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Seminar-Dialogue
with DG Environment 2019

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Partnerships for Biodiversity
European policies and the role of Protected Areas
2019 Seminar-dialogue with European Commission

*Organized in cooperation with DG ENV,
with the participation of DG GROW and DG REGIO*

Monday, 28.10.2019 (16:00 – 18:00)

EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels

Tuesday, 29.10.2019, (09:00 – 16:00)

DG Environnement, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

On the 29th of October, **EUROPARC members will have a new 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 ENV, DG GROW and DG REGIO 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 in [2017](#) and [2018](#), EUROPARC and the European Commission DG Environment have set up a programme focused on the following key areas:

- Management of Natura 2000 and cross-border cooperation
- Building partnerships with tourism and farming sectors for Rural Development
- Youth involvement in the Protected Areas

The event will be anticipated by an internal meeting only for EUROPARC members, on 28th of October between 16:00 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.](#)

Final Agenda

Monday, 28.10.2019 (*exclusive for EUROPARC members*)

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

16:00 – 18:00 Introduction of the event

- Welcome from EUROPARC Federation
- Presentation of the new European Parliament and Commission and the EUROPARC activities in Brussels
- Presentation of the seminar's aims and participants expectation

17:00 – 21:00 Networking dinner

Tuesday, 29.10.2019, DG Environment

European Commission, DG ENVI, DG Environnement, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants

9:30 Welcome

- **Welcome from DG Environment**
By Nicola Notaro, Head of Unit, DG ENVI
- **Introduction of the Seminar's aims and Agenda by EUROPARC**
By Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation

9:50 – 12:00 Session: The management of Natura 2000: tools and partnership with neighbours and youth for nature conservation

- **Introduction about the EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Program**
By Stefania Petrosillo, EUROPARC Federation

EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS

- **Habitats Experience from the EUROPARC Transboundary Park Program: joint management planning of in Neusiedler See-Seewinkel National Park (AU) and Fertő-Hanság National Park (HU)**
By Harald Grabenhofer, Neusiedler See-Seewinkel (AU)
- **EUROPARC Youth MANIFESTO in action: how to involve young in the management and in the life of the Yorkshire Dales National Park**
By Katy Foxford, Yorkshire Dales National Park (UK)
- **A new concrete tool for visitors carrying capacity in Natura 2000 and Protected Areas**
By Diego García Ventura, EUROPARC Spain

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE

- **The preparation of the new EU Biodiversity Strategy and the link with the EU new Green Deal and the future EU's long-term budget (the Multiannual financial framework -MFF)**



By Nicola Notaro, DG ENVI

- **The Cross-border cooperation perspective from DG REGIO : priorities, challenges, tools and financing**

By Maud Skäringer, DG REGIO

INTERACTIVE DEBATE

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 15:30 Session: Rural development in Natura 2000 and Protected Areas: *building partnerships with business for sustainable development*

- **Introduction about the new EUROPARC CHARTER STARS AWARD for tourism business, and update about EUROPARC's work on sustainable agriculture**

By Carol Ritchie, EUROPARC Federation

EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS AND THEIR BUSINESS PARTNERS

- **Ecotourism and sustainable farming as a driving force for rural areas: experience of a young entrepreneur**

By Victor Quei Vitorino, Casa de Ecoturism Quei Victorino (Spain)

- **Park and private working together to protect nature and to develop local economy**

By Sophie Podou, GECT Parc Européen | Parco Europeo Alpi Marittime-Mercantour (Italy/France)

By Michela Formento, Casa Alpina, (Italy/France)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE

- **DG ENV actions on Natura 2000 and tourism**

By Sofia Pachini, DG ENVI

- **On-going actions to enhance the contribution of private landowners to nature conservation inside and outside protected areas**

By Anne-Sophie Mulier, ELO

- **The results of an IUCN project on Green Listing for Natura 2000 as potential tool to improve management effectiveness.**

By Micheal O'Brien, DG ENVI

- **Short update about sustainable tourism in DG Grow**

By Irati Icardo Isasa, DG GROW

INTERACTIVE DEBATE

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

Nicola Notaro, Head of Unit, DG ENVI

Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation



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