



THE LIFE WOLFALPS EU PROJECT: coordinated actions for wolf-human coexistence across the Alps

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20 Beneficiary Partners (2 FR, 2 SL, 2 AU, 14 IT)

115 Supporters

6 Co-financers

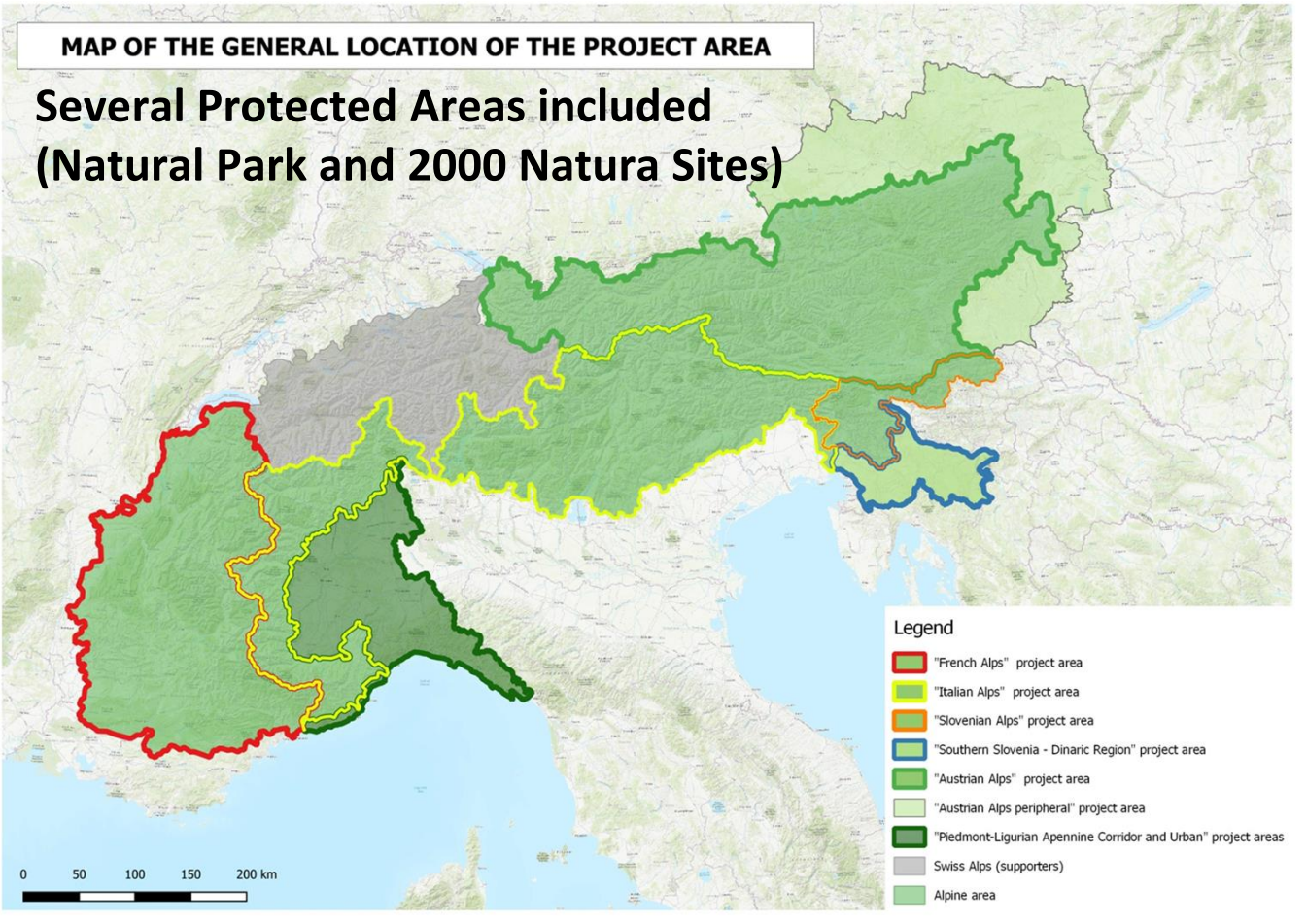
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Partners

