



**EUROPARC**  
Sustainable Tourism  
in Protected Areas

## Charter Award Ceremony 2019



2<sup>nd</sup> December  
14:00 - 18:00



Event kindly hosted by Mr Roby Biber,  
Vice-Chair of the ENVE Commission of the  
Committee of the Regions



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### **FINAL PROGRAMME**

**2ND OF DECEMBER 2019, H. 14-18**

**ROOM JDE51, COMMITTEE OF REGIONS, BRUSSELS**

**HOSTED BY ROBY BIWER, VICE-CHAIR OF ENVE COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

We are proud to invite you to the **Charter Award Ceremony 2019**, our annual high-level event hosted in Brussels, to recognise the work of Protected Areas towards achieving sustainability in tourism. This year we will celebrate the successful applications of **16 EUROPARC Sustainable Destinations**, some of them awarded for the first time while others, that have implemented the methodology before, will be awarded for the renewal of their commitment.

A remarkable new aspect of the Charter Award Ceremony this year, is the official announcement of the winners of **EUROPARC Star Awards**, a prize to champion and acknowledge the effort and investments made by **tourism businesses working with our Sustainable Destinations across Europe**.

During the ceremony, we will hear first-hand insights from the Sustainable Destinations that will be awarded and look at the **importance of establishing private-public partnerships towards a sustainable development of Europe's rural territories**.

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

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

**Monday, 02.12.2019, COMMITTEE OF REGIONS, BRUSSELS**

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*ROOM JDE51, Batiment Jacques Delors, Rue Belliard 99/101, 1040 Brussels*

**13:00 – 14:00 Registration of participants**

**14:00 – 14:20 Welcome**

- **Welcome from the Committee of the Regions**  
*By Roby Biber, Vice-chair of ENVE Commission*
  - **Introduction to Charter Award Ceremony 2019**  
*By Ignace Schops, President, EUROPARC Federation*
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## **PART I: CHARTER PARKS AWARDS**

*Presented by Carol Ritchie, EUROPARC Federation Executive Director, and Patrizia Rossi, Chair of the Charter Evaluation Committee*

**14:20 – 14:40 Charter Awards: the new certified areas (\*)**

*IT – Maremma Regional Park*

*EE – Lahemaa National Park*

*ES – Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Nature Park*

*IT – Stelvio National Park*

**14:40 – 14:45 The Charter and the cooperation between regions and provinces in the National Park**

*Stefania Petrosillo, EUROPARC Federation Policy officer interviews the Stelvio National Park*

**14:45 – 15:05 Charter Awards: the renewed certified areas (\*)**

*IT – Sibillini National Park*

*IT – Torre Cerrano Marine Protected Area*

*IT- Alta Murgia National Park*

*IT – Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park*

**15:05 – 15:10 The Charter and the project “CEETO– Central Europe Eco-Tourism: tools for nature protection”**

*Stefania Petrosillo, EUROPARC Federation Policy Officer, presents the CEETO project and interviews Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park*

**14:10 – 15:30 Charter Awards: the renewed certified areas (\*)**

*ES – Sierra Nevada National Park*

*IT – Colline Metallifere National Park*

*FR – Loire Anjou Touraine Nature Regional Park*

*PT – Montanhas Mágicas/Magic Mountains*

**15:30 – 15:35 The Charter for rural local development**

*Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer of EUROPARC Federation interviews Montanhas Mágicas*

**15:35 – 15:55 Charter Awards: the renewed certified areas (\*)**

*LT – Zemaitija National Park*

*ES – Donana National Park*

*IT – Pollino National Park*

*FI – Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park*

**15:55 – 16:15 Coffee Break**

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**PART II: EUROPARC STAR AWARDS**

*Jointly presented by Phil Holden, Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Manager, and Carol Ritchie, EUROPARC Federation Executive Director*

**16:15 – 16:40 Winners of the categories**

- Building my Community
- Communicating the Values of my Park and my Business
- Reducing impact on the Environment
- Contribution to Conservation
- Innovation

**16:40 – 17:00 Conclusions** *by the Committee of the Regions and EUROPARC Federation*

*Roby Biwer, Vice-chair of ENVE Commission, CoR*

*Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation*

**17:00 – 18:00 End of the ceremony, official “family” picture**

**Networking Celebration Cocktail**

*(\*) Order can be changed*



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