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Dag [REDACTED]

Deze mail bevat de info over de recente motie in de EU commissie landbouw, ook bevat het meer info over de haalbaarheid van grensoverschrijdende afstemming, die is in de praktijk beperkt. Dit kan worden gedeeld met de werkgroep. Groet, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@googlegroups.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2022 at 18:12
Subject: Re: [LCIE] any news on draft motion for resolution on wolf protection
To: [REDACTED]@googlegroups.com>
Hi [REDACTED]

I have no access to the article you mention in your mail. We have seen many "resolutions", statements and request for changing the status of wolves but none succeeded. The reason is quite simple. To change the status of a species in the Habitat Directive, we already have article 19 that says how to do it. The Parliament should change the Directive if they really wanted to change wolf status, it will not happen very soon. The Commission has no intention to initiate the process: following the fitness check, they worked on the new guidelines that were published last year.

We do not have a working group attempting guidelines for transboundary criteria. If all think it is a good idea, we can do it. But I would challenge the need for a dedicated WG. The criteria are exactly the same (and could not be otherwise) of those for national assessment, only applied to transboundary populations. There would not be other criteria for transboundary population. And the European Commission has already accepted this approach and would accept transboundary assessments. Our 2008 document on population level planning has an extensive section explaining the opportunity to assess wolves at population level instead of national scale. Despite the obvious advantages, no country has yet done it because it implies a common action plan with shared management policies, and no country wants to lose its national autonomy. Think of Spain/Portugal or Italy/France/Switzerland: isn't it obvious to work together? By the way, this would allow to reach favourable status much more easily than working independently. But no, giving up a bit of national independency must be a tremendous political cost!

My best

[REDACTED]
Il 14/01/2022 17:48, [REDACTED] via LCIE ha scritto:

Hi all,

In November [REDACTED] wrote a [draft motion for a resolution](#) to reduce the wolf's protective status in the Habitats Directive across the EU, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

This stems from the perception that with some 17000 wolves, surely the "population" must be in a favourable conservation status across the EU.

See also [this document, which refers to questions about the favourable conservation status and transboundary populations](#).

Clearly, this asks for a transboundary definition of the conservation state, but also for a common policy with regards to the evaluation.

However, as [answered by the EC](#), although such transboundary evaluation is allowed by the EC, no country has done this for any species of the Habitats Directive, including the grey wolf.

Earlier this week, it seems this motion was not endorsed by the EP committee on the Environment, but I cannot find too much information about it, except behind a paywall: <https://agenceurope.eu/en/bulletin/article/12865/11>

Does anyone have more information on this?

Secondly, is there a working group with LCIE that is already attempting guidelines for transboundary criteria of wolf favourable status, and/or evaluation thereof?

If not, I'm game to start something, or else participate in an existing group.

At a regional scale (Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg and adjacent German federal states) there is an embryonic initiative to explore this topic, but clearly we need to do this at a spatially larger scale.

Best regards

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