

Potential EC financial sources for the conservation of large carnivores

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for Large Carnivore*

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Background



- **Member States have responsibility to manage species and habitat types listed in the Habitats Directive**
- **2004: Communication on the financing of Natura 2000 to the Council and the Parliament**

→ *EC proposal: financing to be integrated into Community funds*

2007 – 2013 funding period

- Needs for funding of Natura 2000 and wider biodiversity context identified in all relevant funding regulations for EU27
- To help Member States to identify these opportunities, Commission provided:
 - ✓ Workshops
 - ✓ Financing Natura 2000 Guidance Handbook
 - ✓ IT tool

See:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/financing/index_en.htm

2007 – 2013 funding period

- **Funds with national programmes are designed by Member States/regions**

➔ **national programmes can be different between different Member States/regions**

2007 – 2013 funding period

- **LIFE+**
- **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**
- **European Regional Development Fund (ERFD)**
- **European Social Fund (ESF)**
- **European Cohesion Fund**

- **7th Research Framework Program (FP7)**

- **Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)**
- **European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)**

LIFE+

- €2.143 billion 2007-2013
- specific support for the development and implementation of Community environmental policy and legislation
- *Projects decided by the Commission*
- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>
➔ application round open on 15.7.2008
- 3 components:
 - **LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity**
 - **LIFE+ Information and Communication**
 - LIFE+ Environment policy and Governance

European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

- Preventive measures like electric fences, guard dogs, habitat restoration/conservation, training material for farmers...
- Leader: promoting ecotourism, local products...

European Regional Development Fund (ERFD)

- Visitor centers, nature paths, green bridges, cross-border training/education in relation to ecotourism...

European Social Fund (ESF)

- Training of public administration

European Cohesion Fund

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7th Research Framework Program (FP7)

- Co-operation programme (environment theme)?
 - ➔ Annual call lists the research topics

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Candidate countries: Croatia, Turkey, FYRoM (1- 5)

Potential candidates: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo under UNSCR1244 (1- 2)

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/how-does-it-work/financial-assistance/instrument-pre-accession_en.htm

Components:

1. Assistance for transition and institution building
2. Cross-border co-operation
3. Regional development (transport, environment, economic development)
4. Human resources
5. Rural development

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)

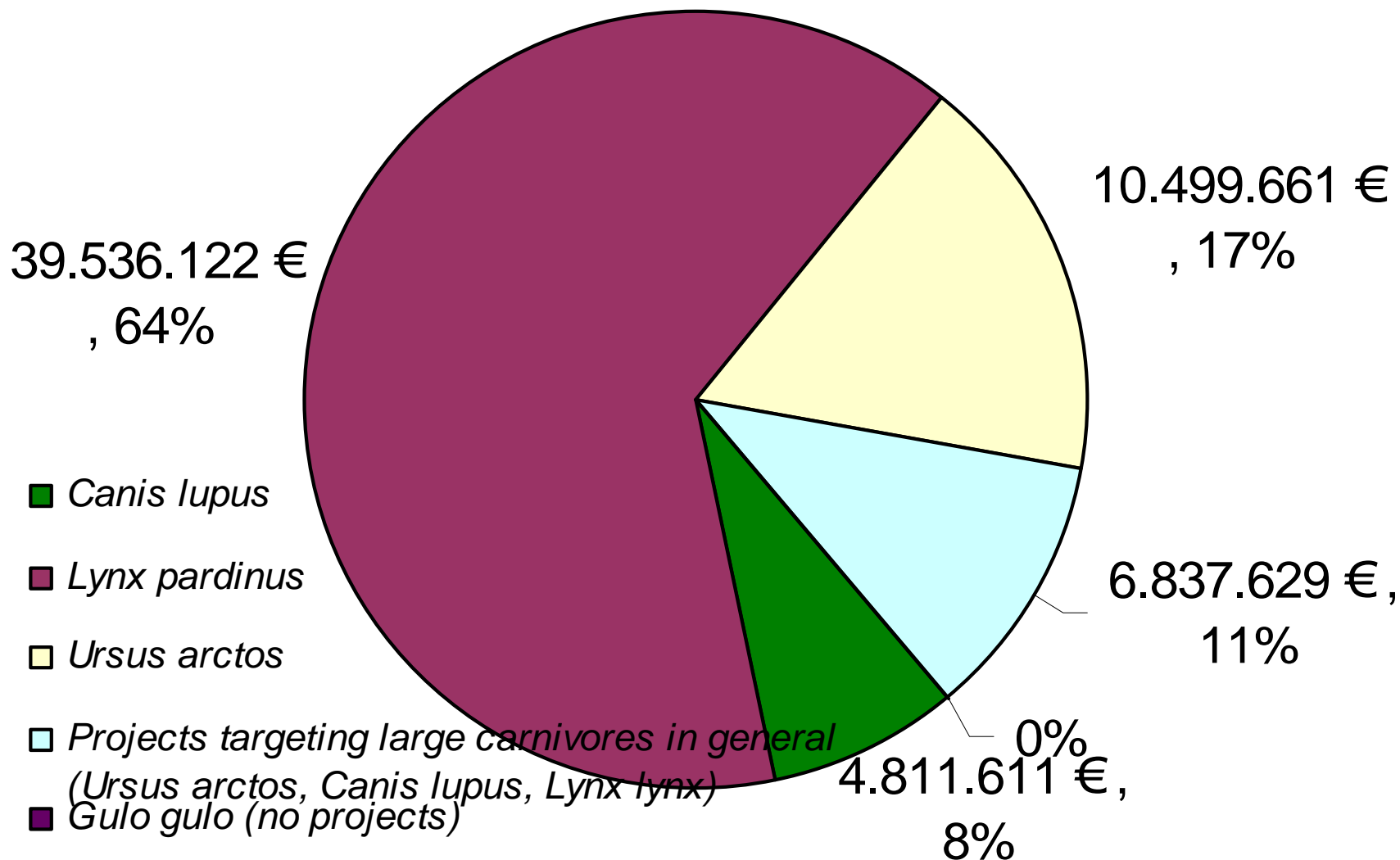
- Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/delivering-aid/funding-instruments/index_en.htm

Country co-operation details:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/index_en.htm

**Repartition of total budget of LIFE projects
targeting large carnivores (1999-2006) by species.
Total: €61,7 million, EC contribution: €29 million**



Thank you for your attention!

