

# Charter Award Ceremony 2016

## Programme



European Parliament  
**7<sup>th</sup> December**

To celebrate the work of protected areas towards the implementation of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, the **EUROPARC Federation** and the **Patronat de Turisme Costa Brava Girona** (Catalonia, Spain), are delighted to invite you in Brussels, on the 7th December, for the Charter award ceremony 2016.

The Award Ceremony will take place at the European Parliament, kindly hosted by the Member of the European Parliament (MEP) **Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**, from the **Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe**.



It will be an outstanding opportunity to celebrate successes, looking at the **benefits that sustainable tourism strategies provide for people, environment and local economy within protected areas**.

The ceremony will be once more a chance to raise the voice of Protected Areas at the highest European institutional level, with the opportunity to share good practices and case studies from the ground.

**Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission and Members of the Committee of the Regions will contribute to the debate, providing the EU perspective, with highlights on recent policy developments and upcoming priorities.**

The event is addressed to Protected Areas, local authorities, tourism experts and verifiers, partner businesses and tour operators, EU Institutions representatives, NGOs and other interested organisations.

After the award ceremony, the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the EU will welcome speakers, awardees and participants to join for **a side event and a cocktail in the Catalanian representation office**.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Charter Award Ceremony, European Parliament

**European Parliament, Place de Luxembourg, Brussels**

**Building: Paul-Henri Spaak; Room: P5B001**

### 08:00 Registrations of participants

*(Meeting at the entrance Altiero Spinelli of the European Parliament: see detailed instructions attached)*

### 09:00 Welcome and introduction

**MEP Ramon Tremosa i Balcells (ALDE)**

**Jaume Dulsat, Representative of the Patronat de Turisme Costa Brava Girona**

**Carol Ritchie, Executive Director - EUROPARC Federation**

*The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, benefits for people and for nature.*

### 09:30 Awards to new Charter Parks

Moderated by **Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer**

**EUROPARC Federation**

#### **Greece**

National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge  
Chelmos Vouraikos National Park & Unesco Global Geopark

#### **Spain**

Parc Natural del Montgrí, les Illes Medes i el Baix Ter  
Parc Natural de Montsant

#### **Portugal**

Terras do Lince

### 10:00 The value of biodiversity in the EU and the role of parks: benefits for people and local economy

**Nicola Notaro, Head of the Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission**

### 10:10 Awards to new Charter Parks

#### **Italy**

Parco Nazionale Arcipelago Toscano  
Parco Nazionale del Cilento Vallo di Diano ed Alburni  
Ente di Gestione delle Aree Protette del Monviso  
Area Marina Protetta e Riserva Naturale dello Stato di Torre Guaceto  
Riserva Naturale Statale Gola del Furlo

#### **Italy/Slovenia**

Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps (Prealpi Giulie NP/  
Triglav NP)

### 10:40 Implementing a sustainable tourism strategy in a Transboundary protected area

Representative of **Triglav National Park** and **Prealpi Giulie Regional Park**

Greetings from **MEP Igor Šoltes** (Slovenia) and **MEP Isabella de Monte** (Italy)

### 11:00 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

#### **France**

Parc naturel régional des Alpilles  
Syndicat mixte du Parc naturel régional Livradois-Forez  
Parc naturel régional du Vercors

#### **United Kingdom**

The Broads National Park

### 11:20 The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism: values and benefits for parks

**Bruce Hanson, The Broads Authority (UK)**

### 11:25 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

#### **Spain**

Parque Nacional de Cabañeros  
Parque Natural Montseny  
Parque Natural de Sant Llorenç del Munt i L'Obac  
Parc Natural de la Zona Volcànica de la Garrotxa

### 11:45 Conclusions

**Carol Ritchie, Executive Director - EUROPARC Federation**

*At the end of the Award Ceremony we invite all the participants to gather for the official group picture.*

### 12:00 Transfer to the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia

**Espai Catalunya Europa**

**Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union, Wetstraat 227 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels**



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## Side Event and Cocktail

### Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the EU

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The **Girona Provincial Council's Costa Brava Girona Tourist Board**, the **Catalan Tourist Board** and the **Government of Catalonia's Department of Territory and Sustainability** are pleased to invite you to the presentation of the Costa Brava and Girona Pyrenees's nature tourism and natural parks, which will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union's Espai Catalunya Europa.

The event will foresee the participation of the EUROPARC Federation, all Charter Parks awarded, all the participants at the Award Ceremony, specialized press and NECSTouR - Network of European Regions for Competitive and Sustainable Tourism.

Guests will enjoy a **gourmet lunch** prepared with *Girona Excel-lent products* during the side event.

### Invited Authorities

**European Parliament - MEP Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Government of Catalonia**

**Diputació de Girona**

**Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board**

**EUROPARC Federation**

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#### 12:45 Guests' arrival

**Welcome by authorities**

**Intervention Josep Maria Prats**

Tourism in natural parks accredited with the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas and the relationship with tourist organisations - the case study from the *Zona Volcanica de la Garrotxa Nature Park*.

**Gourmet lunch and networking among the guests**

#### 15:00 End of the event

## Extra information

### Accommodation

As prices fluctuate from day to day in Brussels, follow the links to find an accommodation:

[Option 1](#)

[Option 2](#)

[Option 3](#)

[Here](#) some information on how to reach the city centre from the airports.

We kindly recommend arriving at 8:00 am for the registration procedure.

**The ceremony will be in English.**

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