of large carnivore species, by exchanging knowledge and by working together in an open-ended, constructive and mutually respectful way;
- First working meeting elected Mr Thierry de l'Escaille of the **European Landowners' Organization** to co-chair the Platform with the European Commission.

# Platform Members

7 Members who represent the different stakeholders who have an interest in or are affected by large carnivores:

- ELO - European Landowners' Organization
- FACE - The European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation
- Joint representatives of Finnish and Swedish reindeer herders
- CIC - The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation
- IUCN - The World Conservation Union, European Union Representative Office
- WWF - Worldwide Fund for Nature, European Policy Office
- EUROPARC Federation

EC not a member but co-chairs and funds the Secretariat

# Platform Activities

- Communication activities:
  - Communication plan, resource centre, joint statements, letters and press releases, materials
- Events:
  - Annual meeting and regional workshops
- Background data gathering and research requested by the members:
  - Case studies demonstrating good practice in a range of Member States
  - Researched the use of Rural Development funds in supporting coexistence

# Report methods

1. Good practice identified from the case studies and ordered into categories: (advice / awareness raising; innovative financing; practical support; monitoring; understanding viewpoints);
2. Survey of RD programmes (2000-2006; 2007-13; 2014-20) to examine what measures for coexistence are already included and how stakeholders involved;
3. Cross check of the good practice identified with the opportunities included within the EAFRD toolbox

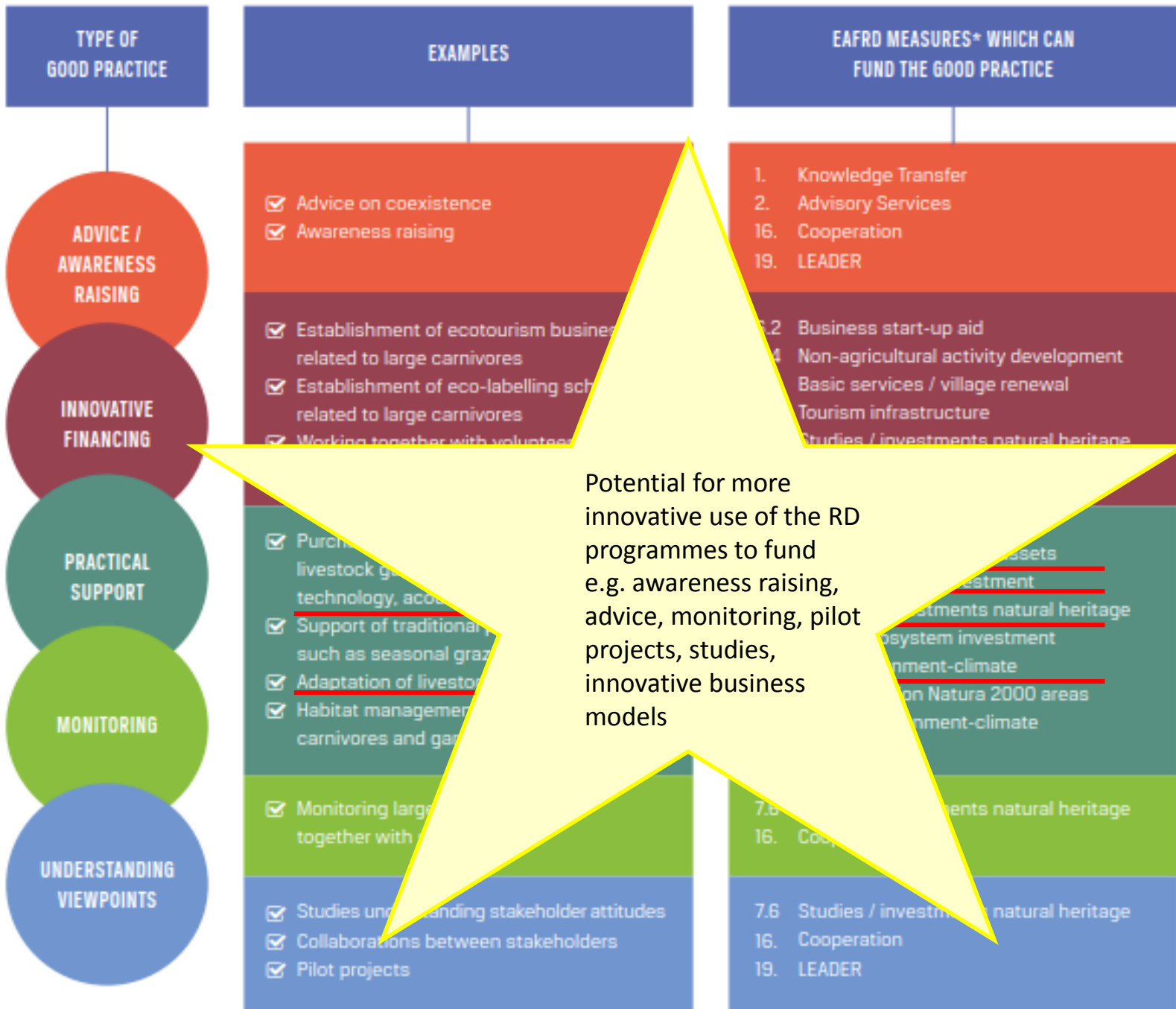
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	2007-2013		2014-2020	
Sub-measure description	Sub-measure code	Country / Region where the sub-measure was used	Sub-measure code	Country / Region where the sub-measure is used
<b>Support for investment in agricultural holdings</b>	121	Italy (Marche, Toscana)	4.1	Croatia, Finland, Italy (Marche), Spain (Aragon), Sweden
<b>Support for non-productive investments linked to the achievement of agri-environment-climate objectives</b>	216	Germany (Saxony) Italy (Abruzzo),	4.4	Germany (Saxony, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern), Greece, Italy (Abruzzo, Emilia Romagna, Lazio, Marche, Piemonte, Toscana), Spain (Asturias)
<b>Support for non-productive investments linked to the achievement of forest environment objectives</b>				... included
<b>Agri-environment-climate</b>	214	Bulge		Bulgaria, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain (Rioja)
<b>Support for studies / investments associated with cultural and natural heritage</b>	323	C... enburg		Germany – Brandenburg, France (Alsace, Auvergne, Champagne-Ardennes, Franche-Comte, Languedoc Rousillon, Midi – Pyrenees, Alpes Côte D’Azur, Rhones Alpes)
<b>LEADER</b>	412	Germany – Saarland (highlighted as having potential)	19	Germany – Saarland (highlighted as having potential), Finland (used in a project)