Co-financers

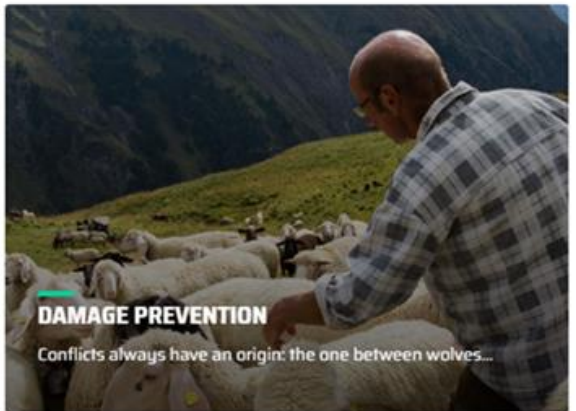
MAP OF THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE PROJECT AREA

Several Protected Areas included
(Natural Park and 2000 Natura Sites)



AXES OF INTERVENTION

Nine major areas in which the project intervenes at Alpine level.



DAMAGE PREVENTION
Conflicts always have an origin: the one between wolves...



MONITORING THE ALPINE WOLF POPULATION
Successful conservation and management of the wolf in a...



STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT
The wolf presence goes far beyond the ecology issue...



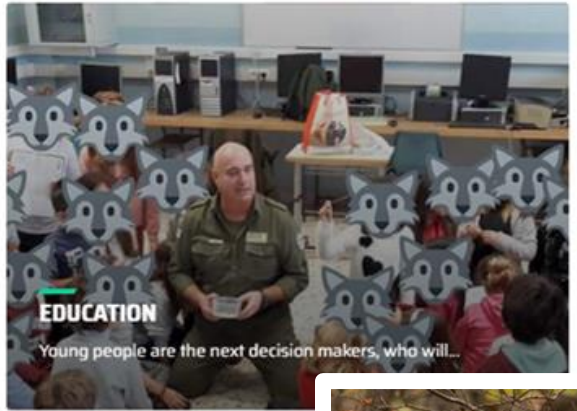
COMMUNICATION
The wolf is a highly symbolized animal in European...



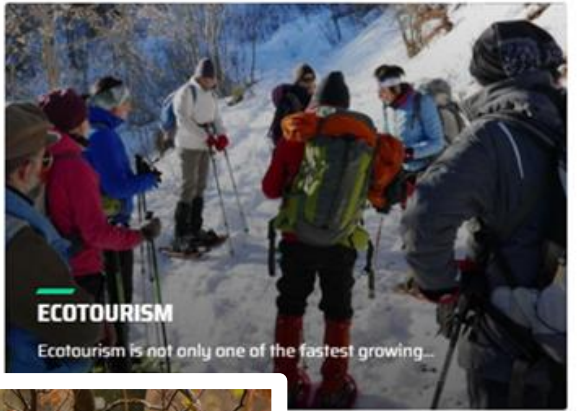
ANTIPOACHING
Poaching of wolves is among the most important causes...



HYBRIDIZATION CONTROL
A recently recorded threat to wolf conservation in the...



EDUCATION
Young people are the next decision makers, who will...



ECOTOURISM
Ecotourism is not only one of the fastest growing...



ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE WOLF ON WILD PREY

MONITORING THE ALPINE WOLF POPULATION



- Knowledge of wolf presence at **national/local level**
- **Wolf Alpine Population Status and trends over 7 countries (IT, FR, CH, LI, GE, AU, SLO)**

SHARED MONITORING STRATEGY (WAG, 2022*)

- **standard criteria** for classifying and interpreting data
- **parameters** to be monitored over time
- **timescale and area**

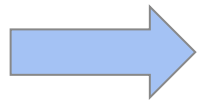
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INTERNATIONAL WOLF ALPINE NETWORK

- **Large involvement of operators** belonging to several Institutions, Associations and volunteers yearly trained (2020/2021; 2021/2022; 2022/2023, 2023/2024)
- **Common methods in collecting wolf signs** in wolf alpine population over countries **within the same international monitoring strategy**





