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**Subject: EUROPARC Conference, the LIFE e-natura 2000 app & much more!**

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

## EUROPARC Federation eNews

September 2020

Dear reader,

With summer now behind us, EUROPARC's E-news is back! We are happy to once again bring you updates from the world of Protected Areas. Our summer was a busy one, due to the [first ever online EUROPARC Conference!](#) However, EUROPARC was happy to provide our members with the opportunity to learn, network and get ready for the future through this online event.

In Brussels, the upcoming months are important for the new future CAP (Common Agriculture Policy) and how to combine it with the EU Green Deal: in EP the vote is planned in October, and the Council will debate it under the German presidency. Additionally, EUROPARC is involved with the other organisations and members of the European Food Coalition, in the dialogue with European Institutions for the full implementation of the Farm to Fork Strategy in connection with the Biodiversity Strategy and CAP. Concerning the new EU Biodiversity Strategy, EUROPARC is working with other NGOs in the EHF (European Habitat Forum) and the EUROPARC Commission to elaborate criteria for the Protected Areas' targets in the Biodiversity Strategy.

We are also working hard on the schedule of [our webinars](#) for the upcoming months. We look forward to welcoming all of you online. Scroll down to see what is coming up! Within the framework of our webinars, we will also release new publications to continuously support the work of Protected Areas so "watch this space"!

Additionally, EUROPARC is continuously working on developing its new strategy. We thank all of our members who took time to fill out the online strategy consultation and the valuable input that was given. In the upcoming months we will analyse the data together with our consulting agency Dialogue Matters.

We wish happy readings,  
EUROPARC Directorate

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## EUROPARC Conference 2021

Save the date!

At the end of the EUROPARC Conference, it was revealed that next year we will meet – hopefully face to face **in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands!** The conference will take place **from the 4th till the 8th of October**, so mark your calendars. The theme is **“Tribute to our Landscape: Where Nature and People Meet in Harmony”**. Over the upcoming months, the programme will be created, for now have a look at the beautiful videos on the website: [www.europarc2021.nl](http://www.europarc2021.nl).



EUROPARC CONFERENCE  
ONLINE 8 - 9  
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OUR NEW FUTURE: HOW READY ARE WE?

## Online EUROPARC Conference 2020

Our new future, how ready are we?

During the summer months the EUROPARC Directorate worked extensively on our first ever online EUROPARC Conference, which focussed around the question **“OUR NEW FUTURE: HOW READY ARE WE?”**. On the **8th and 9th of September**, we went online to discuss the new EU strategies on biodiversity and agriculture, the impacts of COVID-19 and what Protected Areas need to prepare themselves for the future. Our delegates heard from inspiring keynote speakers, had lively discussions during our Panel Session and dove into an area of topics during our workshops. EUROPARC is incredibly happy with the result. You can

have a look at some of the outcomes on our website [here](#).



EUROPARC FEDERATION  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

## EUROPARC Annual Report

Looking back on 2019

The EUROPARC Annual Report has been published! You can find it in English, French and German [here](#). Have look at all that EUROPARC worked on last year to accomplish its mission of “Sustainable Nature, Valued by People”.

For our members, make sure to have a look at this before our **General Assembly on the 27th of October**. Are you a EUROPARC Member and have not yet received the information to partake in the Assembly? Do not hesitate to contact us under [members@europarc.org](mailto:members@europarc.org).

>> INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES <<

Do you want to work for **nature**  
and European **protected areas**?



## Internship Opportunity

At the EUROPARC office in Regensburg

Our office in Regensburg, Germany, is currently looking for an **intern in the communications department**, with some additional administrative support. The internship is exclusively open to students. You can find all information [here](#).

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## State of the European Union Address What it means for Protected Areas

On the 16th of September, the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had her first SOTEU (State of the European Union) address to the European Parliament in Brussels. This important annual speech indicated the key topics and goals of the European Commission for the coming year. So what does this mean for Protected Areas? [Have a look at our article to find out.](#)



## 2022: European Year of Cities and Regions Periurban Parks are ready to deliver

Because of the impact of urban areas on the environment, the European Parliament has decided that 2022 will be the 'year of Greener Cities'. Periurban Parks are ready to deliver! Sadly, these Protected Areas were not explicitly mentioned in the proposal. EUROPARC firmly believes that Periurban Parks play a large role in completing many EU policies. Remind yourself why [here.](#)

## Upcoming Webinars

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## People and Parks: The Pathways for social and ecological recovery IUCN Webinar on 5th of October

EUROPARC is involved in the **IUCN WCPA Vital Sites: The Journey to Marseille** series. Are you appreciating time spent in nature more, at the moment? “People and Parks; the pathways to social and ecological recovery” webinar will explore the ways we can harness the increasing recognition of the value of parks and protected areas for human health and well-being.

Join expert speakers from the health and nature sectors for a robust discussion on where to from [here](#).



## Climate Change in Protected Areas From theory to practice

This EUROPARC webinar, created within the [LIFE Natur Adapt project](#), will go through the important learning on the process and practice of planning for climate change adaptation in Protected Areas. Case studies from Spain and England will illustrate the findings. Save the date for the **21st of October on 10 AM CEST**.

An official invitation with registration will soon follow; stay tuned on [EUROPARC webinars webpage](#).



