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EUROPARC Federation eNews

May 2020

Dear readers,

We hope everyone is well and adapting to the "new normal". Although this "new normal" will require us to rethink the implications for all our programmes of work, and indeed how we manage and operate our Parks in this "covid" world. EUROPARC is working hard to gather intelligence from the membership to offer advice, guidance and recommendations for the way forward. **If you have a moment please give us some information on what may be happening in your region or country in [this shared document](#).**

Work in Brussels is now back in full swing and we are happy to announce that the European Commission announced the new [Biodiversity and Farm to Fork strategies](#). Furthermore, the **Global Coalition for Biodiversity** was launched, and EUROPARC [urges all its members to join](#).

We also did not sit still, with four webinars this month! If you missed them, you can listen again [here](#). Additionally, we had a hugely successful online version of the **European Day of Parks** on the 24th of May. Protected Areas throughout Europe collectively showed the importance of healthy parks for healthy people through **#ParksForHealth**. **You can see and share the video [here](#). We are really grateful to all our members who shared their online events and sent us fantastic videos and pictures of your #ParksForHealth.**

We will need the help of all our members to define the next [EUROPARC Strategy](#). The online questionnaire is available in 5 languages. All our members were sent an email with a link to the online questionnaire. This is your chance to **give their inputs on our new strategy**. We are keen to make sure that every member has a say and there is also the opportunity to join an online workshop. See details below.

Our president **Igance Schops** collaborated with Artist Koen Vanmechelen and human rights expert Manfred Nowak on the mouth mask campaign **"This is not a chicken!"**. Through the campaign they want to advocate for a post-corona world where balance is restored for all who make up the living organism called Earth. Read more about it [here](#).

We wish good readings,
EUROPARC Directorate

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A new EUROPARC Federation Strategy
Online questionnaire for our members

A NEW EUROPARC Strategy:

We want to hear from our members

In May we started **consultation workshops** with the EUROPARC sections. Through this, section members can give inputs **on EUROPARC's new strategy**. Our strategy is the mechanism through which we implement our mission and vision, ensuring the work of the Federation is **valuable to our members**. Apart from the consultation workshops, we send an email to an online questionnaire that **all our members** can fill out. **We want to hear from you and are grateful if you take a moment to fill out the questionnaire**. For more information on the consultation process, dates and registration for the section workshops, [click here](#).

Upcoming Section Workshop dates:

Nordic-Baltic - 9th of June (12:00 CET) – register [here](#)

Atlantic Isles - 16th of June (14:00 UK Time) – register [here](#)

Germany 10th of July (10:00 CET) – register [here](#)

Italy & Spain are to be announced.

Open session for Non-Section members (in English) 26th of June – register [here](#)

Link to questionnaire:

[English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#), [Spanish](#)

Note that the questionnaire is to be filled exclusively by EUROPARC members, and the membership number will be asked. We suggest one collective answer per organisation. If you haven't received the email, have any questions, or indeed, need to know your Member id, please drop us an email to members.euoparc@europarc.org.



European Day of Parks 2020

#ParksForHealth

This year's European Day of Parks went **online!** We invited parks to use the hashtag **#ParksForHealth** to show the world how important healthy parks are for the health of European citizens and the results were **overwhelming!** Stay tuned for a report on the media outreach. A small summary of different events organised through Europe can be found [here](#). Additionally, we asked parks to provide us with footage from their park, so

EUROPARC could send a message to the world on the 24th of May. **You can watch the amazing result [here](#)**. A big thanks to all parks that contributed.

Highlights from the Siggen Seminar

Helping Protected Areas adapt to climate change

Through case studies and presentations, speakers have given participants an overview and important considerations on how to adapt to climate change in (and around) protected

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Siggen Seminar

23-26 March 2020

Helping Protected Areas
adapt to climate change



Natura 2000 Awards

Our Film 'A Sustainable Journey' is a finalist!

This pan-European Award recognises **excellence in the management of Natura 2000 sites and conservation achievements**, showcasing the added value of the network for local economies, and increasing public awareness about Europe's valuable natural heritage. '[A Sustainable Journey](#)' was nominated in the Communication category. The objective of the film is to raise awareness among travellers and local communities on **the importance of sustainable tourism**. [Vote here!](#)

News from Brussels



New EU Biodiversity and
Farm to Fork strategies

**The important role of
Protected Areas**

New EU Strategies on Biodiversity and Agriculture

The important role of Protected Areas

During the Biodiversity Week, the European Commission published the Biodiversity Strategy & Farm to Fork Strategy, as part of the [EU Green Deal](#). EUROPARC welcomes the ambitious Biodiversity Strategy and the recognition of Protected Areas as key drivers for biodiversity. Both of these strategies are crucial for the future of Europe and we urge that the Farm to Fork Strategy also recognizes the important of cooperation with Protected Areas.

