

Basic information	
2025/0058(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Habitats Directive: protection status of the wolf (Canis lupus) Subject 3.10.04.02 Animal protection 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	4101	2025-06-05
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Environment	ROSWALL Jessika	
European Economic and Social Committee			
European Committee of the Regions			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/03/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0106 	Summary
31/03/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/04/2025	Urgent procedure requested by a committee		
08/05/2025	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0100/2025	Summary
05/06/2025	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
17/06/2025	Final act signed		
24/06/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0058(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170-p6 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 192-p1
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/10/02400

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0100/2025	08/05/2025	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Draft final act	00008/2025/LEX	13/06/2025		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0106 	07/03/2025	Summary	
National parliaments				
Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	NL_SENATE	COM(2025)0106	25/04/2025	
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Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1219/2025	30/04/2025	
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Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
LUENA César	06/05/2025	EEB
LUENA César	29/04/2025	SEO BIRDLIFE
LUENA César	03/04/2025	Eurogroup for Animals

Final act
Directive 2025/1237 OJ OJ L 24.06.2025

Habitats Directive: protection status of the wolf (Canis lupus)

2025/0058(COD) - 07/03/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to align the protection status of the wolf under the Habitats Directive for all EU Member States to the amended status under the Bern Convention.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: under the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora) the wolf (*Canis lupus*) is currently listed as a strictly protected species in most of the EU territory.

On the basis of an in-depth analysis on the status of the wolf in the EU, the Commission proposed in December 2023 to change the protection status of the wolf under the Bern Convention. The proposal was then adopted by the Council in September 2024.

In December 2024, the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention voted in favour of the EU proposal to adapt the protection status of the wolf from 'strictly protected' to 'protected'. The change entered into force on 7 March 2025, in line with the procedure defined in Article 17 of the Bern Convention.

CONTENT: this initiative seeks to align the protection status of the wolf under the Habitats Directive for all EU Member States to the amended status under the Bern Convention, bringing it to '**protected**' as opposed to '**strictly protected**'.

Habitats Directive: protection status of the wolf (Canis lupus)

2025/0058(COD) - 08/05/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 371 votes to 162, with 37 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/43/EEC as regards the protection status of the wolf (*Canis lupus*).

Parliament supported at first reading the Commission's proposal to amend the Habitats Directive to align the European protection status of the wolf with the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, **changing it from 'strictly protected' to 'protected'**.

Notwithstanding the amendment introduced by this Directive, Member States remain free to maintain the protection status of the wolf at the level of protection granted to strictly protected fauna species.