



EUROPARC

F E D E R A T I O N

**SUPPORTING PARKS
PROTECTING NATURE
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER**

DO YOU LOVE PARKS AS WE DO?



The **EUROPARC Federation** works to improve the management of Protected Areas in Europe through **international cooperation**, exchange of ideas and experience, and by influencing policy.



WE ARE THE BIGGEST NETWORK OF EUROPEAN PROTECTED AREAS

We support parks and Protected Areas and highlight the importance of the environmental, social and economic development they provide. We want to see a **Sustainable Nature : Valued by People** with Protected Areas being the substantial component to deliver that vision.

The EUROPARC Federation represents thousands of Protected Areas.



We are dedicated to practical nature conservation and sustainable development of Europe's Protected Areas.

We seek to foster an holistic approach to our land and seascapes, through networking, advancing policy and practice, and developing new solutions to the challenges of Protected Area management.

STRENGTHEN YOUR EUROPEAN IDENTITY

Want to highlight the **importance** of Protected Areas?

Need to get closer to European institutions?

Need to understand how European and international **policy** affects your Protected Area?

Need to know the latest **updates** and opportunities for Protected Areas?

Then join us!

European Parliament in Strasbourg
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WE REPRESENT PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS IN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

EUROPARC is well respected and visible to the European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of the Regions and Council of Europe.

We network closely with other organisations in Brussels, to provide a strong input on behalf of Protected Areas. Representing your interests and presenting your views, we highlight the value and benefits of Europe's Protected Areas. We regularly hold events in Brussels, showcasing the work of Protected Areas.

We lobby for policy and procedure changes that would benefit our members, as well as make interventions and representation about Protected Areas, at meetings and events across Europe.



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FIND INSPIRING ACTIVITIES



Junior Ranger Camp 2012
Prealpi Giulii Natural Park, Italy
EUROPARC Federation

Need new ideas?

Need **inspiration** to carry on
with your work?

Need to **learn** something new?

Need to **expand your knowledge**
in a specific field?

Then join us!



WE OFFER INSPIRATION, INFORMATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Being a member of the EUROPARC Federation gives you access to a living library of experience from people working in the same field.

Information is key to knowing what is going on in the world around you and to adapt and improve the work of your protected area. Often we get stuck with our problems and need new ideas. Coming to EUROPARC seminars and workshops, often free to members, breaths new life and inspiration into your work, as well as help you with professional development and advancing skills.

Our annual conference is the biggest gathering of Protected Area managers in Europe and is packed full of information, detailed and relevant workshops, field trips and some fun too. It is especially discounted for EUROPARC members.

We have a full e-library on our website, with lots of tools, useful resources and information, some exclusive to EUROPARC members.

[www.europarc.org/
tools-and-trainings](http://www.europarc.org/tools-and-trainings)

PURSUE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Wish to better manage
tourism and visitors to your Park?

Willing to cooperate with your
neighbouring park, across the border?

Would you like to involve young rangers in
the work of your Protected Area and
provide them with international
exchange opportunities?

Then join us!



WE HAVE EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMMES FOR OUR MEMBERS

The EUROPARC Federation supports members manage tourism sustainably, collaborate across borders and involve young people in Parks.



The Transboundary Parks programme - Following Nature's Design, sets the standard, showing that although there may be a frontier on a map, we can bring cooperation into mind. The TransParcNet meeting annually brings together all EUROPARC members with an interest in transboundary issues.



The EUROPARC Federation's Junior Ranger Programme seeks to assist parks to involve young people aged 12-18 in the work of the park. EUROPARC has introduced a YOUTH+ programme for 18 - 25 years, giving opportunities and training in order to create new advocates for Protected Areas.



The EUROPARC Federation developed the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, an internationally recognised standard in creating a sustainable destination in partnership with tourism businesses. We make sure that sustainable tourism is good for parks and good for people.

