



Title: **AM-4-2 to B-R8: Keep the wolf strictly protected!
And make all member states respect its protection!**

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Currently, it is estimated that there are around 23,000 wolves in Europe. Wolves have made a comeback in all mainland European countries, with some regions hosting populations exceeding 1,000 individuals. Additionally, wolves are expanding their territories.

However, this ongoing spread is resulting in more frequent conflicts with human activities, particularly due to increasing livestock damage caused by wolves. The predation of livestock by wolves is a central point of contention in the wolf debate, even though it represents a relatively minor issue in terms of overall numbers across Europe, and the economic impact appears manageable at a national level.

Nevertheless, the concentration of wolf-related incidents in specific areas creates significant tensions with local residents and communities. Adjusting the protection status of wolves from strictly protected to simply protected could help alleviate these local conflicts while ensuring the long-term survival of wolves in Europe.

Changing the protection status of wolves from strictly protected to protected is the basis for being able to better pacify local conflicts and at the same time guarantee the wolf a permanent existence in Europe.

Instead of extensive protection for individual animals, the focus in the future will primarily be on the management of wolf populations, taking into account regional and local conditions. By adjusting national legislation, it will be possible to respond more quickly to threats from individual animals or packs, for example, if they have learned to overcome livestock fences. This will permanently strengthen the acceptance of wolves in the

population.