



### Amendments to B-R8: Keep the wolf strictly protected! And make all member states respect its protection!

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1	AM-4-2	Bündnis90/ Die Grünen	conservation achievement.	<p><b>Insert after line 4:</b></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	



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2	AM-9-1	Bündnis90/ Die Grünen	assessment shows that six out of nine transboundary wolf populations in the EU are vulnerable or near-threatened. Thus, the main objective of both the Bern Convention and the Habitats Directive – to ensure the restoration and conservation of endangered species – has not yet been reached, and there is no scientific basis to support an EU-wide weakening of the legal protection of the species.	<p><b>From line 8 to 13:</b></p> <p>assessment shows that six out of nine transboundary wolf populations in the EU are vulnerable or near-threatened. <del>Thus, the main objective of both the Bern Convention and the Habitats Directive – to ensure the restoration and conservation of endangered species – has not yet been reached, and there is no scientific basis to support an EU-wide weakening of the legal protection of the species.</del> <u>The reduction of the protection status does not imply that the wolf as a species is less safeguarded. Therefore, we strongly encourage the Commission to closely monitor national initiatives aimed at protecting the wolf and to take action when national measures may threaten the recovery of wolf populations.</u></p>	



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3	AM-13-2	Zieloni	species.	<p><b>Insert after line 13:</b></p> <p><u><a href="#">That state is confirmed by several research papers including the in-depth analysis on the situation of the wolf in the European Union prepared by the Commission and published in December 2023.</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">According to that assessment, a threat to farm animals caused by wolves is exaggerated as wolves kill a minor percentage of livestock annually (0.1-0.05%). Also, many effective tools to protect the livestock are available and there is no scientific evidence proving that lethal controls of the wolf population are effective in reducing wolves attacking livestock. In addition, the derogation system that exists already in the Habitats Directive allows significant flexibility for states in dealing with specific problematic individuals and there is no realistic need for introducing any additional mechanism.</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">“As established by the European Commission in its Guidance document on the strict protection of animal species of Community interest under the Habitats Directive (Commission Notice C(2021) 7301)44, under the current policy and related legislation, the conflicts associated with the conservation of wolves in Europe’s multi-functional landscapes cannot be addressed only or mainly through culling/lethal control. Lethal control was widely used in the past, and derogations to authorise lethal control are still a tool for the Member States, but actions to deal with livestock damage or other conflicts generated by wolves can be based on livestock damage prevention methods and other management measures presented in this document.”</a></u></p>	To emphasize that Commission actions are against the scientific evidences, including those prepared by the Commission itself.
4	AM-13-3	Zieloni	species. Therefore, we want the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the	<p><b>Insert from line 13 to 14:</b></p> <p><u><a href="#">Any weakening of the protection status of the wolf is also a threat of regression in the protection of other large carnivores of the Habitats Directive, especially in the context of hunter’s’ lobby plans, striving to decrease the protection status also of bears and lynx.</a></u></p>	



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5	AM-13-4	Zieloni	species. Therefore, we want the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the	<b>Insert from line 13 to 14:</b>  <a href="#">Wolves' role in maintaining healthy ecosystems and biodiversity is crucial and existing populations are already exposed to many threats including the ones related to traffic and illegal killing that causes a remarkable number of wolves' deaths in the EU.</a>	
6	AM-14-1	Zieloni	Therefore, we want the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf. And if the Commission puts forward proposals for such weakening, the Parliament and the Council of Ministers should reject such proposals.	<b>Delete from line 14 to 17:</b>  <del>Therefore, we want the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf. And if the Commission puts forward proposals for such weakening, the Parliament and the Council of Ministers should reject such proposals.</del>	
7	AM-14-2	Bündnis90/ Die Grünen	Therefore, we want the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf. And if the Commission puts forward proposals for such weakening, the Parliament and the Council of Ministers should reject such proposals.	<b>Delete from line 14 to 17:</b>  <del>Therefore, we want the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf. And if the Commission puts forward proposals for such weakening, the Parliament and the Council of Ministers should reject such proposals.</del>	
8	AM-18-1	Zieloni	For the sake of not only the wolf, but of all species and habitats protected by the EU legislation, it is also important and urgent that the Commission takes	<b>From line 18 to 19:</b>  <del>For</del> <a href="#">Therefore, for</a> the sake of not only the wolf, but of all species and habitats protected by the EU legislation, it is also important and urgent that the Commission takes	



