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Who we are at

According to Albert Einstein, "problems cannot be solved with the same mindset that created them".

To curb the exponential and unprecedented exploitation of the planet's resources, plants and animals, we need to drastically reduce human impact. Traditional sustainability is no longer able to respond to current anthropogenic pressures. A global agenda for change is essential, one that values nature conservation and the protection of animals as sentient beings. And we want to contribute to this change.

Green Impact is an association launched in 2020 that promotes transformative ecological and economic practices that benefit the environment and animals. Our main goal is to preserve and restore the planet's balance by driving innovation in culture and knowledge in order to improve the welfare of animals, both

domestic and wild animals, and vegetation. In pursuing our mission to protect the environment, animals and their habitats, we favour solutions that have a multidisciplinary socio-economic impact, leveraging innovation and technical, scientific and regulatory developments.

***Green Impact
wants to
contribute to
real change***

The founder and current president of Green Impact, Gaia Angelini, has 20 years of professional experience at European level (including 15 in Brussels). She specialises in coordinating European campaigns for the environment, marine life and animal welfare.

She is an EU policy and advocacy strategist, specialising in the development and implementation of innovative, results-oriented programmes.

Find out more about us on our website (in Italian and English): <https://www.greenimpact.it/it/chi-siamo/>.



Gaia Angelini
President of Green Impact ETS



Our projects



Our projects

The #Liberidallecatene campaign

Our commitment to the adoption of regulations prohibiting the chaining of dogs has been ongoing since 2020 and continued in 2024, with advocacy and public communication tools. With the support of the Cave Canem Foundation and Animal Law Italia, we achieved some important milestones in 2024:

- On 27 March 2024, Tuscany introduced a ban on keeping dogs chained up, except for proven health reasons or urgent safety reasons, amending the

D.P.G.R. of 4 August 2011;

- On 9 April 2024, Piedmont introduced a ban on keeping dogs chained up, but unfortunately with some important exceptions that prevent it from being fully effective.
- On 20 November 2024, the Chamber of Deputies passed a bill amending the provisions of the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, providing new protections for animals and introducing a nationwide ban on keeping pets tied up 'with a chain or other similar restraint that prevents them from moving' (Article 10).



The Aiuto Circolare project

The Aiuto Circolare project represents all of Green Impact's activities in support of domestic animals in need. It takes its name from Bianca, a dog we rescued from the streets of Calabria. In 2024, we rescued and supported:

- Amelie: a puppy with a malformation of her front leg. We contributed to the very high cost of an operation on her leg that will allow her to play, and we continue to assist her with the care she requires;
- Roger: an elderly dog, forced to live in a concrete enclosure his entire life. Thanks to the contribution of a donor, we have now placed him in a home-based kennel, where he receives veterinary care and the love he deserves;
- Gaia: an elderly dog, almost blind and deaf, malnourished and with a mammary tumour, a victim of cruelty. We rescued her from that reality but, unfortunately, despite our efforts, she was doomed by the neglect she had suffered: she did not make it.
- Lucky: a puppy rescued from Albania, where he had been wounded by four bullets, causing him problems with walking. When he arrived in Italy, we entrusted him to a centre specialising in physiotherapy.
- Nando: a stray who lived on the streets of

Calabria, rescued, treated and finally adopted thanks to passionate volunteers and our contribution.

- The Marconi cat colony: through food collections organised in collaboration with Arcaplanet.

Microplastics

The microplastics project was created in collaboration with the Plastic Soup Foundation. Together, we are committed to informing the public about the risks to human health and ecosystems associated with the growing presence of micro- and nanoplastics in the environment.

Our vision is simple but ambitious: a world in which no one should have to suffer the consequences of plastic pollution anymore.



Puppy trafficking

Every year, around 8 million puppies are trafficked in Europe to meet the demand for purebred dogs, generating a market worth €1.3 billion a year. We contributed financially to the investigative documentary *Pedigree Dream*, directed by Jon Erik West, to inform the public about the atrocities behind this market.



Featured projects



Featured projects

Canis lupus: the apex predator

Wolves are key predators that play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of species and ecosystems. They have a significant impact on prey populations and plant communities, promote biodiversity and have a positive impact on the physical geography of landscapes. They are essential and beneficial to the ecosystems in which they live. Human-wolf coexistence is only possible where there is no ignorance or prejudice and where effective prevention measures are put in place. Unfortunately, the exploitation of the wolf issue for political purposes is becoming increasingly widespread in Europe. This aberration has culminated in a proposal to lower the protection status of this magnificent animal.

- On 26 September 2024, the Council of the EU formally adopted the decision to submit, on behalf of the European Union, a proposal to downgrade the wolf from a 'strictly protected species' (Appendix II) to a 'protected species' (Appendix III) under the Bern Convention.
- In December 2024, the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention voted in favour of the proposal, lowering the protection status of the wolf.

Our activities

- We provided support by submitting a statement of intervention in the appeal lodged by the associations LEAL, ZAMPE CHE DANNO UNA MANO, LEIDAA and OIPA against the request for the culling of two wolves made by the Province of Bolzano.
- In May 2024, together with ENPA, Federazione Nazionale Pro Natura, LAV, Legambiente, LEIDAA, LNDC Animal Protection, OIPA and WWF, we signed a joint note addressed to the Italian government asking it to reject the European Commission's proposal to lower the protection status of the European grey wolf, followed by a [press release](#) on the matter.
- In September 2024, we signed a [letter](#) promoted by EEB and others.

organisations, together with more than 300 NGOs, calling for the current wolf protection regime to be maintained and for coexistence to be promoted;

- In October 2024, Green Impact lodged a formal complaint with the European Ombudsman against the European Commission for abuse of power and false public statements regarding the conservation status of European wolves. We are awaiting a response;
- In October 2024, Green Impact, the European Bioeconomy Bureau (EBB), Nagytavak and Fertotobaratai published an [Open Letter](#) to the Secretary General of the Bern Convention denouncing the misleading science provided by the European Commission;
- In November 2024, together with Great Lakes and Wetlands and others, we denounced the lack of scientific basis and violation of the democratic process resulting from the European Commission's proposal to weaken the legal protection of the European grey wolf, calling on Mikaël Poutiers, Secretary General of the Bern Convention, not to allow a vote during the next meeting of the Standing Committee scheduled for December. We subsequently issued a [press release](#) on the matter.