## The Real “Green” Deal – Regional Natural Parks

### EUROPARC Workshop during the European Week of Regions and Cities

Post-Corona, the need for nature has never been more important. In this [workshop on the 22nd of October at 9:30 CET](#), we will share the vital role of Regional Natural Parks (RNPs) in a sustainably managed Green Europe, with examples that can be replicated and scaled-up for a bigger impact throughout the whole of

Europe. With confirmed case studies from Nationalparks Austria and Schweizer Pärke. Sign up [here](#). Note that to sign up there is a two factor authentication process. If you need help, go [here](#).

# Events

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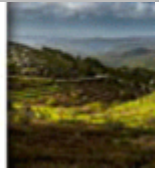
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## Natura 2000 Award Ceremony - October 14

Get to know the winners of the 2020 edition!

The European Commission is pleased to announce that the 2020 Natura 2000 Award Ceremony will be held on **14 October 2020 and livestreamed from 17:30 (CET)**.

The European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevičius, and members of the high-level Jury will announce the winners of the five categories and the [European Citizens' Award](#).

Highlights of the Ceremony will include the world premiere of the beautiful music video "Natura gure baitan" – produced by [one of this year's finalists](#) – as well as live reactions from the winners of the six prizes.

Click [here](#) to find out how to join the Ceremony and find out who the six winners will be!



## TransParcNet Meeting 2020 – Cancelled Alternative online meeting being planned

It is with great regret that, due to the situation related to the Corona virus, we have had to cancel this year's TransParcNet Meeting. We hope to be able to transform this meeting in an online format –possibly in December. Updates will soon come, please be sure to [watch our website](#) and social media pages.

The Verification processes is ongoing despite the travel-difficulties. Five areas under evaluation, among them two new cross-border areas candidates: International Naturpark Bourtanger Moor – Bargerveen (Germany-Netherlands) and Luontopalvelut-Käsivarsi/Reisa National Park (Finland-Norway).



## Training on Business Planning for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas

Organised by MedPAN and Brijuni National Park (Croatia), with technical support of BlueSeeds

This highly operational 4-day training course will be hosted by Brijuni National Park (Croatia) **from 7 to 10 December 2020**. In the event that the evolution of the epidemic situation and related constraints do not allow the organisation of the training on the planned dates, the selected participants will follow an online training course, rearranged in a succession of modules scheduled in January 2021. The training objectives are to understand the main concepts of business planning for MPAs and to autonomously use business planning tools. The training is intended for MPA management bodies, NGOs co-managing MPAs, and National or local administrations or agencies for MPAs. For more information, please contact [medpan@medpan.org](mailto:medpan@medpan.org).

# Resources



## IUCN Global Stand for Nature-based Solutions

Benchmarks for nature-based solutions to global challenges

In August IUCN, with whom EUROPARC has a Memorium of Understanding, published the first ever set of benchmarks for nature-based solutions to global challenges. The publication should help governments, business and civil society ensure the effectiveness of nature-based solutions and maximise their [potential to help address climate change, biodiversity loss](#) and other societal challenges on a global scale. You can find out more about it [here](#).

Additionally, IUCN published Guidelines for Ecological Corridors, more info on IUCN's can be found [here](#).

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The **UN Convention on Biological Diversity** published on the 15th of September the Global Biodiversity Outlook 5. The report offers an overview of the state of nature, gives an update on the Aichi targets, agreed in 2010 in Nagoya (COP 10) and provides best practices for getting on track. EUROPARC's President Ignace Schops says it's high time to turn the tide in his reactionary piece, read it [here](#).



### Sustainable Tourism Management in the Post-Pandemic Reality Tourism in the time of Corona

Since the coronavirus pandemic restricted the usual international and tourism-related movements of people, many parks and Protected Areas have been facing an increased influx of visitors. On the one hand, the situation represents an opportunity to raise awareness about Protected Area issues, on the other hand, it brings significant challenges for the Protected Area managers - especially in keeping the tourism activities sustainable. Read more about what Protected Areas can do to adapt to "the new normal" [here](#).

For any questions or comments, please contact the EUROPARC Communications Department: [communications@europarc.org](mailto:communications@europarc.org)



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## Subject: eNatura2000 App - Connect, learn and discover!

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**eNatura2000 App**  
Connect and Learn with  
Natura 2000 Land Managers

The project and all actions are made possible with support from LIFE financial instruments of the European Community

GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

Download on the  
**App Store**

The advertisement features a smartphone displaying the app's splash screen. The screen shows the app's logo (a green brain-like shape), the title 'eNatura2000', the subtitle 'Connect and Learn with Natura 2000 Land Managers', and a paragraph of text about LIFE financial instruments. Below the text are logos for the European Union and LIFE. To the right of the phone are two black buttons with white text and logos: 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store'. The background is a close-up of a tree trunk.

## The LIFE e-Natura 2000 app is now available!

Connect, discuss and learn with other Natura 2000 site managers and

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The eNatura2000 App for smartphones has been developed in the framework of the project [LIFE e-Natura2000.edu](#) and launched during the [EUROPARC Conference 2020](#). This App will help Natura 2000 managers identify issues, solve common problems that they face, communicate with each other directly, as well as learn about their professional development needs. For example, the App will act as a portal to a new online Natura 2000 Training Need Assessment (TNA) tool, and provide a variety of other useful resources on the projects webpages.

## What does the App do?

The LIFE e-Natura 2000 App will provide you with a continuous inflow of relevant news, features and videos. In the section of thematic quizzes you will have a chance to learn new things in a fun and innovative way, while interactive surveys will offer you the possibility to raise your concerns or compliments. Watch the [demo video](#) to get an idea about all the features the app has to offer!

You can find more information about the app [here](#), and download it here in the [Google Play](#) and [App Store!](#)

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