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## Seminar-Dialogue with DG Environment

Partnerships for biodiversity:  
European policies and the  
role of Protected Areas

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**EUROPARC**  
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**Thursday, 06.12.2018 (16:00 – 18:00)**

*EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels*

**Friday, 07.12.2018, (09:00 – 16:00)**

*DG Environment, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels*

On the 7th December, **EUROPARC members will have the chance to sit with the European Commission** to share their experience and needs for the effective management of Natura 2000. By bringing together representatives of the DG ENVI, DG AGRI and DG EAC and protected area professionals, EUROPARC aims to **highlight the contribution of Protected Areas to the achievement of the European policy goals**, whilst giving the European Commission a clear insight of the challenges faced by professionals in the field.

The Seminar will count with interventions from EUROPARC members and from the different DGs, who will share the latest policy updates and funding opportunities. Following the [successful Seminar-Dialogue organised last year](#), EUROPARC and the European Commission DG Environment have set up a programme focused on four key areas:

- Managing Natura 2000: funding, opportunities and challenges
- Building partnerships for Sustainable Agriculture
- Nature and Culture: Protected Areas connecting people to their heritage and identity
- Youth involvement: the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

The event will be anticipated by an internal meeting only for EUROPARC members, on Thursday 06.12.2018 between 15:00 and 18:00 at the EUROPARC Federation Brussels Office.

**Places are limited**, but we look forward to welcoming as many members as possible to Brussels.

*. Participation is free of charge but registration is mandatory.*

**[Please register here.](#)**



# Agenda

**Thursday, 06.12.2018** (*exclusive for EUROPARC members*)

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*EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard L.  
Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels*

**16:00 – 18:00 Introduction of the event**

- Registration of participants

- Welcome from EUROPARC Federation
- Presentation of the EUROPARC activities in Brussels
- Presentation of the seminar's aims and participants expectations

**18:00 – 20:00 Networking dinner**

**Friday, 07.12.2018, DG Environment**

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*European Commission, DG ENVI, DG Environment, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels*

**9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants**

**9:30 – 10:00 Welcome**

- **Welcome from DG Environment**  
*By Nicola Notaro, Head of Unit, DG ENVI*
- **Introduction of the Seminar**  
*by Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation*
- **Official handover handover of the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto to Humberto Delgado Rosa,**  
*Director, Natural Capital, DG ENVI*
- **Periurban parks: Their place in EU policy**  
*by Teresa Pastor, in charge of Periurban Parks, EUROPARC Federation*

**10:00 – 11:30 Improving the management of Natura 2000: the role of Protected Areas**

**EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS**

- **Habitats and species management in Latvia: achievements, actions and challenges ahead**  
*by Juris Jatnieks, Director General of Latvian Nature Conservation agency*
- **Natura 2000 management in regional parks: challenges, needs and successes**  
*Massimiliano Costa, Director of Management Body of Parks and Biodiversity, Romagna, Italy*
- **Supporting e-learning and capacity building for Natura 2000 managers - LIFE e-Natura2000.edu**  
*by Neil McIntosh, Project manager, EUROPARC Federation*
- **THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE**
- **The Nature Action Plan state of play: what is in it for Parks?**  
*by Patrick Dietz, DG Environment*
- **The Green list and Natura 2000**  
*by Frank Vassen, DG Environment*

**Interactive debate**



### 11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

### 11:45 – 13:15 Building partnerships for sustainable agriculture

- **Introduction and EUROPARC Policy Paper on Sustainable Agriculture and Protected Areas**  
*by Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer, EUROPARC Federation*
- **Protected Areas and the proposal of a pilot project to develop a Charter**  
*By Stefania Petrosillo and Guido Calvi, EUROPARC Commission for Sustainable Agriculture*
- **EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS**
- **The CAP in regional parks in France**  
*by France Drugmant, French Federation of Regional Parks, France*
- **THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE**
- **The EU financial framework post-2020: update on the CAP Reform**  
*by DG Agriculture*
- **Role and challenges of parks in the management/promotion of agro-environmental measures**  
*by Guido Calvi, Adamello Regional Park, Italy*
- **The EU financial framework post-2020: the PAF (conservation and restoration needs), Life/Strategic Nature Projects, ERDF/ Cohesion fund, EMFF**  
*by Frank Vassen, DG Environment*
- **Result of the work done by the EUROPARC Commission on Sustainable Agriculture and**
- **Interactive debate**

### 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch break

### 14:15 – 15:45 Nature and Culture in dialogue: protected areas connecting people to their heritage and identity

- **The results of the event Nature and Culture in Dialogue**  
*By Fotios Papoulias, DG Environment, and Gaia Fermanelli, Policy assistant, EUROPARC Federation*
- **Official handover of the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto to Alessandro Senesi, Deputy Head of Unit, Dir. B Youth, Education and Erasmus+, DG Education and Culture**
- **Introduction to Junior Ranger and Youth+ programmes**  
*by Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation*
- **The new EU Youth Strategy**  
*by Alessandro Senesi, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture*
- **The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto**  
*By Laura Peters, Youth representative, Council of the EUROPARC Federation*
- **Interactive debate**

### 15:30 – 16:00 Conclusions *by DG Environment and EUROPARC Federation*



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