ITALY: WOLF NETWORK OF ALPINE REGIONS

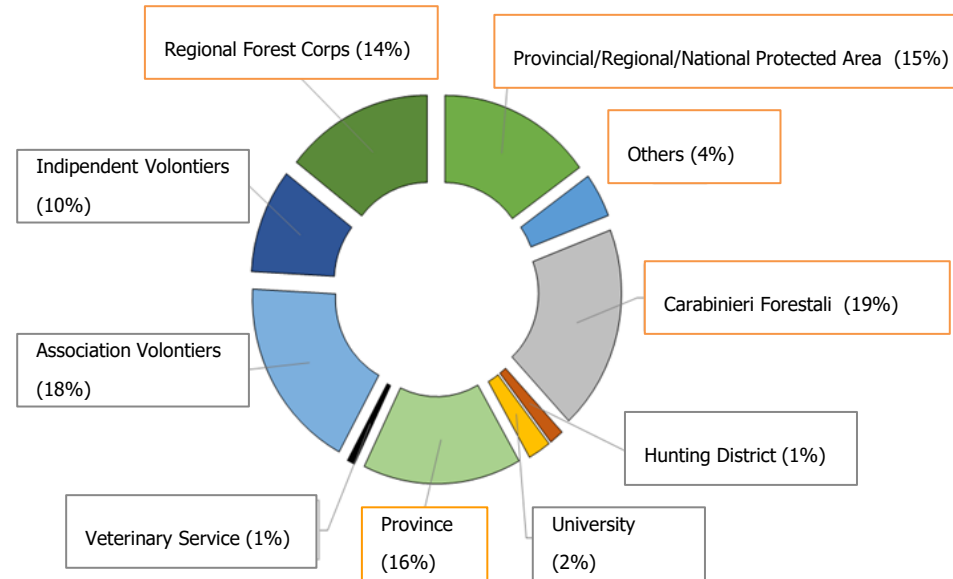
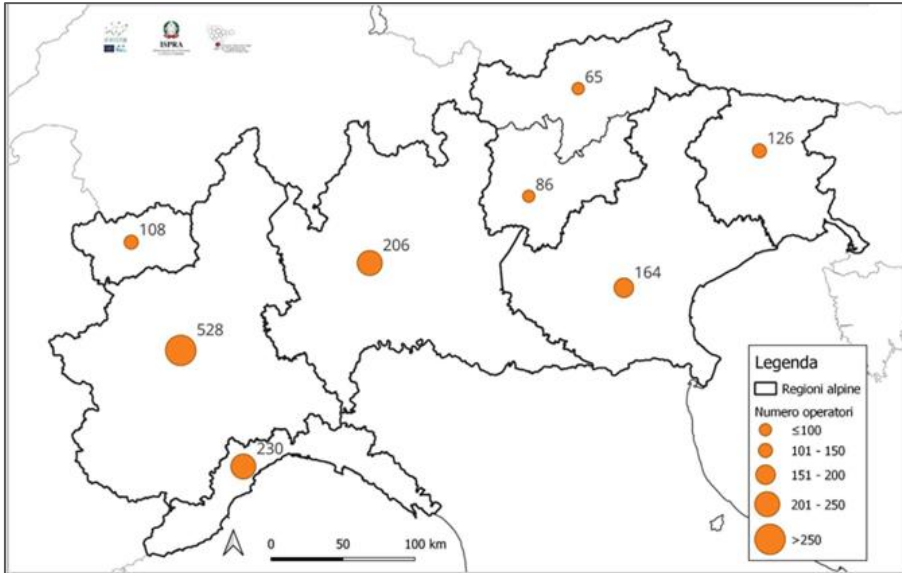
involved in wolf signs sampling (opportunistic and systematic)



2020/2021 (First Italian Wolf Surveillance scheduled by ISPRA)

