



**EUROPARC**  
F E D E R A T I O N

## **New strategy consultation with EUROPARC members**

Hello,

We are happy to see you here :)

EUROPARC is a member's association. You, the members are vital to shape and prioritise how and what the organisation delivers.

Your opinion is important to us. Your contribution, with concrete inputs from the field, will feed into our new Strategy. It will enable us to plan effectively, ensuring that we actively support the work of Protected Areas in Europe.

We would very much appreciate if you could complete the questionnaire. We know your time is precious. It should only take 20 minutes.

Thank you in advance,

The EUROPARC Team

*P.S. We would recommend that you provide ONE collective answer per member organisation*

# Welcome!

**1-1.** What organisation do you represent?

**1-2.** Your organisation's membership number? *[If you do not know it by heart, check in the invitation email we sent you]*

**1-3.** Your first name?

**1-4.** Your last name?

**1-5.** Your job title?

**1-6.** Your email address?

## Section 2. Let us have a look at the big picture first.

*Before we get deeper, please share with us your insights about your achievements over the last 5 years and where we should be heading to in the future.*

**2-1.** What are your organisation's 3 main achievements over the last 5 years?

- Achievement 1: *[Please fill in]*
- Achievement 2: *[Please fill in]*
- Achievement 3: *[Please fill in]*

**2-2.** How do you think the EUROPARC Federation has helped you achieve your goals?

*[Please explain briefly.]*

**2-3.** What are your organisation's 3 main priorities for the next 5 years?

- Priority 1: *[Please fill in]*
- Priority 2: *[Please fill in]*

- Priority 3: *[Please fill in]*

**2-4.** How do you think the EUROPARC Federation can help you achieve your goals in the future?

*[Please explain briefly.]*

## Section 3: AREAS OF WORK

*In this section, we are looking to identify your priority AREAS OF WORK. It will help EUROPARC focus its work in the future, by continuing the existing work and by developing new areas.*

*We clustered the areas of work into 3 categories: Nature Conservation (1), Stakeholders and/or Community Engagement (2), Sustainable Development (3).*

**3-1.** To achieve your NATURE CONSERVATION objectives, which of the following AREAS OF WORK will you address as a priority in the future?

*[please select 3 that you consider a priority for your work in the coming years]*

- **Repairing and restoring the fragmentation of nature** and recreating links and connections at landscape scale to enable species to migrate as part of their life pattern or to move to new climate/habitat spaces that better suit them. It includes working on green infrastructure and nature-based solutions.
- Influencing/working with **agriculture and forestry** to support transition to nature friendly approaches and a better use of local resources
- Managing human **leisure** uses, so they are compatible with nature and landscapes (tourism, hunting, fishing, outdoors sports...) and influencing nature-friendly approaches
- Combating the overexploitation of **wild species**: overfishing, deforestation, poaching and supporting sustainable resources use
- **Cultural heritage** conservation
- Delivering **clean water, air and soil health** and influencing others to avoid **pollution**
- Mitigating and/or adapting to **climate change effects** (flood, drought, heat)
- **Periurban** nature conservation

- **Integrated and holistic land management** (landscape or large-scale nature conservation)
- Management of **invasive species**
- Coexistence with **large carnivores**
- Conservation of endangered **habitats and species** (incl. N2000 Management)
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**3-2.** Please tell us more about your **priority areas of work** to achieve your NATURE CONSERVATION objectives in the future

**3-3.** STAKEHOLDERS and/or COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. Which of the following groups is your organisation seeking to build partnerships with?

*[Please select 3 that you consider a priority for your work in the coming years]*

- **Farmers or foresters** active in or around the Protected Area
- Local **industries (secondary sector** *eg.* heavy industries, manufacturing, food processing, energy production, ... )
- **Local service providers (tertiary sector** *eg.* education, finance, entertainment or other services not directly related to the use of nature)
- **Healthcare** sector
- **Leisure organizers** (agencies, guides, tour operators ... in tourism, hunting, fishing, outdoors sports...)
- **Leisure Users** (trekkers, divers, bikers, bird watchers, surfers, boaters, hunters, fishermen, ....)
- Other public bodies working on **land planning**
- **Other Protected Areas** that have the **same conservation objectives**
- **Other Protected Areas** to develop nature **connectivity** and ecological continuity
- **Other organisations or institutions** (*eg.* active on local development, water management, climate change, ... which can have a conflicting or synergetic agenda)
- **Scientific community:** researchers, universities,...
- **Local communities** (inhabitants, ... in and around the Protected Area )

- **Local councils and governments**
- **Youth** (schools, environmental education...)
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**3-4.** Please tell us more about your priority areas of work to achieve your STAKEHOLDERS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT objectives in the future

**3-5.** In order to implement SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT in your Protected Area, which of the following AREAS OF WORK are you considering to address over the coming years?  
*[Please select 3 AREAS OF WORK that you are considering to address over the coming years]*

