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**Title:**

Large carnivores in the Carpathians: Challenges for effective conservation and management

**Session description:**

Wolves, lynxes and bears have recovered their populations throughout the Europe. Most populations are increasing or stable, however conflicts appears especially in regions where large carnivores have been missing for decades or centuries. Coexistence between people and wild animals have persisted until recent times in the Carpathians. Fast economic development of the region is however not always favourable for nature conservation. Changing of farming system, development of road and rail network, new build-up areas and forest harvest in areas with high-nature value present serious threats for viability of large carnivore populations. The goal of the section is to show which solutions could be the most efficient for conservation of large carnivores and/or mitigate the conflict with local people. The experience from the other Carpathian countries are welcome.