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PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



ABOUT US

Green Impact is an association launched in 2020 that promotes transformative ecological and economic practices to benefit the environment and animals. Our main objective is to preserve and restore the planet's balance, driving innovation in culture and knowledge to improve the welfare of both domestic and wild animals. In pursuing our mission to protect the environment, animals and their habitats, we prioritise solutions that have a multidisciplinary socio-economic impact, drawing on innovation and technical, scientific and regulatory developments. Find out more on our website (in Italian and English).

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WOLVES

Throughout 2025, Green Impact carried out intensive work to protect the wolf at both European and national levels, combining strategic legal action, institutional advocacy, mobilisation of civil society, scientific contributions and public communication activities. The main objective of the association's activities was to restore the species' protection status as provided for under European law and to promote policy decisions based on scientific evidence within the context of the European debate on downgrading the wolf's protection status.

Legal action at European level

In 2025, Green Impact continued to use the instruments of European law to challenge the process of downgrading the wolf's protection status.

- February 2025 – publication of the action T-634/24 in the Official Journal of the European Union. The action, brought by Green Impact together with EARTH, Nagy Tavak és Vizes Élőhelyek Szövetsége, LNDC Animal Protection and One Voice, seeks the annulment of the decision by the Council of the European Union supporting the downgrading of the wolf's status under the Bern Convention.
- October 2025 – publication of case T-563/25 in the Official Journal of the European Union. The appeal, lodged by the same five organisations, seeks the annulment of the European directive amending the wolf's protection status under the Habitats Directive, challenging the legitimacy of the legislative procedure adopted and the lack of adequate involvement of environmental organisations in the decision-making process.



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Interventions in support of the appeals

In parallel with the main appeals, Green Impact has coordinated legal work with other European environmental organisations that have decided to support the legal actions through statements of intervention before the General Court of the European Union.

- Action T-634/24: coordination of legal proceedings relating to the interventions of 17 European associations.
- Action T-563/25: management of the procedures for the interventions by 15 associations.

This work has contributed to the formation of a broad European coalition of organisations committed to defending wolf conservation and promoting science-based environmental policies.

European advocacy and mobilisation of civil society

Throughout the year, Green Impact promoted and coordinated various advocacy initiatives aimed at European and international institutions, drafting official letters and gathering the support of numerous civil society organisations.

Key initiatives included:

- February 2025 – a letter to the European Commission regarding the situation of wolves in Sweden, in which numerous organisations called for the opening of infringement proceedings against Sweden for the systematic killing of wolves in breach of the Habitats Directive.
- March 2025 – a letter to the Parties to the Bern Convention, initiated by Green Impact, calling for the revocation of the 2024 decision that reduced the level of protection afforded to wolves, which was deemed to lack an adequate scientific basis.
- April 2025 – open letter to the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU, signed by 53 organisations, calling for the suspension of any decision on downgrading until the conclusion of the ongoing scientific reviews and legal proceedings.
- August 2025 – an open letter from over 100 NGOs to the 27 EU Member States, calling on national governments not to amend their legislation on wolves until the conclusion of the European legal proceedings and to maintain strict protection of the species.



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Through these initiatives, Green Impact has helped to strengthen the mobilisation of European civil society and to draw the institutions' attention to the need for decisions based on scientific evidence and the principles of biodiversity conservation.

Legal and institutional activities in Italy

Green Impact has also carried out various legal and institutional initiatives in Italy relating to human-wolf coexistence.

- August 2025 – public complaint regarding the killing of a wolf in Val Venosta, authorised by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano despite the species still being subject to strict protection.
- September 2025 – intervention in the appeal before the Regional Administrative Court (TAR) of Bolzano, alongside Pro Natura, asking the administrative judges to refer the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union to clarify the compatibility of culling authorisations with the Habitats Directive.
- October 2025 – intervention on regional policies in Piedmont, in which Green Impact and Pro Natura highlighted inconsistencies in wildlife management policies and in the use of public funds allocated to the prevention of damage caused by predators.