1513 trained operators involved in opportunistic sampling

1198 trained operators involved in systematic sampling along transects

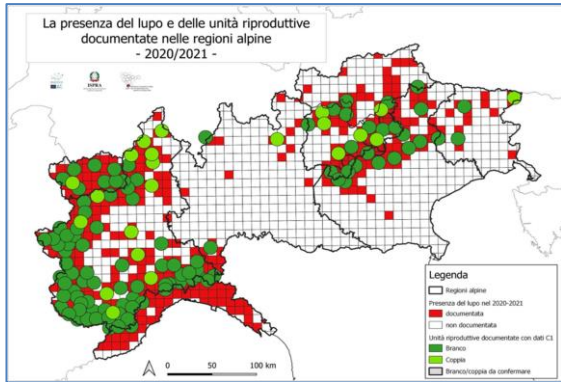


A capillary, coordinated and structured network that allows homogeneous wolf surveillance on a large scale: on the whole **a valuable asset also for biodiversity monitoring!**

Annual Monitoring Program in each Alpine country involved (2020-2024)



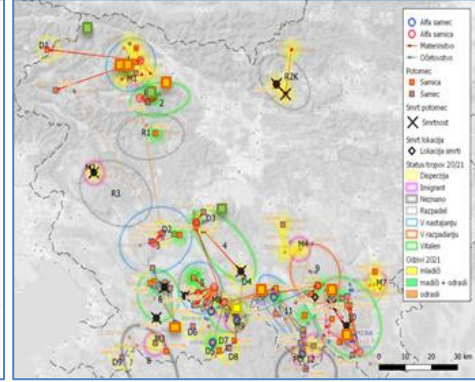
Italy



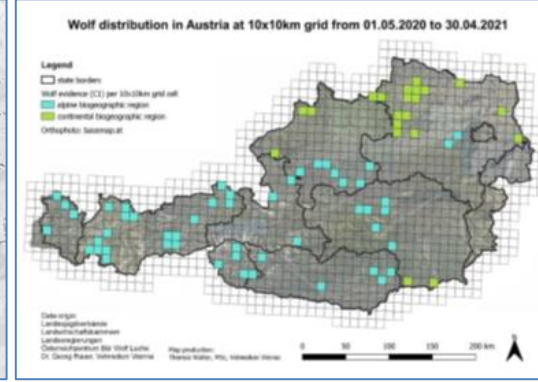
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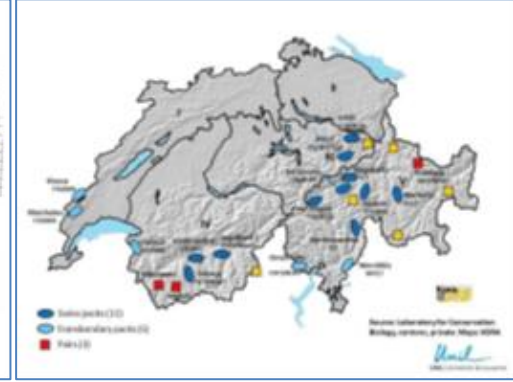
Slovenia