Featured projects

- In November 2024, together with a small group of experts in the field of conservation and the environment, we launched two [scientific statements](#), open only to scientists and academics, against the decision to downgrade the wolf due to a lack of supporting scientific evidence. The statements were then sent to the Secretary General of the Bern Convention on 1 December 2024.
- In November 2024, we sent an [open letter](#) to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary of the Bern Convention denouncing the illegality of the European Union's proposal to downgrade the protection status of the European grey wolf, considering it to be without legal basis.
- In December 2024, Green Impact, together with four other environmental and animal protection organisations — Earth (Italy), One Voice

(France), LNDC Animal Protection (Italy) and Great Lakes and Wetlands (Hungary) — **lodged an appeal with the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) against the EU Council's decision of 26 September 2024**, which proposes downgrading the protection status of the European grey wolf. We subsequently issued a press release on this matter.

We have also developed a web page entirely dedicated to our activities to protect wolves in Europe.

[Visit it](#) for more information about the actions taken to protect wolves.



Featured projects

Forests and biomass-

Forests are invaluable to our planet. The importance of protecting existing forests and carrying out reforestation projects based on sound scientific knowledge is increasingly important in light of the current situation. Despite this, forests in Europe and third countries are being burned to produce energy falsely defined as 'renewable' by EU legislation – cutting down and burning forests has a negative impact on our health, the climate and biodiversity. NO to forests as fuel!

Our activities

- In February 2024, we sent a [letter](#) to Minister Gilberto Pichetto Fratin on the national implementation of provisions on the use of forest biomass for energy purposes (EU Renewable Energy Directive amended in November 2023).
- In March 2024, on International Forest Day, we signed a [declaration](#) with NRDC, which has 130 signatories from 39 countries, to call for responsibility for forest protection;
- In March 2024, we appealed to Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni for Italy to support the adoption of the Nature Restoration Law, the European legislation for nature restoration, already agreed between the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament. Subsequently, we issued a [press release](#) on the matter.
- In May 2024, on EU Overshoot Day, we signed, together with 317 other civil society organisations, [an open letter](#) calling on heads of state and government, the presidents of the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament, as well as MEPs, to make a political commitment to pursue a climate-neutral, zero-pollution and nature-friendly economy.
- In the final months of 2024, in collaboration with Fern, we translated

Italian the guide "Wiser with wood", published by Fern and ClientEarth. The guide, entitled "**Un uso più saggio del legno**" (A wiser use of wood) in Italian, analyses the legal requirements of RED III for wood biomass, describes opportunities for Member States to improve the transposition of the Directive and proposes strategies to protect forests, the climate, public health and industrial sectors that depend on wood. In addition, we have contacted a journalist to write together and launch a press release on the Italian guide "Un uso più saggio del legno" in early 2025.

WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING EUROPEAN COALITIONS:



**FOREST
DEFENDERS
ALLIANCE**



Our future



- In 2025, as part of our project '*Canis lupus*: the apex predator', we will continue to follow the current appeal to the European Court of Justice and inform the network of associations with which we are in contact of the possibility of joining our appeal with a statement of intervention.
- We will propose further coordinated actions, press communications and advocacy to the growing network of associations we are building.
- We will launch a second appeal to the European Court of Justice;

- We will launch an independent scientific review of the Blanco and Sundseth report, used as the basis for the European Commission's downgrading of the wolf;
- As part of our 'Forests and Biomass' project, we will launch the guide 'A wiser use of wood' through a press release;
- We will continue to carry out press communications and advocacy actions;
- As part of our 'Circular Aid' project, we will continue to support the sheltering of pets in need.
- As part of our 'Microplastics' project, we will draft a brief on the main regulations related to microplastics and their main health effects based on scientific articles.



Reporting

Accounting situation as at 1 January 2024

306.30 euros (cash surplus from the previous year)

Total donations received in 2024

33,129.00

Total expenses in 2024

for projects, legal assistance, human resources, purchases, animal maintenance, donations to other associations: €24,964.00

Year-end balance carried forward to 2025

€9,332.00

Types of donations received by

- Supporting member fees
- Donations from individuals
- Donations from foundations

our supporting members

In 2024, we were able to count on the support of **18 members**, who joined our efforts towards change, for a world that truly values the conservation and protection of animals and the environment.

Partners



We are members of



Donors



donations made

Green Impact is also a small donor: with small amounts, we help small associations that help our animal friends.

Acknowledgements

- We would like to thank all our **supporting members** and **donors**, whose contributions have enabled us to carry out projects and initiatives in favour of the environment, forests, wolves and many animal friends who have been rescued or are kept in kennels or shelters.
- Special thanks to **the Gallifrey Foundation**, which supported legal efforts to combat the downgrading of the wolf (*Canis lupus*) at European level, and to **the Plastic Soup Foundation**, which supported joint activities on the issue of microplastics.