Scientific contribution to the European debate

Alongside its legal and institutional activities, Green Impact has contributed to the scientific debate on wolf conservation through collaboration with international researchers and scholars.

- April 2025 – publication of an independent scientific review by Mark Fisher and Ettore Randi, which critically analyses the report used by the European Commission to justify the downgrading of the wolf's conservation status.
- The review highlights how the available data on European populations are incomplete, heterogeneous and insufficient to demonstrate a favourable conservation status for the species.
- October 2025 – publication of a scientific letter in the journal **Science**, signed by European researchers led by Ettore Randi, calling on European institutions to reinstate strict protection for the wolf in Europe.



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Communication activities and media presence

The association's initiatives have been accompanied by ongoing public communication efforts.

For each of the main initiatives – legal appeals, letters to European institutions and political statements – Green Impact has drafted and distributed press releases aimed at national and European media, helping to bring the issue of wolves into the public debate.

- The association's activities have received extensive media coverage, with articles and mentions in major newspapers and news agencies, including ANSA, Corriere della Sera and other national media outlets.
- Promoting coexistence between wolves and human activities
- Alongside its legal and institutional activities, Green Impact has continued to promote an approach based on coexistence between human activities and large carnivores.
- The association has disseminated scientific information on the ecological role of the wolf as a natural regulator of ecosystems and has advocated the adoption of measures to prevent conflicts with livestock farming, which are already funded by European instruments such as the Common Agricultural Policy.

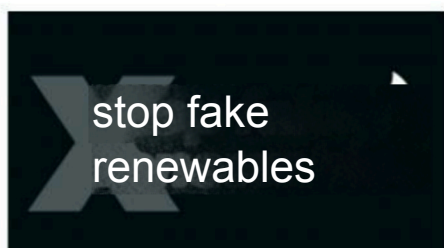


FORESTS AND FOREST BIOMASS FOR ENERGY PURPOSES

Our forest heritage is of inestimable value.

The importance of protecting the planet's trees and pursuing afforestation projects is becoming increasingly crucial in light of the current situation. Despite this, forests in Europe and third countries are being burned to produce energy falsely labelled as 'renewable' by the European Renewable Energy Directive – felling and burning forests has a negative impact on our health, the climate and biodiversity. NO to forests as fuel!

WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COALITIONS:



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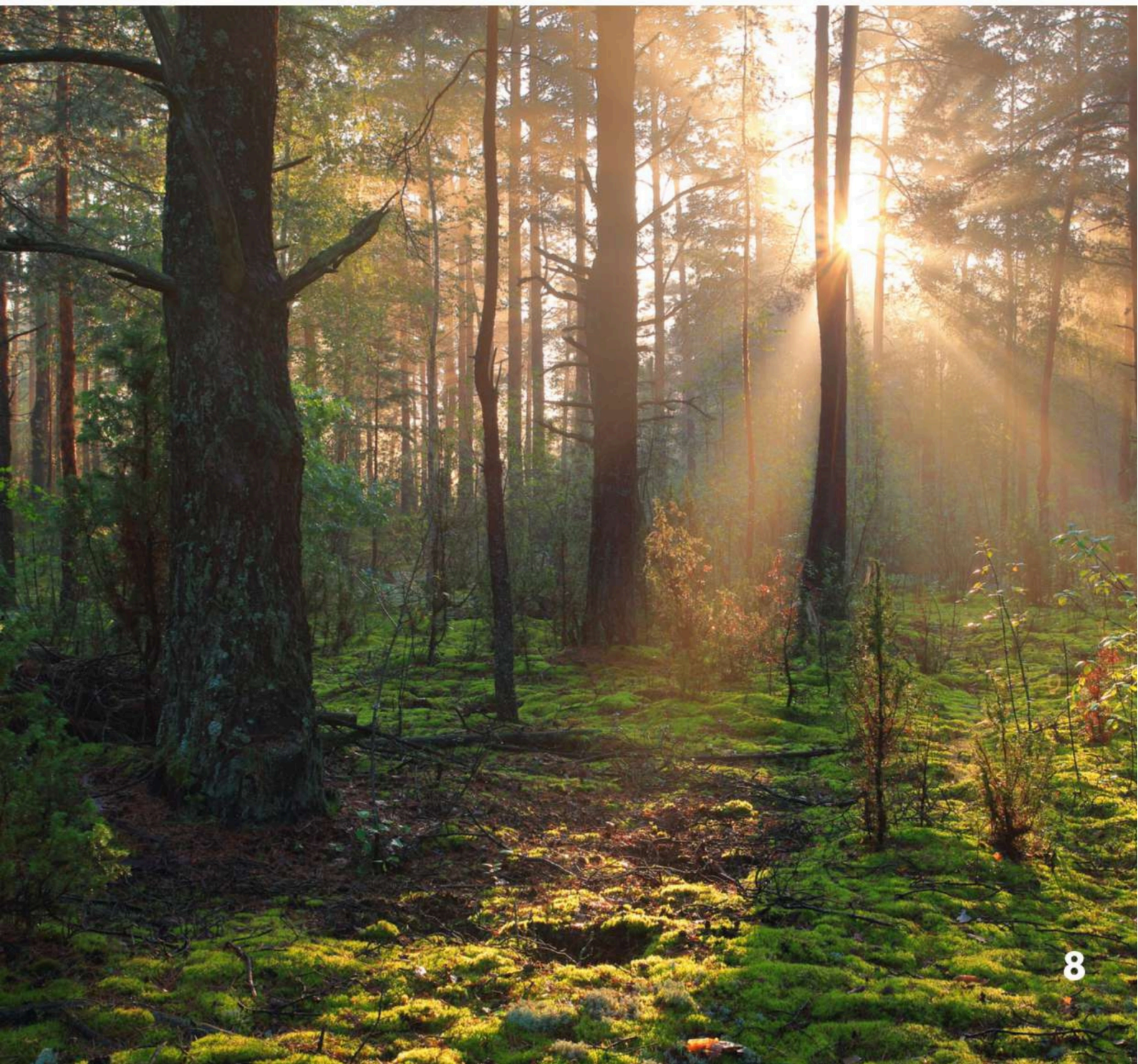
OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2025

In 2025, Green Impact continued its advocacy work at national and European level on issues relating to bioenergy from forest biomass, the implementation of Directive (EU) 2023/2413 (RED III) and forest monitoring.

- March 2025 – publication of the technical guide **A Wiser Use of Wood**, the Italian version of the technical guide dedicated to the implementation of RED III in the forest biomass sector. The document provides practical guidance for policy-makers and national administrations on the application of the principle of cascading use of biomass and on the measures needed to protect forests, the climate and biodiversity within the framework of energy policies. A press release was issued on this matter.
- April 2025 – a letter was sent to the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security regarding the implementation of RED III in Italy. The letter, sent as part of collaboration with European partners, sought clarification on the measures planned to transpose the provisions relating to the use of forest biomass for energy.