Potential for greater use of the EAFRD in the countries where no use has been recorded (e.g. PO, RO, SK)







# Promotion – webpage, leaflet, toolkit



**NATURE & BIODIVERSITY**

- EU Biodiversity Policy
- EU Nature Legislation
- Natura 2000 Network
- Species protection
- Green Infrastructure
- Invasive Alien Species
- Farming for biodiversity
- Global biodiversity
- Wildlife Trade
- Animal welfare
- Climate Change
- Partnerships

## Rural Development Support for Coexistence

### Introduction

As part of their work gathering case study examples, the Platform practice. Case studies have highlighted that Rural Development s exploited by Member States. The Platform decided to carry out f

The results of initial research were discussed at the Platform's [Practice for coexistence – presentation of examples and analysis](#) summary of the results and further information for those interest regional programmes.

### Rural Development and large carnivores

Coexistence with large carnivores is challenging, involves a wide geographic areas often having a transboundary character. The a Development (EAFRD) funding is that it is available across the EU and it is possible for individuals or groups to access it.

The Rural Development Policy provides support for preventive ac carnivores and it is possible to support investments intended to i

## Promotional image, FB post and tweets

Don't forget to use the official hashtag **#icplatform** to promote new publications!



**f** Looking for funding to advance efforts to ensure peaceful coexistence between people and large carnivores? Check out this report which examines potential funding sources for good practice in Rural Development: <http://adelph.it/RDreport>

- Did you know that funding for **#RuralDevelopment** programmes can support large carnivore coexistence? <http://adelph.it/RDreport> **#icplatform**
- Interested in including **#coexistence** measures in your national or regional **#largecarnivore** programmes? <http://adelph.it/RDreport> **#icplatform**
- Discover more about **#RuralDevelopment** support as potential source of EU funding for good practice: <http://adelph.it/RDreport> **#icplatform**

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# Next steps

- Report on analysis of the case studies drawing out specific good practice on stakeholders working together for 10 cases;
- The Platform plans further analysis of the opportunities provided by the EAFRD particularly focusing on those countries where funding is not used for this purpose.

# Discussion / Questions

- Why have different MS used different sub-measures?
- Why do some MS not use these measures – national funding?
- What is uptake like where measures are used?
- Does stakeholder involvement in design, awareness raising and monitoring have an impact on success?
- What potential is there to target wider stakeholders – hunters, rural residents, tourists, foresters?

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# Thank you for your attention

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/coexistence\\_platform.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/coexistence_platform.htm)

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