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## EUROPARC Federation eNews

January-February 2020

Dear readers,

2019 was a year of unprecedented awareness raising on the need to change - for climate, for people, for life on earth. Either you are among the old-schools who have been advocating for nature protection over the last decades, or a youngster striking for climate, you certainly feel this wave of awareness. Now, it is in our hands to surf this wave of change, and ensure that once it weakens, the structures, competences and skills needed for the change to happen are in place.

This is why, in 2020, our **EUROPARC members will have access to ground breaking capacity building opportunities and innovative ways of networking** with nature professionals. Right now, registration for the ["Natura 2000 in practice" Spring School is open](#), and is the call for the [Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarship](#) for young professionals.

Talking about "change", in 2020, new **EUROPARC Council members & President will be elected, in October 27-30 at Neusiedler See-Seewinkel National Park**. This might be **your** opportunity to join the strategic heads of the EUROPARC Federation and contribute to the largest network of Protected Areas in Europe. The call for candidates will open in March. Meanwhile, we will need the help of all our members to define the next **EUROPARC Strategy**. Early next month, **we will ask for your inputs through an online**. We are keen to make sure that every member has a say!

From our office in Brussels, we share with you our latest paper highlighting the role of Protected Areas as key actors for the next [EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy](#) and a [personal statement on Brexit](#) by EUROPARC Executive Director.

**p.s. Please note that we have new email addresses!** Please update your contact list, [here you'll find the new email addresses](#) of the Federation and staff members.

We wish good readings,  
EUROPARC Directorate

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## Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarship 2020

Investing in young professionals working for Protected Areas

EUROPARC Federation and the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. are proud to announce the call for the *Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships 2020*, an opportunity for young professionals working for the benefit of Protected Areas.

Each scholarship is worth **€3.000** and enables successful applicants to undertake a study visit to Protected Areas in European countries. Candidates must be under 35, have a European nationality and be employed by a Protected Area or nature conservation organisation. All information at [europarc.org/natural-heritage-scholarships](http://europarc.org/natural-heritage-scholarships)



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### We have new email addresses

Please update your contact list!

We have changed our email addresses in the beginning of 2020. The general email of the Federation is now: [europarc@europarc.org](mailto:europarc@europarc.org), and in our [Directorate page](#) you can find the email addresses of all our staff members.

## European Day of Parks 2020

"Nature - Good for your Health"



Have you planned your events for the **European Day of Parks 2020**? Every year, we invite Protected Areas to organise events **in and around the 24th of May**. This year the title is "*Nature - good for your Health*", so we invite you to underline the benefits of nature for human health on your activities. Soon, we will share with you all the promotional materials (in your language!) and open applications. Keep tuned!



## Protected Areas In-Sight

"Nature on Your Mind"

Have you read our annual journal **Protected Areas In-Sight**? [Available in 3 languages \(EN, DE, FR\)](#), this edition is dedicated to the health benefits of nature, but covers also many other topics - from EU policy, to climate change, and sustainable tourism, and insightful cases studies on marine conservation, periurban parks, cultural heritage & transboundary cooperation. **All EUROPARC members should have received a printed copy, if you haven't received or you would like get a printed copy, please write to [barbara.pais@europarc.org](mailto:barbara.pais@europarc.org).**

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## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS



### The future EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy

#### The importance of Protected Areas and Natura 2000 sites

Last December, the European Commission launched a public consultation inviting stakeholders and public to give their inputs on the future EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy's objectives and measures. EUROPARC Federation has contributed, in the interest of the European Protected Areas, **underlining the importance and the role of Natura 2000 network and all National and Regional Parks and Reserves** as key actors of the implementation on the field of the EU policies for nature protection and sustainable development.

[Download here the full paper](#), or [read the article](#).

## Beyond Brexit

A personal statement on Brexit

from Carol Ritchie  
EUROPARC Federation  
Executive Director

### Beyond Brexit

It's (sadly) official. On the 31st of January the United Kingdom left the European Union. "EUROPARC remains, undimmed, the voice of ALL Europe's Protected Areas. As a family of protected areas, the constituent parts of the UK will continue to be essential to us. And we, in EUROPARC are a vital bridge between the islands and the continent."

