

# Our dialogue with FACE

Title



In 2001, following many years of conflict between conservation and hunting organisations, the European Commission launched the [Sustainable Hunting Initiative \(SHI\)](#) in order to achieve dialogue between stakeholders and eventually to make hunting sustainable across the EU. The initiative is based on a number of proposed steps and objectives, that are to be achieved jointly by EU Institutions, Member State governments and key stakeholders.

As a key element and success of the SHI, in 2004, BirdLife International and [FACE](#) (the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU) – have concluded a ten-point agreement on hunting under the EU Birds Directive which was the start of a regular dialogue at EU level, and increasingly at national level.

With this agreement both organisations recognise the Birds Directive as an appropriate instrument for the conservation of wild birds and their habitats, including for huntable bird species. Both organisations agreed to cooperate on a number of conservation objectives, such as [supporting the Natura 2000 Network](#), reforming [agricultural policy](#) and phasing out the use of lead shot in wetlands.

•

•

# Species protection and hunting of birds section

Back to Species Protection and Hunting of Birds Directive

FACE



FACE's website: [www.face-europe.org](http://www.face-europe.org). European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation. More information on the implementation of the Birds Directive and the Birds Directive's provisions on hunting can be found on the FACE website. FACE is the European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation (FACE) and is the only European organization representing hunters and conservationists. FACE is the only European organization representing hunters and conservationists. FACE is the only European organization representing hunters and conservationists.



Stichting BirdLife Europe gratefully acknowledges financial support from the European Commission. All content and opinions expressed on these pages are solely those of Stichting BirdLife Europe.