GET INVOLVED AND **CELEBRATE** WITH US

We believe that appreciating the value of nature, its intrinsic quality and the acquired social and economic benefits is essential if we are to move towards a more sustainable world.

Keen to highlight the value and **benefits** of your Protected Area?

Interested in **new topics** for Protected Areas?

Want to learn more and share **your** experience?

Then join us!



Charter Award Ceremony 2014
European Parliament, Brussels



WE CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF PROTECTED AREAS

We show that involving people and celebrating the success of the work of our members, highlights the fundamental role and need that Protected Areas fill.

We have led in showing the importance of Protected Areas in addressing **societal health issues** and continue to work with other in this field. We have provided guidance on **working with volunteers**, identified training needs and examined **management effectiveness** systems for Protected Areas, all through the development of projects to stimulate new solutions for all members.

Sustainable agriculture, green infrastructure, periurban issues and research in Protected Areas are all emerging topics highlighted by members which the Federation is addressing.

Members have many opportunities through joining commissions, online meetings, webinars, workshops and as project partners to develop and address the issues that affect Protected Areas.



Our European Day of Parks in May is a Europe wide festival showcasing the work of our Parks.

Through the generous support of the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung, we are able to offer annually 3 scholarships to young professionals to study the work of Protected Areas in Europe.

MEET LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE



TransParcNet Meeting 2014
Hainaut cross-border Nature Park, Belgium-France
Samuel Dhote

Do you need to save time and money?

Need to find project partners?

Need to promote your
protected area and your
project results across Europe?

Need to know what's going on in
Protected Areas in Europe?

Then join us!



WE ARE THE PREMIUM “CLUB” OF PROTECTED AREA PROFESSIONALS

YES we are. And we also have fun!

Someone out there has the answer to your question,
a solution to your problem, an idea you can use!

Connect to your colleagues from across Europe through the EUROPARC network.

Look for project partners with like-minded professionals. Bring in new resources by joining with others. The EUROPARC network provides the platform for Protected Areas to learn, share and innovate together. Using both technology and meetings, we provide members with information, bringing people together so they can find solutions to the common challenges all protected areas face.

Connect with us!
www.europarc.org



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Members of the EUROPARC Federation manage, administrate or have an interest in Europe's Protected Areas.

They include almost all European national agencies, regional administrations and every regional, national, European and international designation, such as national parks, nature parks, **Natura 2000 sites**, regional parks, marine protected areas, biosphere reserves, Ramsar sites, geoparks, world heritage sites and many more.

With the addition of **Fedenatur** into EUROPARC, we now represent and support the work of periurban parks across Europe.



General Assembly 2014 in Killarney, Ireland
Don MacMonagle



JOIN US. BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EUROPARC FEDERATION.

The Federation's members represent hundreds of responsible authorities and thousands of Protected Areas in 37 countries. Help us build a network that supports your organisation.


What will you be receiving from us

- Privileged information about protected areas, funding opportunities and sustainable development policy
- Monthly e-news sent direct to your inbox
- Annual journal “**Protected Areas In-sight**”, with in depth articles on a range of important topics
- Access to all films and publications made by us
- Access to all EUROPARC activities, seminars and workshops
- Discount to EUROPARC Annual Conference
- Free attendance to EUROPARC webinars
- Access to case studies, toolkits and other resources on topics of interest to Protected Areas
- European promotion of your projects, case studies and achievements
- Participation in EUROPARC Commissions and Expert Groups, to develop new guidance, tools and policy responses.

We would **love** to have you join our network.



Just follow the information on our website and send us your details!
Join us TODAY!



Nature knows no boundaries...

EUROPARC is founded on the principle that the future protection and conservation of nature is achieved through **international cooperation**.

International cooperation works best through **personal contact**. That through personal contact comes **mutual understanding, shared experiences, knowledge and innovation**. This delivers better support and management of Protected Areas which ensures the **future protection and conservation of nature**...

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