Austria



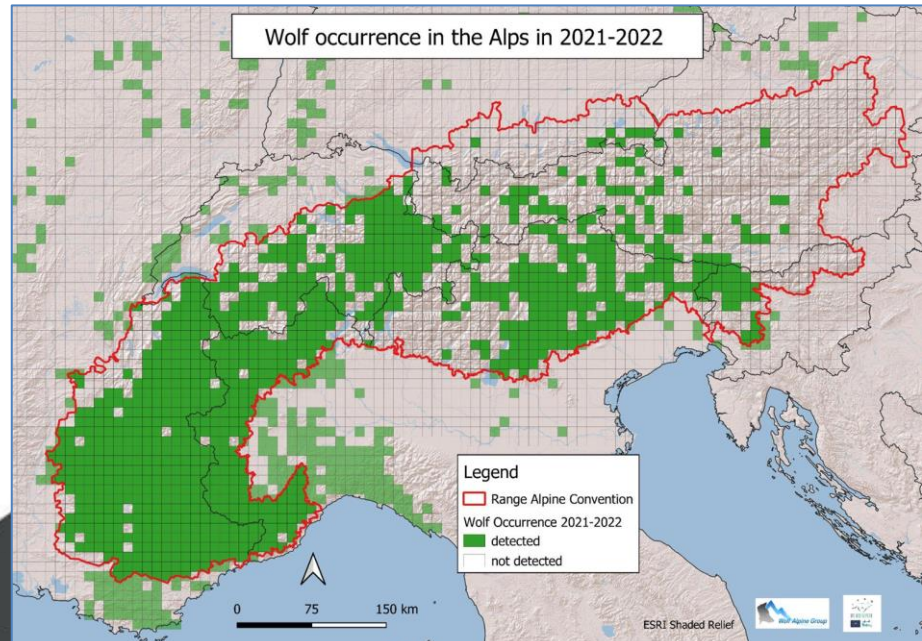
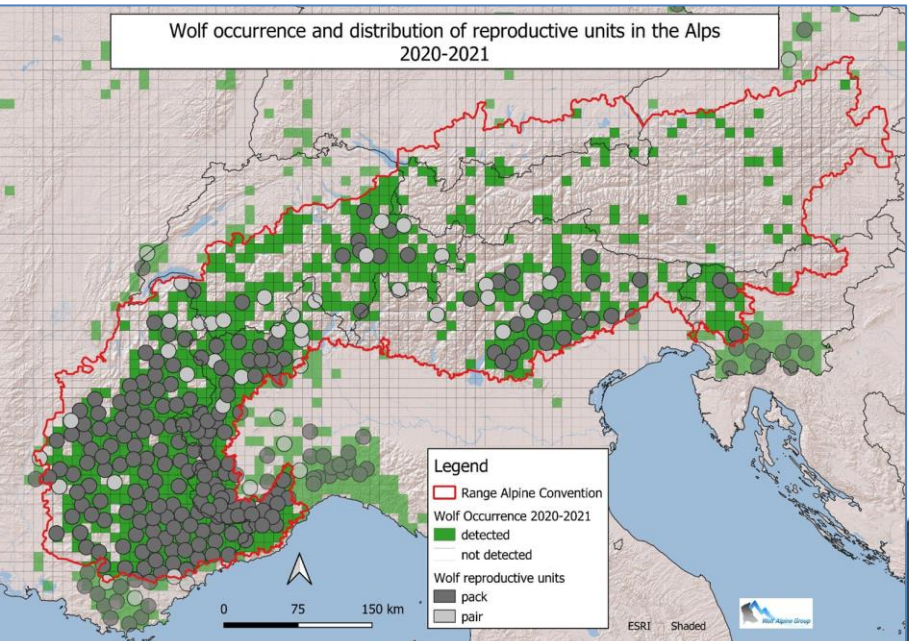
Swiss and Germany



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Wolf Alpine Population Status



.....2022/2023
(Wolf occurrence)
and 2023/2024
(Wolf occurrence and reproductive units)

Source: Wolf Alpine Group (2023). The wolf Alpine population in 2020-2022 over 7 countries. Technical report for LIFE WolfAlps EU project LIFE18 NAT/IT/000972, Action C4.



FIELD ASSISTANCE TO LIVESTOCK FARMERS «WOLF PREVENTION INTERVENTION UNITS»

