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Subject: CEWolf consortium/network new members

Dear sir

I write to you to inform about the possibilities for organisations to join the CEWolf consortium/network. I was referred to you by 5.1.2.e from INBO after a conversation about quality aspects of wolf research and DNA-analysis.

The organisation I work for, BIJ12, is tasked by the Dutch provinces with executing the legal obligations surrounding monitoring of the wolf population in the Netherlands and for determining whether damage caused by wolves should be compensated by the Dutch government. To this purpose we have hired Wageningen Environmental Research (WENR) to do the genetic and ecological analyses of samples found in the field where wolf activity is suspected. WENR is of course a member of the CEWolf consortium.

The contract we have with WENR will expire later this year. As a government agency we are required to do a public European wide procurement procedure to allow interested parties to bid on the contract. These parties could be other scientific institutes, but also commercial organisations. One of the important quality aspects in this procedure is that we want the party to be connected to the CEWolf consortium or at least the network, so that we can be sure that international standards as regards to quality and uniformity of data are met, and that the party remains informed about international scientific developments surrounding the wolf.

As such I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions, so that we are able to perform our procurement procedure correctly:

1. Does the CEWOlf consortium allow new members to join, even from a country that already has members like the Netherlands?
 - a. If so, are there procedures and qualifications aspiring members need to adhere to in order to become a member? And could these be shared with us?
 - b. If members are not allowed, could you explain the reasoning as to why not?
2. Are there other ways for parties to remain informed about and/or involved with what the CEWolf network does, the standards being set, the data being exchanged, etc.?

We would be very grateful if you could answer these questions for us. If you are unable to answer them or if you feel someone else should be the one to answer them, we would be grateful to hear that as well, so we can relay our questions to someone else.

Sincerely,

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