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9	AM-23-1	EGP Committee	the Commission has sent reasoned opinions twice (!), most recently in 2015, clarifying that it is a violation of the Habitats Directive. Unless the Commission takes the case to the Court, there is major risk that other member states follow the bad example and set reference values of only a few hundred animals for wolves and other large carnivores, and then hunt the populations down so they become fragmented into small, isolated and vulnerable remnants.	<p><b>From line 22 to 27:</b></p> <p>the Commission has sent reasoned opinions twice (!), most recently in 2015, clarifying that it is a violation of the Habitats Directive. <del>Unless the Commission takes the case to the Court, there is major risk that other member states follow the bad example and set reference values of only a few hundred animals for wolves and other large carnivores, and then hunt the populations down so they become fragmented into small, isolated and vulnerable remnants.</del></p> <p><u>Because of the Commission not taking measures, several other member states have followed this negative precedent and set low reference values for wolves and other large carnivores. This step allows for the populations to be hunted down and fragmented into small, isolated and vulnerable remnants, compromising the good conservation status.</u></p>	
10	AM-27-1	Les Écologistes Europe Ecologie Les Verts	down so they become fragmented into small, isolated and vulnerable remnants.	<p><b>Insert after line 27:</b></p> <p><u>The joint presence of herds and large carnivores in grazing areas generates conflict situations between carnivores such as wolves, and human shepherds and breeders. If the latter are obliged to find answers to maintain their activity, these must be adapted and proportionate in order to respect the protection laws and to avoid a further disappearance of large carnivores. It is important that the cohabitation between human activities and the presence of wild carnivores on our territories finds its balance. The human responsibility is twofold: to protect herds of animals domestic (to guarantee the continuity of an economic activity) and ensure the sustainability of wild species such as wolves.</u></p>	
11	AM-28-1	EGP Committee	This is not merely an issue about carnivores or the Habitats Directive. A reasoned opinion is supposed to be the last step before an infringement is taken	<p><b>Insert from line 28 to 29:</b></p> <p>This is not merely an issue about carnivores or the Habitats Directive, <u>but is a question of rule of law.</u> A reasoned opinion is supposed to be the last step before an infringement is taken</p>	



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12	AM-36-1	EGP Committee	Calls on the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf	<b>From line 36 to 37:</b> Calls on the Commission to cancel any plan <del>for weakening</del> <u>to weaken the EU Habitats Directive and</u> the protection status of the wolf	
13	AM-36-2	Zieloni	Calls on the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf	<b>From line 36 to 37:</b> Calls on the Commission to cancel any plan <del>for weakening</del> <u>to weaken the EU Habitats Directive and keep the current strict protection status in the Habitats Directive despite the likely changes in the Berne Convention</u>	
14	AM-36-3	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	Calls on the Commission to cancel any plan for weakening the protection status of the wolf	<b>From line 36 to 37:</b> Calls on the Commission to <del>cancel any plan for weakening</del> <u>closely monitor national initiatives aimed at protecting the protection status of wolf and to take action when national measures may threaten the wolf recovery of wolf populations.</u> <del>Calls on the Parliament and the Council of Ministers to reject any proposal for weakening the protection status of the wolf</del>	
15	AM-36-3	Bündnis90/Die Grünen	Calls on the Commission to take, without further delay, the infringement case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>From line 40 to 41:</b> Calls on the Commission to <del>take, without further delay, the</del> <u>promptly initiate</u> infringement <u>procedures, including the case regarding against Sweden concerning</u> wolf hunting, <u>and to present them before</u> the Court <u>without further delay.</u>	