Read our article on the strategies and how Protected Areas can help [here](#).

Seminar Dialogue

The 2020 Seminar Dialogue is planned on the **2nd of June**. It is a key moment to create dialogue between the Parks Managers and the European Commission. The main topics are the role of Protected Areas in the **New Biodiversity Strategy** and in **climate change policies**. Due to COVID19, we needed to organise it online and for technical reasons, there will be a reduced number of participants. We are sorry about the special format for this year. Nonetheless, all results will be shared on our website.

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Watch the presentation of the new Biodiversity Strategy With Virginijus Sinkevičius

On the 26th of May, Virginijus Sinkevičius the European Commissioner for the Environment & Oceans and Fisheries and Humberto Delgado-Rosa, the Director for Natural Capital for DG Environment presented the new Biodiversity Strategy during a LinkedIn Live Event! Did you miss it? Don't worry, you can watch it [here](#).



Nature conservation and outdoor sports Input from the European Commission

On the 3rd of March, EUROPARC and ENOS organised an Information Sharing Event in Brussels, focused on the connection between nature conservation and outdoor sports. After the launch of the 10 Good Principles for Outdoor Sports in Protected Areas in 2019, this event was an opportunity to reinforce the connection between the sports and the nature sector, and to bring in the European Commission's perspective.

Training & Capacity building



CEETO

CEETO Interreg CE project's Final Conference

a look into the future for the development of Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

On May 14th, two weeks before its closure, CEETO Interreg CE project celebrated its **final Conference** to present its main outcomes and the state of art of Sustainable Tourism practices in Protected Areas in Europe from the hand of different experts on the field.

Within CEETO, **three key tools have been designed, targeting managers, policy makers and stakeholders**, to support their work in developing Sustainable Tourism strategies inside Protected Areas in the years to come.

You can find further information on the Conference, download the presentations and watch the online recordings at the [CEETO Final Conference webpage](#)



Challenges and opportunities in managing European protected areas during and after COVID-19

Collaboration with Cambridge University

We have a unique opportunity to work with researchers at Cambridge University to [examine the impacts of covid on protected areas management](#). This is a crucial piece of work, and EUROPARC would very much encourage members to **indicate their willingness to participate** by emailing europarc@europarc.org, with the subject title **FIDELIO**. The research team is planning to distribute questionnaires in all areas and possibly conduct personal interviews depending on the language required and the level of support that can be provided by the park authority in translation. Workshops will also be organised during the project with EUROPARC hosting **two online workshops on 1st July and 1st September** (in English). We will liaise with the Researcher to identify representative parks. For further details, please contact Fidelio researchers directly on

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European Parks Academy 2020

Goes online

This year's **European Parks Academy** will not take place in Klagenfurt. Instead, it will go **online!** All participants are invited to join the new free **EPA webinar series**. Check out the full program [here](#).

RESOURCES

The value of old growth forests

Within the new Biodiversity Strategy, special attention was given to the role of old growth forests. RedBosques provides **guidelines for forest management in protected areas** which propose a **silvicultural approach** in which production and conservation targets are compatible. EUROPARC Spain produced a Manual to explain how with recommendations and the presentation of four case studies. [Read more here](#).

Chalk Bed Marine Conservation: Lessons from the UK

A case study from the Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), featured in our latest [Protected Areas In-Sight Journal](#), that is available in English, German and French. Read the article [here](#).

Opportunities

Park Brands: We need help!

Professor Inge Mose at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, is conducting research into **regional brands in protected areas**, including brands with farmers, businesses in tourism and others closely connected with protected areas, sometimes even started in collaboration with a park. We would particularly like to hear about any initiatives in, **the Baltic countries, the countries of East Central Europe and Greece. But information from all parks and countries is welcome.** If you can help, drop us an email at europarc@europarc.org with the subject REGIONAL BRANDS, with your information about brands/park brands we will gladly pass this onto Professor Mose.

