

Wolf Watch Europe (Green Impact), June 2026 Webinar.

Key Takeaways.

- **Gaia Angelini** (*Green Impact*), two legal Appeals before the European Court of Justice challenging the wolf downlisting are progressing, with Finland and France intervening in support of EU institutions (i.e., defending the EU downlisting). A third appeal initiated by a German organization may be merged with the existing two.
- An EU "Stress Test" consultation on the EU Nature Directives was launched by the European Commission is currently open and requires a coordinated, joint response from conservation organizations. To note Stress test is a definition used in the Financial Sector (10 years ago the consultation was named Fitness check). This changes the approach and maybe legally unjustified.
- The wolf downlisting is seen as a test case and potential gateway to weakening the Habitats Directive and Natura 2000 protections more broadly.
- Future Wolf Watch Europe webinars are planned to cover wolf mortality, nature policy consultations, and the potential shift from voluntary to binding prevention schemes for farmers and livestock breeders.
- **Zoltan Kun** (*Nagy Tavak Association, Hungary*) presented the case of wolves in Hungary (key slides attached on the Wolf Watch Europe page)
- **Magnus Orrebrant** (*Vilda Djurens Skydd Association, Sweden*) presented the case of wolves in Sweden (slides attached on the Wolf Watch Europe page)