



**EUROPARC**  
F E D E R A T I O N

## Basic membership fee benefits of the EUROPARC Federation

Membership fees for the EUROPARC Federation are based on a system of groups based on the type and size of organisation. Regional governments / agencies and national NGO's have a sliding scale fee roughly based on size of the organisation / number of Protected Areas it is responsible for and the size of the country / region. There is no precise formula as for each fee in each group there is a minimum required. The upper levels are agreed with each larger organisation individually.

Fees must be levied and offered at the same rates and benefits for each group, as to do otherwise would contravene German tax rules. Therefore, it is not possible to offer, "non-paying" membership, or lower than the agreed minimum per membership group.

EUROPARC membership fees have remained the same since 2009, despite increasing costs.

The basic membership fee **contributes to all administration, staffing, council work, office and overheads of the EUROPARC Federation**. Without staff, we cannot run the organisation, its programmes or develop new work. Fees cover on average 70% of all costs and we need to identify 30% of additional income costs annually.

Your basic EUROPARC membership fees cover at least all of the following work:

- Produce all communication of the EUROPARC Federation including website, publications, and social media accounts: including several tailored Facebook accounts, Twitter, direct mailing with a regular eNews to over 2000 subscribers, liaison with sections, working groups and the other entire direct member mailing.
- Produce all EUROPARC publications. Write, design and edit publications on different topics, from sustainable tourism, youth and education, history, centenary of parks in Europe, transboundary work, to the annual report and numerous other articles in European publications, representing the work of our members across Europe.
- Plan, fund and organise a free annual training seminar to members.
- With conference hosts, plan, fund and organise the annual conference, discounted to members.
- Represent members at networking meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars consultation and other meetings across Europe. Utilising case studies and examples for members across Europe.
- Undertake research and provide information, on all aspects of protected area management across Europe on request, to members and outside bodies
- Represent members interests to the European commission, council of Europe, committee of the regions and other European institutions, utilising members case studies and with members representation where needed.
- Initiate, write and administer European projects, where results provide benefit to wider membership e.g. guidelines on volunteer management in Protected Areas, economic benefits of charter for sustainable tourism, communication skill for N2000 managers, amongst many other. EUROPARC produces around seven major project applications per year, of which approximately two are successful. This is the going rate!
- Assist members to find suitable partners for their own European projects
- Administer the Charter for sustainable tourism in Protected Areas
- Administer the Transboundary programme
- With camp hosts, plan, fund and organise a European Junior Ranger camp annually.
- Look for continuous development of existing and new programmes, which would benefit Protected Areas in Europe. E.g. sustainable agriculture, new developments in youth work and volunteering, specific habitat and species management, Protected Areas management effectiveness, research in Protected Areas
- Management and support of the work of the EUROPARC council and working group. Extensive staff time is utilised to support the huge volunteer effort undertaken by council and working groups and committee members.
- Liaison with international bodies on behalf of European Protected Areas, e.g. WCPA, IUCN, IRF, and our MOU partners.