

WHAT IS WOLF?

“Wolf: Wild Life & Farmers” is an inter-territorial and transnational cooperation project in which eleven Spanish Local Action Groups (LAG) from Asturias, Castilla y Leon and Galicia together with LAG from Estonia, Portugal and Romania seek to carry out the task of environmental, economic and social coordination between those agents and groups involved in the problems of coexistence between wild life (bear and wolf) and livestock farming, by seeking to promote the search for new sources of employment in the countryside and the wealth of the environment in the territories concerned.

The wolf is the wild animal which causes the greatest problems and controversy in the whole European Union (EU) between their defenders, such as conservation and ecological groups, and their detractors, livestock farmers and hunters and so, we have chosen the English term to designate the project: **Wolf: Wild Life & Farmers.**



WHAT ARE ITS AIMS?

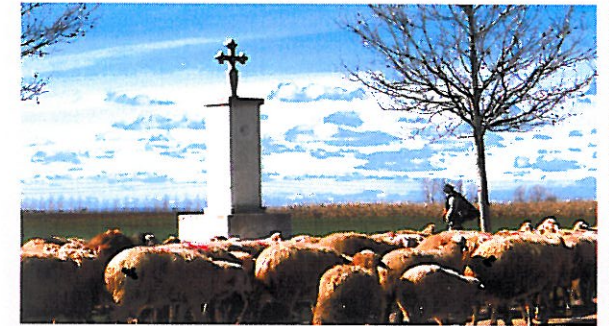
- To promote livestock farming as an essential activity for improving biodiversity: highlighting the figure of the livestock farmer as a key player in developing sustainable regions.
- To increase awareness among the general population and promoting and fostering a change of certain negative opinions regarding the wolf held by some sectors in rural areas.
- To promote, propose and implement actions in favour of compatibility and coexistence between livestock farmers and the wolf.



- To provide a structure for the different agents and groups involved (environmental authorities, livestock farmers, hunters, agricultural organisations, conservation associations and bodies, local authorities and rural business entrepreneurs) in order to seek together sustainable exploitation of the countryside, revolving around wild life in general

WHICH ACTION WILL BE PERFORMED?

Until 2013, the project of the National Rural Network, which has the backing of the Spanish and Portugal Agricultural Ministries will seek:



- To draw up and present the European Commission and the Member States with a proposal agreed by consensus, using the Leader Approach, to create a DVD and a comparative study of measures and actions to encourage compatibility and coexistence.
- Environmental Education activities with the aid of a Travelling Exhibition which will show the concept of coexistence between wild life and agro-livestock farming and the beginning of a new stage which puts the “human being-wild life” dichotomy behind it in order to start the 21st century as an age of sustainable, endogenous and participatory development.
- To design, together with the agents and groups involved in the participating territories, sustainable products and services related to the tourist sector, quality products, craftwork, etc.