[Read the full opinion article](#) of Executive Director Carol Ritchie.



### Outdoor Sports and nature conservation

Information sharing event in Brussels, March 3rd

How can outdoor sports be drivers of a **healthy, inclusive and sustainable society**? Join us in Brussels, on the 3rd March, to share your views and help us building the agenda of outdoor sports & nature conservation. The event is jointly organised with [ENOS](#) (European Network of Outdoor Sports) and follows the launch of the [10 Good Principles](#) for Outdoor Sports in Protected Areas. [Programme and registrations here](#).

## Training & Capacity building

### Natura 2000 in Practice

Join the Life e-natura2000.edu "Spring School" in Padova (IT)

You might be one of the **20 professionals from across Europe** that will have the opportunity to attend the **"Natura 2000 in practice" Spring School**. From the **6-10 of April**, you will develop new competencies to work effectively in Natura 2000 sites. Co-funded by LIFE e-natura2000.edu and the University of Padova Summer and Winter School grant, **participation costs are covered**. Hurry up, applications due on February 14!

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Spring school

6 - 10 April 2020  
University of Padova, Italy



## European Parks Academy 2020

Applications are open

Every year, nature conservation professionals from all over the world gather in Klagenfurt for an **intense week at the European Parks Academy**. From theory to practice, the Academy is a mix of indoor learning and field excursions. This year running from the **13-18 of July**, participants can attend 3 different Seminars, one of which will be co-lead by EUROPARC. Check the programme, and [register here](#).

### Save the Date: EUROPARC WEBINAR on DARK SKIES, 12 February

The EUROPARC webinar series are back... and next Wednesday, 12th February, we will meet online at **15:00 CET!** Book the time, tomorrow we will open registrations!

### Save the Date: Healthy Parks, Healthy People Europe - The new role for forests and nature in the protected areas, 27-30 April, Monti Sibillini National Park (IT)

Healthy Parks, Healthy People Europe, is a new programme developed by EUROPARC to give both policy and practical framework for Protected Areas to create health and well-being activities in their areas. A free workshop organised by EUROPARC and Monti Sibillini National Park, will help protected areas learn from across Europe, how to engage with the health sector, understand the research evidence and create practical programmes that will bring health benefits to people and biodiversity. Registrations will open soon! For more information, please contact [hphp@sibillini.net](mailto:hphp@sibillini.net).

### Save the Date: European Conference on Ecological Restoration, 31 Aug - 4 September, Alicante (ES)

The conference aims to explore the profound changes in European societies, linked to the search for new ways to understand growth and re-define human role in the Biosphere. [More about it here](#).

## RESOURCES

### Sustainable Tourism: The CEETO Network Platform

Are you interested in ecotourism? Do you want to exchange ideas and tip with like-minded partners from across Central Europe? Then join the **CEETO Network Platform!** [Register for free here](#).

### Sustainable Development and Management of Protected Areas - Report

The study tour outcome of **Agnė Jasinavičiūtė**, was one of the winners of the Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarship in 2018. Over the last year, she visited several protected areas in Scotland and England to collect best practice that she will now apply in her home country, Lithuania. [Read the outcomes of her study tour here](#).

### Outdoor activities for inclusion Toolbox of outdoor games

A collection of outdoor activities that can be used to improve inclusion, especially in youth work. [Download it here](#)

### IUCN Guidelines for Marine Protected Areas

A new and updated edition of the Guidelines for applying the IUCN protected area management categories to Marine Protected Areas. [Download it here](#).

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## OPPORTUNITIES

**EUROPARC invitation to tender:** [Video production for LIFE eNatura2000.edu project](#)

**Job vacancy EUROPARC:** [mini-job Communications & Membership assistant](#) in Regensburg (DE)

**Job vacancy IUCN:** [Biopama project officer](#) (CH)

**Job vacancy ALPARC:** [Communications Manager](#) & [Administration Manager](#) (FR)

**Job vacancy EEA:** [Head of Programme – Natural Capital and Ecosystems](#) (DK)

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