

Workshop 4 A New alternative solution for Protected Area Management

9 participants from 8 countries

1. Main successes and Challenges raised by the participants during the workshop

In Finland, Friends of Bothnian Sea National Park are involved in activities such as environmental education, guidance in the park, preserving cultural heritage, landscape management. Organising a community based field inventory and digital publishing of fishing culture, developing art products basing on the knowledge gathered in the field inventory, delivering the case information to the researchers. They have applied to a Research project proposal Horizon 2020 Social-ecological creativity in multi-actor knowledge production for implementable policy (CRESES)

In Brazil, Instituto Semeia became a benchmark in the articulation of public and private sectors in order to develop innovative and sustainable management models for protected areas. Visitor management and rise of local sustainable tourism where main examples in the presentation.

In Estonia, the governmental organisation - Environmental Board - gives cattle and moving equipment to interested farmers under contracts of public service in order to sustain proper meadow management.

Challenges: There is not a “one size fits all” model, participatory approach is crucial (public consultation, public audiences, competitive dialogue)

2. What new voices, new visions are needed to be brought in and heard on this topic?

- PPPs (public-private-partnership) are way more than solutions for budget constraints
- PPPs must promote a win-win-win situation
- Unconsolidated parks may require integrated PPPs

3. How can EUROPARC enable this “new voices” to be included?

- EUROPARC would collect more case studies and share with members. Lot of examples in Brazil.
- Members of the workshop were interested more in cultural heritage and they asked to arrange EUROPARC commission of Cultural heritage protection in PA.