

Contributions of the hunting sector to stopping illegal killing of birds

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- International non-profit making **NGO** established in **1977**
- **Representing FACE Members:** the national hunting associations within 36 states of the Council of Europe, including the EU28
- FACE Members in turn represent **7 Million European hunters**
- **Addressing** political & environmental **aims** to enable the best possible context for hunting

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FACE's role: Hunters and illegal killing

- Inform the hunting community of the international policy/political developments
- Coordinate action and promote best practice amongst our membership:
 - (e.g. media/communication, enforcement, practical guidance like bird ID, tourist hunting issues, advise on research).
- Long standing zero-tolerance policy towards illegal killing



Key achievements in the implementation of TAP 2013-2020 and MIKT POW

- The scoreboard is a key achievement and should be completed by all Governments;
- MIKT PoW and BC place a good focus on stakeholder involvement (including hunters);
- Better awareness of the issue.
- Action triggered in Member States (e.g. Italy)



Obstacles encountered

- Communications: Some campaigns don't work for us (e.g. BC's The Last Tweet Campaign).
 - Language is important.
- Studies by BL have been a good start but caused a lot of discussion, sometimes negative, however, it raised awareness on IKB.
- Enforcement remains an issue in Member States, not necessarily the legal frameworks



Priorities for the future

- Scoreboard: The scoreboard must be implemented by Governments.
- Keep stakeholders working together.
- Better use of non-Binding Charters & Codes of Conduct



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Bern Convention charter on Hunting and Biodiversity (2007)

In particular the principles;

- No. 2 - Ensure that regulations are **understandable and respected**;
- No. 3 - Ensure that harvest is ecologically sustainable;
- No. 8 - **Empower local stakeholders** and hold them accountable;
- No. 11 - **Encourage cooperation** between all stakeholders

Partly targeted at hunting tourism to ensure it stays within the boundaries of legality/wise use.





Thank you for the attention!

More information:

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