

# EUROPARC Federation e.V.

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## Youth Programmes

<https://www.europarc.org/>





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EUROPARC Federation was founded in **1973** with the aim of **supporting Protected Areas to fulfill their role as preservers of Europe's natural beauty.**





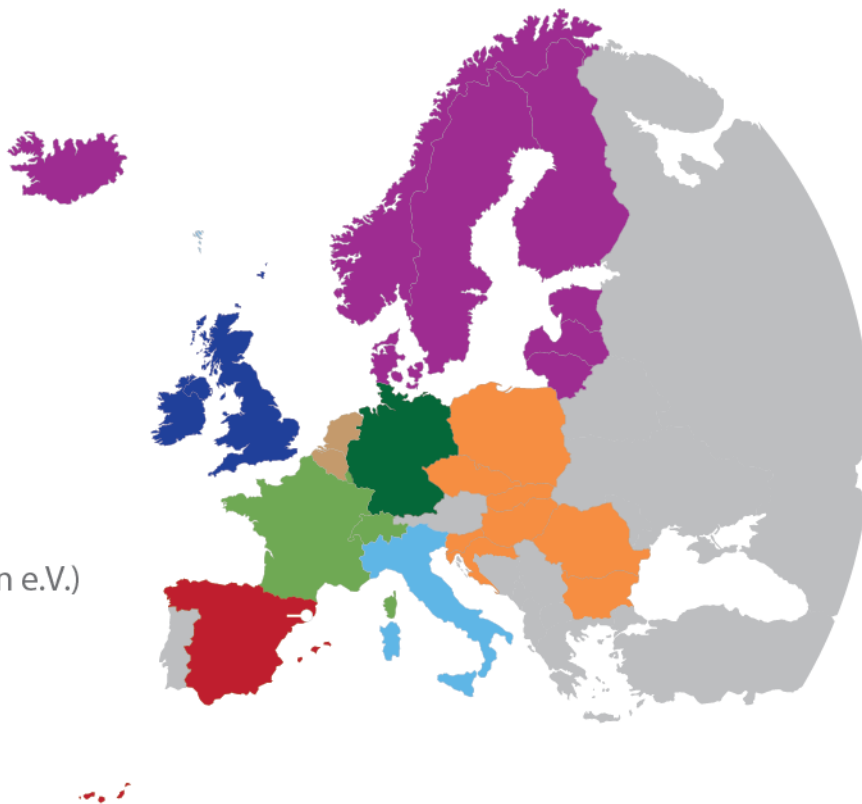
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EUROPARC Federation is a network of members  
>400 members in 38 countries

## EUROPARC Sections

- Nordic-Baltic
- Atlantic Isles
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Low Countries
- Germany (Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V.)
- Francophone
- Italy (Federparchi)
- Spain
- Members - no section



- Protected Areas
- National governmental organizations
- NGO's
- Regional Government Agencies
- Other official Agencies Associations
- Supporting organisations
- Honorary and individual members



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## EUROPARC Strategy to 2030

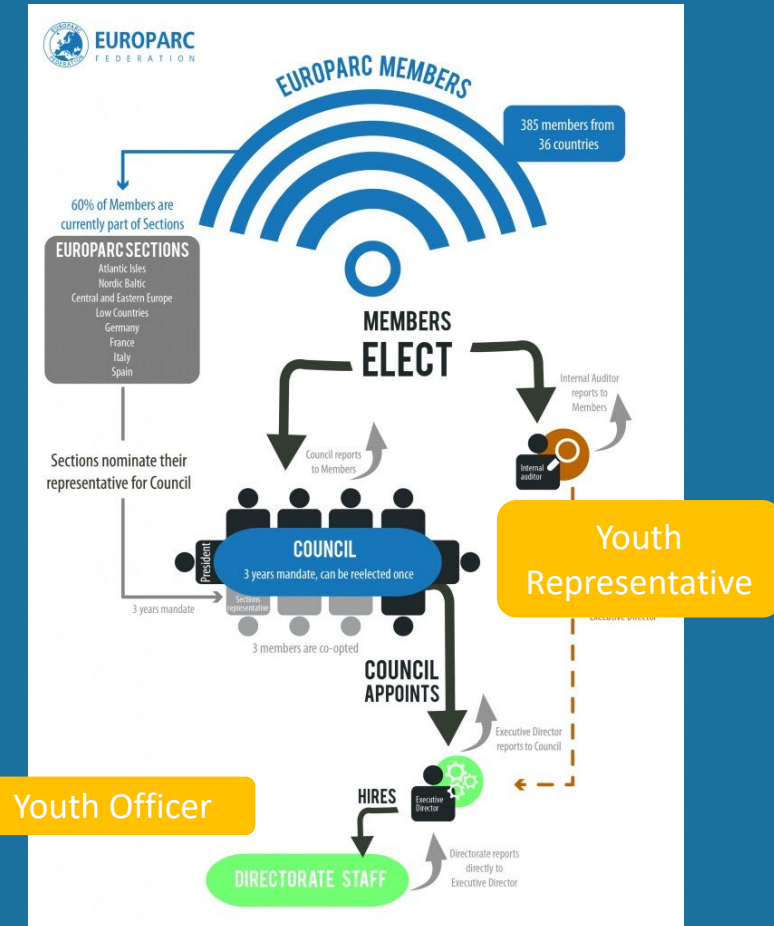
- **Vision:** Sustainable Nature, Valued by People
- **Mission:** To improve and champion the policy and practice of protected Areas to ensure that our natural and cultural heritage is protected and enhanced for **current and future generations**

Involve youth in the work of Protected Areas

→ Youth are engaged in decision making and delivery across all areas of Protected Area work integral to our work.