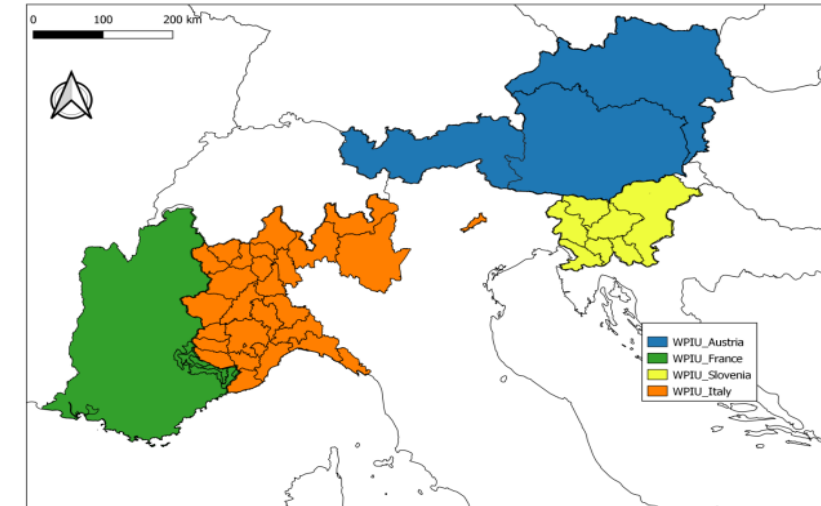


Objective: to provide immediate support and assistance to farmers in wolf areas

International Alpine approach

Intervention mode:

- FOLLOWING A DEPREDATION EVENT
- FOR PREVENTIVE PURPOSES
- TO ASSESS PREVENTION SYSTEMS



42 WPIU created

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Prevention Strategies (specific to each farm)

Damage compensation system

Availability of prevention funds

Immediate supply:

- **Prevention material (free loan)**
- **Livestock Guarding Dog assistance and Signs**



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Italian WPIUs

Personnel belonging to agencies/institutions

Park Rangers

Carabinieri Forestali Army

Guards of the Provinces



Public Veterinary Service

DOGS HELPING TO FIGHT WILDLIFE CRIME

«ANTI-POISON DOG UNITS»

Objective: to fight illegal activities, which have a severe impact on protected species (i.e. wolves, eagles, vultures, red kites) and all other wild animals

poison does not have a selective effect!

Dogs can help with their **great sense of smell**

→ easy to search big areas

→ easy to find even tiny carcasses/residuals

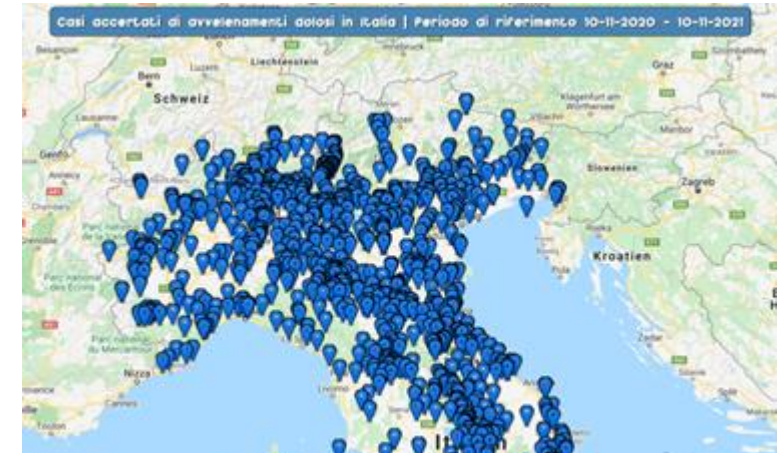
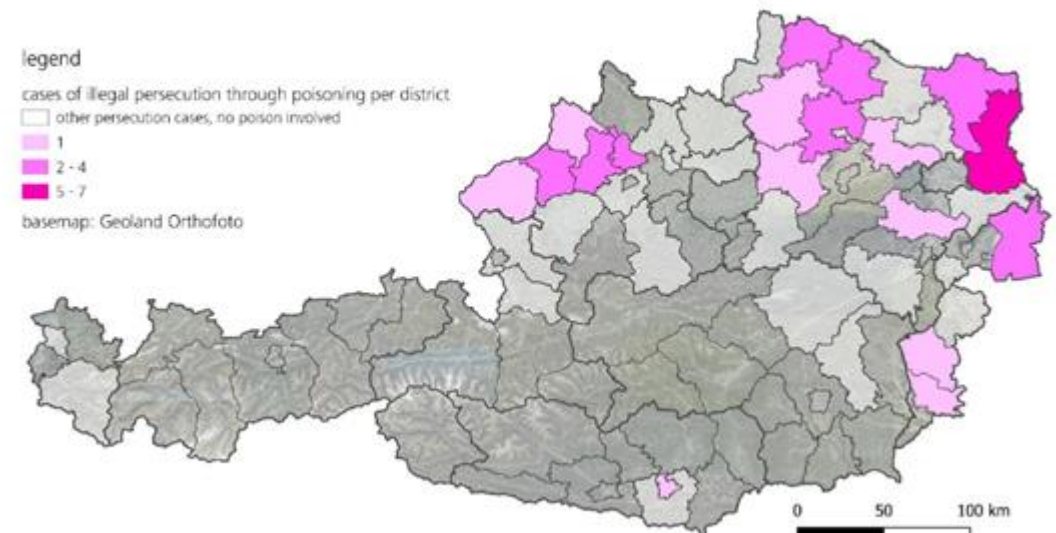


