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# Political Monitoring

## *Biodiversity politics in Belgian parliaments* *Questions and Discussions*

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Picture of *M. Zonderling* on *Unsplash*

### Europe weakens wolf protection

On the 25th of September, a majority of EU Member States agreed to adopt the European Commission's proposal to downgrade the protection status of the wolf under the Bern Convention.

The proposal was formally adopted at the next EU Council meeting on 26 September, in time for the European Commission to submit it to the Bern Convention's Standing Committee of the Bern Convention.

Under the proposal, the status of the wolf would be downgraded from 'strictly protected' to 'protected' under the Bern Convention, which would then allow the EU to amend its Habitats Directive to ease protection for the species which, under current rules, can only be killed with specific authorization in extenuating circumstances.



#### 1. 19/09/2024 | Plenary session | [here](#)

Parliament reacts to recent extreme weather events in Europe

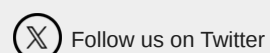
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Pesticides: No residues of EU-banned products in imported food

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