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16	AM-40-1	EGP Committee	Calls on the Commission to take, without further delay, the infringement case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>From line 40 to 41:</b> Calls on the Commission to take, without further delay, <del>the</del> <u>pending</u> infringement cases regarding wolf hunting to the Court	
17	AM-40-2	Zieloni	Calls on the Commission to take, without further delay, the infringement case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>From line 40 to 41:</b> Calls on the Commission to take, without further delay, <del>the</del> <u>pending</u> infringement cases regarding wolf hunting to the Court <u>against those member states where wolves in spite of being strictly protected under the Habitats Directive are killed under licenced hunting in large numbers every year</u>	
18	AM-41-1	PROGRES VIE	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b> <u>Calls on the Commission and member states to invest in biodiversity research, promote public engagement in wildlife monitoring, and encourage citizen science initiatives to better track and analyze changes in wildlife populations.</u>	
19	AM-41-1	PROGRES VIE	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b> <u>Calls on the Commission to ensure that policies account for differences in wildlife population sizes across member states and are evidence based.</u>	
20	AM-41-1	PROGRES VIE	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b> <u>Urges the Commission and member states to establish financial support mechanisms for farmers to protect their assets from damage caused by protected wildlife species and to provide timely compensation for losses incurred due to such damages.</u>	



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21	AM-41-2	EGP Committee	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<p><b>Insert after line 41:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Calls on the EU to ensure sufficient compensation for livestock damage from large carnivores to promote co-existence</a></p>	
22	AM-41-3	Zieloni	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<p><b>Insert after line 41:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Calls on the Commission and the Parliament to take action on education and distribution of scientific, evidence-based information about the wolves</a></p>	
23	AM-41-4	Zieloni	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<p><b>Insert after line 41:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Calls on the Commission and member states to actively support introducing and extending the usage of effective, non-lethal methods to protect the livestock from wolf attacks</a></p>	
24	AM-41-5	Zieloni	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<p><b>Insert after line 41:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Calls on the Commission and member states to analyze possible solutions to limit the number of wolf deaths caused by traffic, including speed limits and future road locations planning</a></p>	
25	AM-41-6	Zieloni	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<p><b>Insert after line 41:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Calls on the Commission and member states to effectively fight the illegal killing of wolves</a></p>	




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26	AM-41-7	Zieloni	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b>  <a href="#">Calls on the Commission and member states to promote best practices on coexistence with wolves through EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores</a>	
27	AM-41-8	Les Écologistes Europe Ecologie Les Verts	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b>  <a href="#">Calls on the European Commission to stop reopening discussions about texts adopted during the Green Deal or before, which encourages the far right in the European Parliament to threaten all environmental legislation adopted during the last 30 years</a>	
28	AM-41-8	Les Écologistes Europe Ecologie Les Verts	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b>  <a href="#">Calls on the European Commission not to modify the Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, which also protects numerous species, natural areas and in particular Natura 2000 zones, which are today subject to lobbies' regular attacks</a>	
29	AM-41-8	Les Écologistes Europe Ecologie Les Verts	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b>  <a href="#">We furthermore request scientific studies be carried out at European level on the cohabitation between livestock farming and large carnivores according to different territorial contexts and on the impact of current measures.</a>	
30	AM-41-8	Les Écologistes Europe Ecologie Les Verts	case regarding wolf hunting to the Court	<b>Insert after line 41:</b>  <a href="#">We demand that substantial, permanent and systematic aid be implemented for protection of herds: training on the presence of wolves, their biology and ethology, on protection dogs, financial assistance for hiring and remuneration of specialised shepherds, for the purchase of electrical fences for the night, for the purchase and training of protection dogs, and all proportional non-lethal and defense systems.</a>	