Figure 2: Cases of illegal persecution through poisoning reported within the PannonEagle-LIFE project (10/2016 - 08/2020)



DOGS HELPING TO FIGHT WILDLIFE CRIME

«ANTI-POISON DOG UNITS»



7 new teams established:

6 in Italy (Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto)

First 1 in Austria

11 teams currently active in the whole project area (included 4 teams of the LIFE WOLFALPS 2014-2018)



Roberta (APAM)/Virgilio



Paolo (Brescia Province-RELO)/Sole



Calogero (CUFA)/Senna



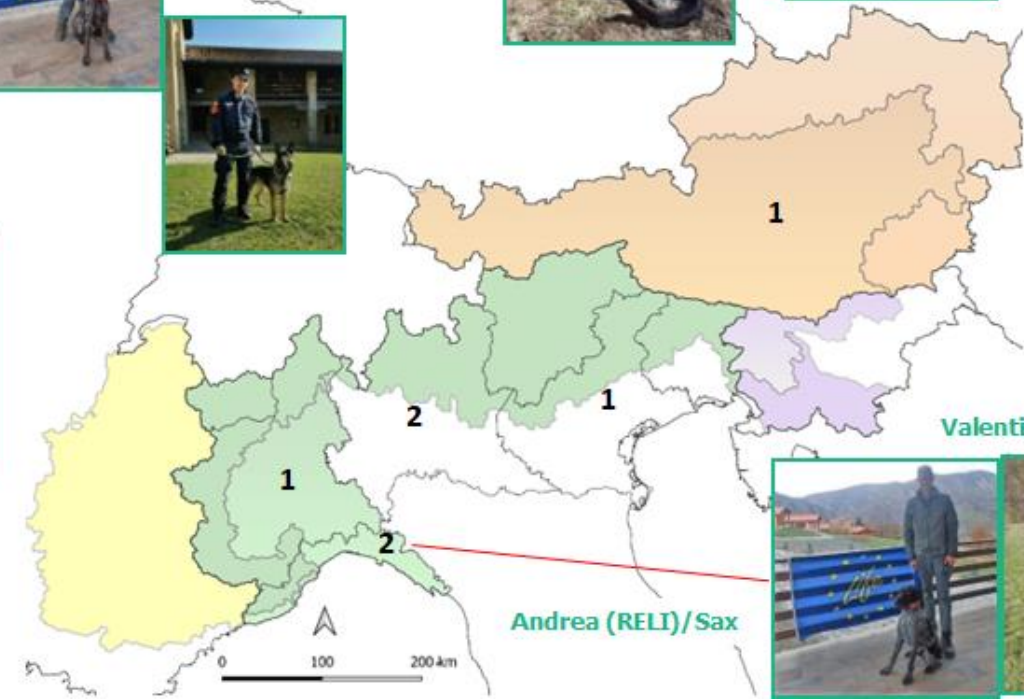
Luca (CUFA)/Dolce Vita



Theresa (VUW)/Jori



AUSTRIA



Andrea (RELI)/Sax



Valentina (CUFA)/Baro



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«ANTI-POISON DOG UNITS»

In Austria:

Certification to search for animal carcasses (NGO "Naturschutzhunde")
and first dog certified to search for carbofuran
(Kynotec GmbH)

Carbofuran is a pesticide forbidden in the EU since
2008, in Austria most widely used poison in wildlife
crime cases

urgent interventions only together with the police



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