



## Action for Youth in Parks

'Youth in Action' Programme

EUROPARC is starting this month a new international project on youth environmental education: Action for youth in Parks. This project, which is co-financed with the support of the "Youth in Action Programme" of the European Union, has been developed together with the International Ranger Federation and will be implemented in partnership with the Danish, the Romanian and the Scottish Ranger Associations.

The project is seeking to improve quality standard in the delivery of youth environmental education across Europe and, through a better coordination of European Rangers, to enhance opportunities for young people to participate in Junior Ranger activities and new youth environmental education programmes in protected areas. The project will seek to produce an agreed course of action, identify new project opportunities and a road map for future training of rangers in youth education.

Many excellent programmes already exist, but there is a clear need to share views and to better coordinate efforts, finding common guidelines to improve the quality of their work with youths.

The core project activity will be a four day participatory workshop which will take place in an environmental education centre in Denmark from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2011. The workshop will examine Rangers' training needs, enable the sharing of experiences and best practice of youth education, look at how to develop common guidelines for youth environmental programmes, deliver better focused training for Rangers and promote new projects for youth in parks. Participants will come from: France, Finland, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, UK, Hungary, Romania, Austria, Sweden, Poland, Spain, Slovak Republic.

A final project report showing the analysis of what is needed to improve the quality of youth environmental education, will be produced and distributed to the network of European protected areas at beginning of 2012.

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