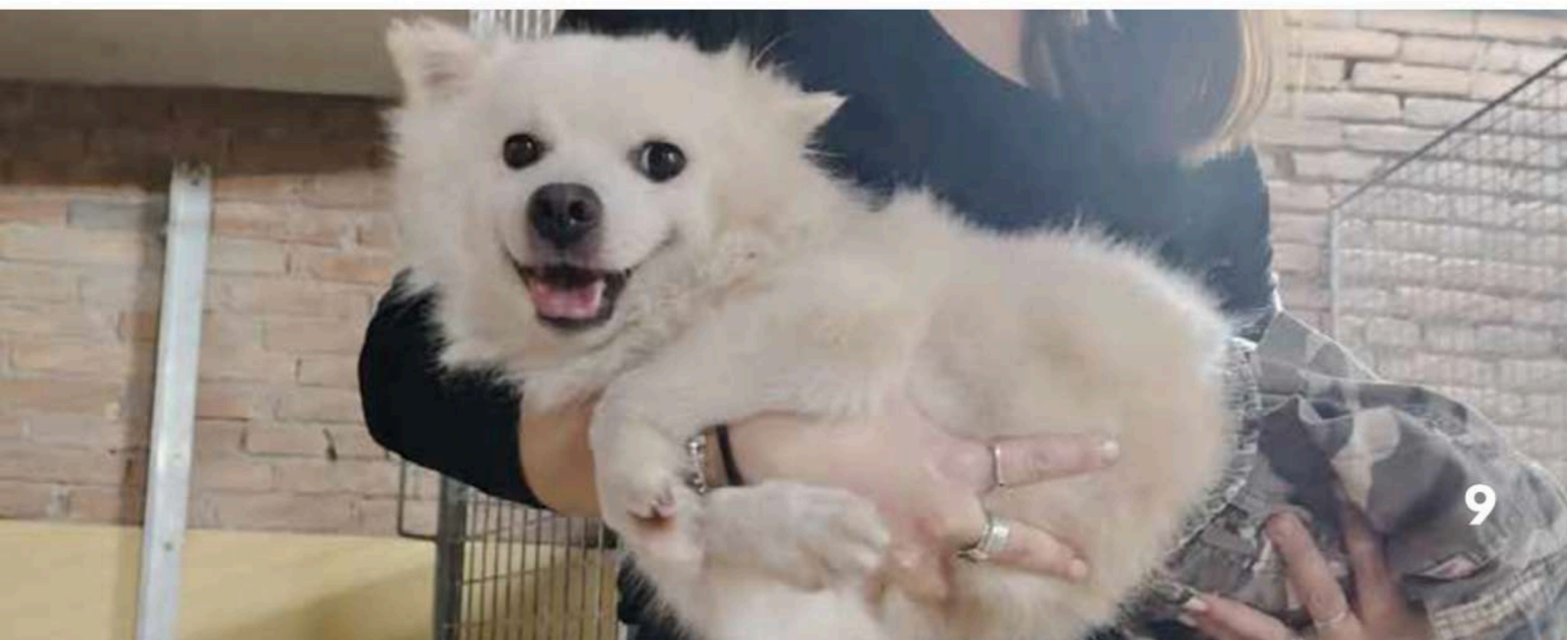


- September 2025 – contribution to the joint analysis of the amendments to the proposed Forest Monitoring Law. Green Impact took part in a coordinated effort with European organisations to assess the effects of last-minute amendments to the proposed regulation on forest monitoring, advocating for the reinstatement of satellite monitoring of key indicators such as forest area, tree cover density and defoliation, and emphasising the need to further strengthen data collection tools on biodiversity and the resilience of forest ecosystems.



CIRCULAR AID PROJECT

Through the Aiuto Circolare project, Green Impact has supported several small organisations that help abandoned animals on a daily basis, as well as directly supporting the care and rehoming of dogs and cats. Among the stories that have left the greatest mark this year are those of Roger and Lucky, two dogs who came from very difficult circumstances, to whom we were able to offer a new lease of life. Roger spent 13 long years in an industrial area, confined to a concrete patch and deprived of the freedom and attention every dog should be able to enjoy. Following an adoption that did not meet his needs, his life was spent entirely in conditions of isolation and deprivation. Thanks to the vital help of a donor, we were able to rescue him from that situation and transfer him to a home-based boarding facility, where he now receives proper veterinary care and can finally live in a more peaceful and dignified environment. His recovery is a concrete example for us of how even targeted interventions in individual cases can make a huge difference. During the same year, we also supported Lucky, a puppy rescued in Albania after being hit by four bullets and sustaining serious spinal injuries. Lucky began a course of physiotherapy necessary to regain at least some ability to walk, and we helped to support his treatment so that he could undergo a long and complex rehabilitation process – one that was essential to improving his quality of life.



MICROPLASTICS

During 2025, Green Impact, in collaboration with the Plastic Soup Foundation, began drafting a technical and scientific report focusing on the effects of micro- and nanoplastics on human health and analysing the European and international regulatory framework on the subject. The initiative stems from the scientific community's growing concern regarding the pervasive spread of these particles in the environment and the need to improve the availability of up-to-date and accessible information to support public debate and decision-making processes.