- Measures to support a **sustainable local economy**
- Measures to value the role of nature for **health and well-being**
- Measures to reduce the **consumption of natural resources** (water, soil...), to reduce waste production and air pollution.
- Measures to address **climate change** adaptation and mitigation
- Measures to improve the **place of nature in the local development strategy** ? (eg. to build a sustainable and resilient territory)
- Measures to support **circular economy**
- Measures to develop **soft mobility**. Developing new form or alternative mobility
- Measures to support **capacity building** for Protected Area managing authorities and staff
- Measures to **raise awareness** about nature conservation with local communities
- Development of **innovative governance models** and participatory approaches
- Education and **participation programs for local youth**
- Measures for **social inclusion (incl. inter-generational approaches)**
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**3-6.** Please tell us more about your priority areas of work to achieve your SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT objectives in the future

## Sections 4: Anything new?

**4-1.** Thinking beyond the nature sector, what are **the trends and changes** around us that we need to factor into our new strategy?

**4-2.** Of the **existing or emerging new approaches** to managing the environment, which do you think will have the biggest impact on Protected Areas and so the work of EUROPARC?  
*[Please select 3 existing or emerging new approaches to managing the environment]*

- Nature-based solutions
- Restoration (incl. reforestation)
- Rewilding
- Ecosystem goods and services valuation
- Strategic green/blue infrastructure (connectivity across landscapes and urban areas)
- Integrated thinking, across sectors and actors.
- New money - (e.g water companies investing up stream on water quality, or authorities funding soft flood management, insurance funding to reduce risk to properties, philanthropic investment, ethical saving and pension funds)
- New money - Carbon capture and trading for net zero
- EU Green new deal
- Sharing power - Co-design and co- delivery of area management (sharing power to plan change and resources and responsibilities to implement it)
- Big ideas - Building an ecological civilization, a shared future for all life on earth as expressed in the UN Convention on Biological Diversity program
- Big ideas - Reaching Sustainable Development Goals
- Big ideas: Transform the local agricultural systems
- Use of technology for communication
- Use of technology for monitoring
- Use of technology for management

- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**4-3.** Taking into account current nature conservation trends in your region and country, as well as current crises and their impacts, can you anticipate **other areas of work that will become relevant** for Protected Areas in the coming years, and where a network as EUROPARC could be of support?

*[Please explain briefly.]*

**4-4.** What projects are you currently developing? How would you envision partnerships with EUROPARC? What kind of support could be beneficial?

*[Please explain briefly.]*

## **Section 5: ACTIVITIES**

*EUROPARC is working to facilitate international cooperation for the benefit of nature and people. We mainly do so through the development of communication and capacity building tools, networking activities, facilitation of expert groups, and lobbying to European Institutions.*

*In this section, we would like to understand in which activities the energy of the federation's network should be focused in the future.*

### **Let us look at your past experience first**

**5-1.** In your opinion, what have been **the 3 most valuable services** provided by the EUROPARC Federation for your organisation?

*[Please select 3]*

- Networking and knowledge sharing (EUROPARC Annual Conference, workshops, ...)
- Capacity building and learning tools (seminars, webinars, workshops, ...)
- Technical publications (case studies, tool kits, guidelines, ...)
- Expert groups (EUROPARC commissions and task forces on topics such as health, agriculture, climate change, Natura2000)

- General communication (Newsletter, social media, publications, website)
- Representation to the EU institutions
- EUROPARC's programmes (Transboundary cooperation, European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, Junior Ranger, Youth+, ...)
- Development of pan-European projects (LIFE Edu, NaturAdapt, Impact, ...)

**5-2.** What EUROPARC services has your organisation used or been involved in over the last 5 years?

*[Please select as many as necessary]*

- Networking and knowledge sharing (Annual EUROPARC Conference, workshops, ...)
- Capacity building and learning tools (seminars, webinars, workshops, ...)
- Technical publications (case studies, tool kits, guidelines, ...)
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**5-3.** How would you **rate** the following services provided by the EUROPARC Federation for your organisation? 1 (Bad) to 6 (Excellent)

*[Please, rate from 1 to 6, each of them]*

- Networking and knowledge sharing (Annual EUROPARC Conference, workshops, ...)
- Capacity building and learning tools (seminars, webinars, workshops, ...)
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**5-4.** How likely are you to recommend the EUROPARC Federation membership to a colleague or peer? 1 (Not at all) to 10 (Extremely)

*[Please rate from 1 to 10]*

## **Section 6: Looking into the future ACTIVITIES**

### **Capacity Building**

**6-1.** Taking into account your working priorities for the future, **which are the 3 main training needs** that you can identify for your organisation and staff?

