

How to move towards the Carpathian management approach?

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### Team discussion

#### **Three main problems in species protection on national level**

1. Commitment of stakeholders to find common solutions
2. Lack of robust management, which should comprise:
  - Evidence-based actions/measures
  - Coordination of efforts
  - Standardised monitoring
  - Sharing of data
  - Law enforcement
  - Conflict prevention
  - Habitat protection
  - Education
  - Sufficient capacity of agencies and organisations responsible for implementation
3. Loss and fragmentation of habitat, change of land-use, access, increasing infrastructure – disturbance.

#### **Main gaps in knowledge**

- Population status and dynamics
- Genetic data (comparable between labs/countries)
- Impact of climate change and human responses to it (e.g. forestry)
- Public/stakeholder views

#### **Mistakes, experience from preparation and/or implementation of MP**

- Lack of sufficient mediation/independent facilitator
- Mistakes in process
- Lack of transparency

### Coming together

#### **Carpathian MP or other solution?**

- Alternatives might include:
  - Begin with a Carpathian Strategy, within which a MP could be discussed.
  - Begin with an Action Plan
  - Alternative names could also be e.g. Framework, Guidelines etc.
- BUT... such alternatives might not carry the same weight or power as a Management Plan so risk not being implemented.

#### **Added value**

- Coordinated approaches
- Overall picture

#### **Who will be responsible?**

- Preparation: all key interest groups
- Implementation: mostly government authorities, but also stakeholders