The report focuses on analysing the main routes of human exposure to micro- and nanoplastics and on emerging scientific evidence regarding their presence in various biological matrices, whilst also examining the role these particles may play as carriers of potentially harmful chemicals. In parallel, the work includes a review of the European regulatory framework, with particular attention to the European Union's most recent initiatives on microplastics.

The report is due to be published in 2026 and represents an important step in Green Impact's efforts to contribute to the dissemination of scientifically sound knowledge on an emerging issue of growing importance for the protection of human health and the environment.



OTHER PROJECTS

Throughout the year, the association also continues to engage – albeit on an ad hoc rather than ongoing basis – with further environmental and animal welfare issues brought to our attention by members of the public, associations and local organisations. These often involve providing information, conducting preliminary regulatory analysis, collaborating with other organisations, or taking part in awareness-raising initiatives on emerging issues which, whilst not falling within the main project areas described in this report, represent an important part of our overall commitment.

Through these cross-cutting activities, Green Impact maintains a flexible and collaborative approach, helping where possible to strengthen collaborative networks and support initiatives consistent with its statutory objectives of protecting the environment, biodiversity and animals.



WE ARE MEMBERS OF:

In December 2025, we became members of the National Pro Natura Federation.



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European
Nature Trust



PLASTIC
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SUPPORTING MEMBERS

In 2025, we were able to count on the support of 24 members, who joined us in our efforts to bring about change, for a world that truly values the conservation and protection of animals and the environment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

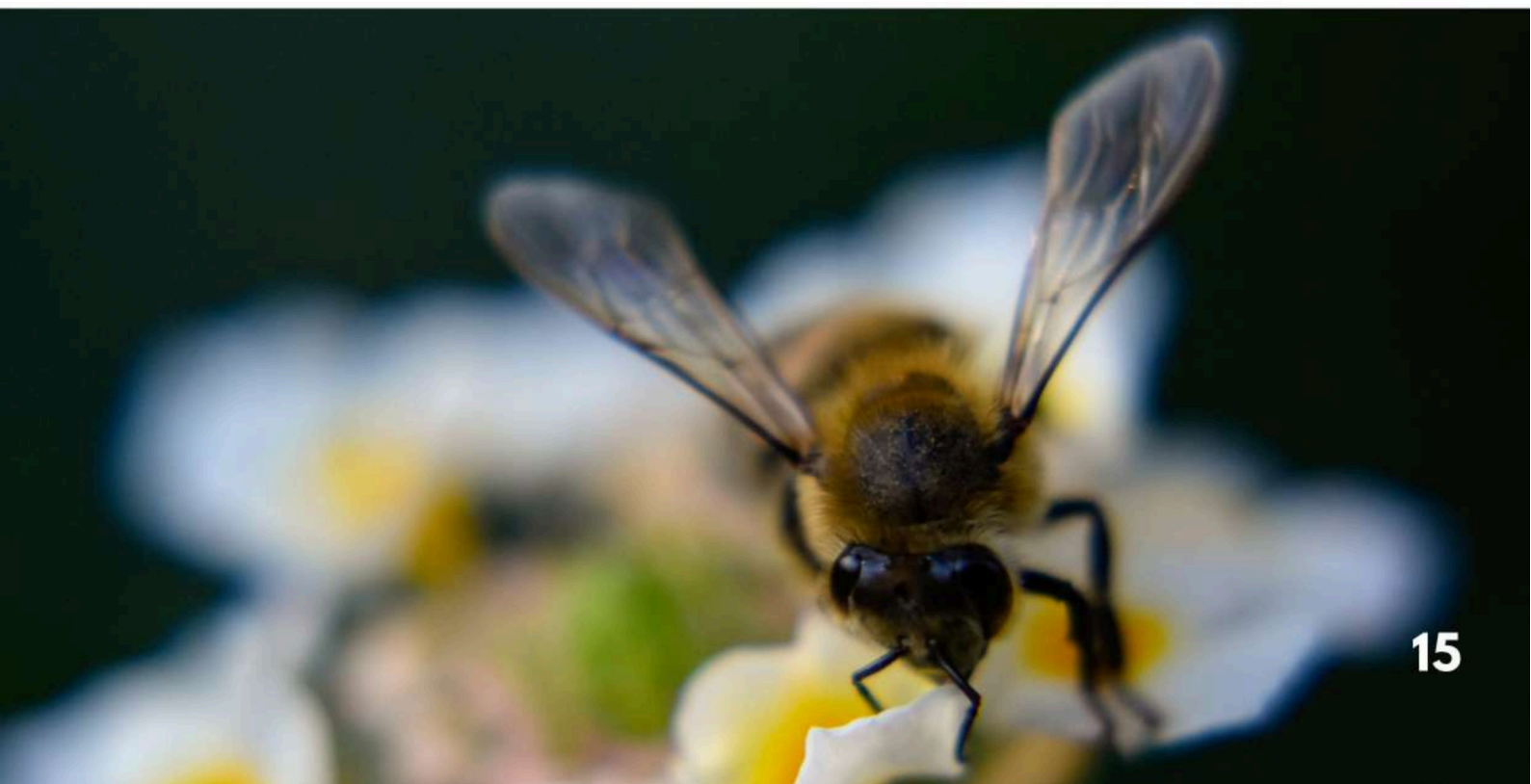
We would like to thank all our supporting members and donors, whose contributions have enabled us to carry out projects and initiatives in support of the environment, forests, wolves and many animal friends who have been rescued or are living in kennels or shelters. We would like to thank the following for their kind support: the Gallifrey Foundation, TENT (The European Nature Trust), the Plastic Soup Foundation, Half Earth (Italy) and all our individual donors – in particular Livia A. for her substantial support for Roger the dog – and all the other people who support Green Impact every day, without whom the Association would not exist today.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