*"To achieve my organisation goals, I and/or my organisation need training in..."*

- Training need 1: *[Please fill in]*
- Training need 2: *[Please fill in]*
- Training need 3: *[Please fill in]*

### **Networking**

**6-2.** When networking, what are you trying to achieve?

*[Please select as many as necessary]*

- Find project partners
- Discuss technical or management issues
- Get inspiration
- Represent my organisation and share its work and achievements
- Discover new resources, tools and best practices to take back to my protected area

- Make like-minded friends
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**6-3. Who** do you want to meet in those events?

- Protected Area management teams
- Researchers
- Protected Area technical staff, rangers, communication, visitor managers
- Representatives from EU institutions
- People from my "region"?
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

### **Lobbying and representation to the European Union**

*By European Union, we mean the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, the European Council ....*

**6-4.** Based on your management experience, in **what policy areas** would you need support from EUROPARC in representing your interests at the European Union level?

*[Please select 3 policy areas]*

- Birds and Habitats Directives – Natura 2000
- Common Agriculture Policy
- Fisheries Policy
- Water Framework Directive
- Soil Directive
- Climate related policies
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Forestry strategy

- European territorial cooperation programs
- Coastal and marine policies
- LIFE program
- Tourism policies
- Youth related initiatives
- Nature restoration policies
- Species protection and management: large carnivores, pollinators, invasive species
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**6-5.** Based on your management experience, in what other **supra national institutions** would you need support from EUROPARC in representing your interests?

- Council of Europe (Bern Convention)
- Convention of the parties on Climate
- Convention of Biological Diversity
- United Nations
- UNESCO
- IUCN
- World Health Organisation
- World Tourism Organisation
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**6-6.** What type of information would you like to receive from EUROPARC about the supranational institutions such as Council of Europe, WHO... ?

## **Communication**

**6-7.** Which **communication channels** do you prefer to receive information from EUROPARC ? *[Please select the ones you are actively using.]*

- Direct mail
- Newsletter
- Social media (FB, Twitter, Li)
- Chats (Whatsapp, messenger,...)
- Website
- Paper mail
- Annual Journal (Protected Areas In-Sight)

**6-8. On which social media platforms would you like to receive information from EUROPARC?**

*[Please select the ones you are actively using to read about EUROPARC.]*

- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Instagram
- WhatsApp
- None of them
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**6-9. Select the 3 most important type of information that you would like to receive from EUROPARC.**

*[Please select 3]*

- European Policy updates
- Development and implementation of management solutions
- Call for funding opportunities
- Opportunities to find project partners
- Case studies / best practice from the network

- Updates on EUROPARC activities and programs
- Resources - eg publications, studies, useful links to other websites
- Interesting fun facts, to lighten your day
- Internal information about the Federation
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**6-10.** We would like to improve our **E-News**. Which one would you prefer?

- Don't change it, I like it like that - Comprehensive/monthly
- Shorter and more frequent.
- Topic-based (tourism, agriculture, EU policy updates...)
- Don't bother, I don't read them.

**6-11.** From your experience, do you have any suggestions of how EUROPARC could improve its communication with members?

## **Section 7: We would like to know your organisation better?**

**7-1.** What is the official name of your organisation?

**7-2.** What is your country?

**7-3.** Is your organisation a member of a EUROPARC Section?

- Yes
- No
- There is no section in my region

**7-4.** If yes, which one?

**7-5.** Are you a park or protected area? Yes/No

**7-6.** If **NO**, please select the option that better describes you.

- Organisation working at a local level below regional within a region or country
- Organisation working at a regional level within a country
- Organisation working at a national or federal level within one country
- Organisation working at an international level, across two or more countries
- NGOs and other supporting organisations
- Individual or honorary member

**7-7.** If **YES**, please select the option(s) that better describe you

- National Park
- Nature Regional, Nature or Landscape Park
- Periurban Park
- Marine Reserve / Marine Protected Area
- Ramsar site
- Natura 2000 site
- Important Bird Area
- International Dark Sky Park
- Geopark
- Man and Biosphere Reserve
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Other: *[Please fill in]*

**7-8.** In which **biogeographical region** is your protected area(s)?

- Alpine
- Anatolia
- Arctic
- Atlantic

- Black Sea
- Boreal
- Continental
- Macaronesian
- Pannonian
- Steppic

**7-9. What **habitats** are represented in your protected area?**

- Coastal habitats
- Forest habitats
- Grassland habitats
- Marine habitats
- Rocky habitats
- Wetlands (including deltas, lakes and rivers)

**7-10. What type of **Socio-economic activities** are there within your protected area?**

- Agriculture
- Livestock production
- Forestry
- Fishing
- Water reservoirs
- Military
- Industry
- Tourism
- Recreational hunting / fishing
- Housing development

- Other: *[Please fill in]*

### **Data privacy**

8-1. Do you agree that the information entered in this form can be used to feed into EUROPARC's strategic consultation. Anonymized data may be published during that process. The personal contact details may only be used to contact you for further inquiries if necessary?

- Yes
- No

*I'm done :) Send my answers for processing...*