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to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting brown bears in the Trentino region of Italy

On 11 September 2014 in the province of Trento, Daniza the bear, who had been brought into the area in 2000 as part of a local repopulation project, was killed by a sedative overdose following the issue of a warrant for her capture by the Autonomous Province of Trento. The warrant was issued after the bear, who was with her cubs at the time, was believed to have wounded a man in the forest on 15 August 2014.

The brown bear is protected under the Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC).

The Autonomous Province of Trento did not apply the procedure established by the LIFE Arctos project implemented under the EU's LIFE+ Nature financial instrument, but chose instead to implement the PACOBACE action plan, unilaterally modifying the provisions laid down to include the possibility of putting down bears viewed as 'problematic'.

The new LIFE Dinalp Bear project has a budget of EUR 5 987 478, towards which the EU contributes EUR 4 149 202, for brown bear population level management and conservation across the Alps and in the northern Dinaric Mountains.

Given the above, would the Commission not agree that the Autonomous Province of Trento has acted contrary to the objectives set for the LIFE Dinalp Bear project and that, as a result, project funding could be suspended, given that the provincial authorities appear to be unfit to carry out the task with which they have been entrusted?