Annual budget (including carry-overs from the previous year)	€88,000
Donations made to small animal welfare organisations (stray animal issues)	€ 2,000
Expenditure on animals (veterinary costs, boarding, medication, food, other)	€18,000
Services: costs for staff, consultants, solicitors, experts, translators, communications and press	€40,000
Total donations received from foundations	€72,000
5x1000 received	€1,036.85
Number of supporting members	24

*THE FIGURES SHOWN HERE ARE ROUNDED, EXCLUDING THE 5X1000 CONTRIBUTION



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

- During 2026, we intend to launch WolfWatch Europe, an information platform dedicated to wolf-related developments across Europe. The platform will provide updates on scientific research, science diplomacy, regulatory frameworks, legal disputes at both EU and Member State levels, emerging policies, relevant events, economic analyses and cultural perspectives. It will also support an informed dialogue among stakeholders, bringing together reliable and cross-cutting information on wolf conservation and management in Europe. It will evolve in a participatory manner, actively encouraging contributions and engagement from a wide range of interested parties. Furthermore, WolfWatch Europe will monitor the reclassification of the wolf under the Bern Convention, highlighting its implications for wolf management and culling in countries such as Switzerland, Norway and others.
- As part of the WolfWatch Europe network, we also plan to launch a monthly newsletter for member organisations, aimed at gathering and sharing scientific updates, regulatory and legal developments, advocacy activities, event announcements and contributions from the network's associations, thereby strengthening the flow of information and collaboration between the various countries involved.
- Also in 2026, we plan to publish a technical and scientific report on the effects of micro- and nanoplastics on human health and the relevant European and international regulatory framework, developed in collaboration with the Plastic Soup Foundation.



SUPPORT OUR WORK

The projects and activities of 2025 were made possible thanks to your support and that of our donors – together we can continue to make a difference in 2026!

You can start or continue supporting Green Impact by signing up or renewing your membership and donating by credit card directly on our website or by bank transfer (Green Impact – IBAN: IT84T0306905036100000006470; BIC: BCITITMM; Banca Intesa San Paolo) – even the smallest contribution can make a difference.

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