



**EUROPARC**  
FEDERATION



## ELECTIONS FOR A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPARC FEDERATION

2018-2020

Application and Motivation letter\*

**Applicant information**

**Last name/ Surname :** Peters

**First name :** Laura

**Age :** 23

**Current occupation** (if student specify the area): Student (biology)

**Name of the EUROPARC member supporting you:** IVN – Institute for Nature Education and Weerribben-Wieden National Park

**Relevant activities you took part in your protected area, in the past years:** The Junior Ranger and Youth+ Programme, organising activities and (International) camps

**Activities you took part in, organised by EUROPARC Federation:** Europarc Conferences; Youth Manifesto Workshops in Finland and Scotland; Council meetings; Junior Ranger and Youth+ Programme.

*What are your motives for applying to this position? What are your experiences so far?*

*How do you wish to contribute to the work of the EUROPARC Council?*

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Laura Peters, I am 23 years old and I am (at the moment) studying Tropical Ecology and Ecosystems. For the past two years I have been active as the EUROPARC Youth+ Representative and I have learned a lot about the workings of the federation and being part of a Council.

In order to fulfill my part as the Youth+ Representative I have attended the EUROPARC Council meetings where possible and have started the Youth+ Council as well, in order to really get the voice of the youth in there instead of just my own.

So even though my two years are now at its end, I would love to continue being the Youth+ Representative for the next two years. As I said in my video, I feel like the first year of my term has really been about learning how everything works and the second year being about creating a structure and defining the Youth+ programme.

The next two years I would like to focus on getting the defined structures implemented, getting more Youth+ involved and getting new Youth+ Council members so I can voice the experiences and views of youth from an even broader area.

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