→ Youth+ and Junior Rangers are experienced ambassadors and advocates for biodiversity in protected areas, and for taking forward the youth manifesto, through taking part in on and offline capacity building networking and training.

→ EUROPARC Youth have been given opportunities to represent their views at European policy and decision makers.





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>39 Protected Areas

18 European Countries

>800 Youth between 12-18 yo / year



>13 Protected Areas

9 European Countries

>95 Youth between 18-26 yo / year

\* Still updating post-pandemic



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## Junior Rangers Programme

- Since 2002
- Ages: 12 – 18 years old
- Mostly local youth
- Programme levels up over time
  - Learning by doing
  - Becoming competent
  - Taking on responsibility
- EUROPARC Guidelines adapted to local context

NOT training  
future rangers

creating a sense  
of **ownership**  
for the local  
Protected Area

young people as  
**ambassadors** for  
Protected Areas

learning youth  
**skills**

[www.europarc.org/junior-ranger-programme/](http://www.europarc.org/junior-ranger-programme/)



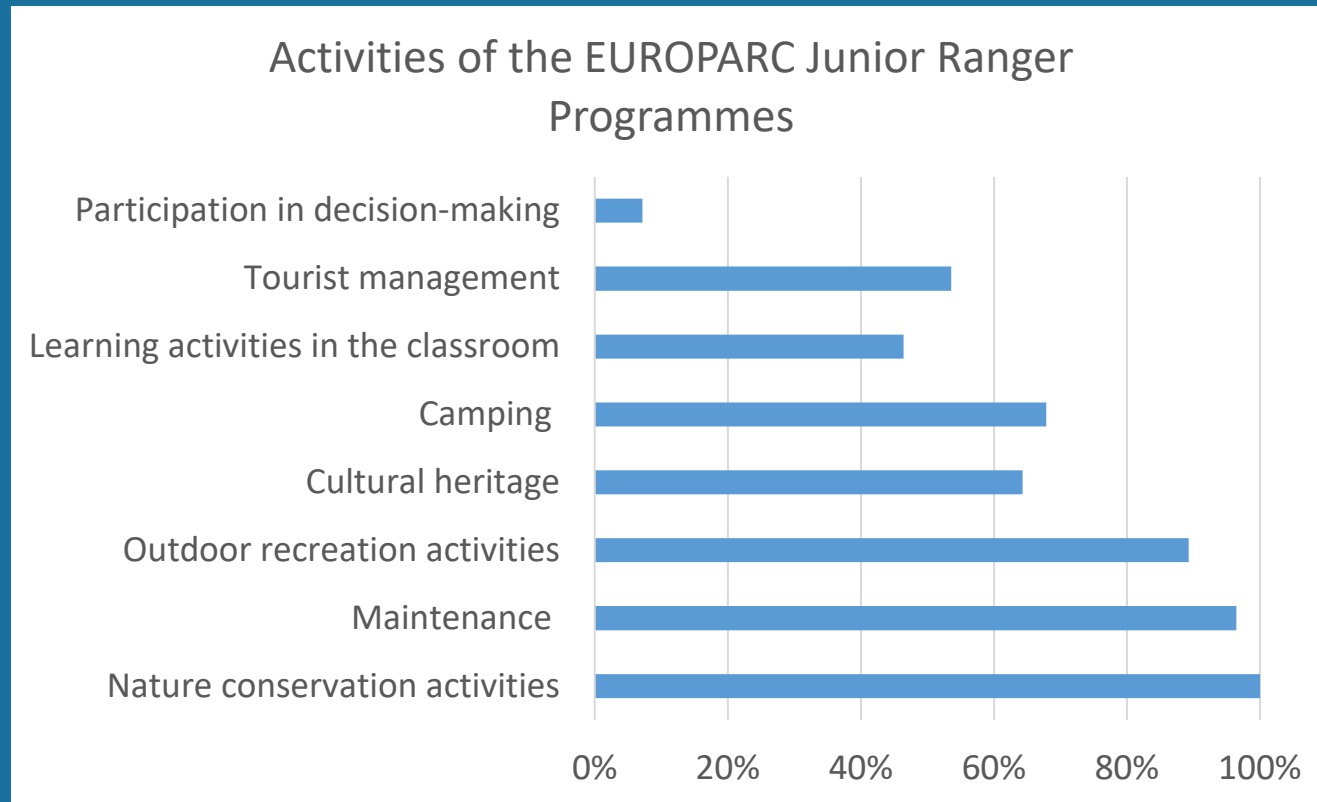


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## Examples:





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## International Junior Ranger Camp

**19<sup>th</sup>** International  
Junior Ranger Camp

FREDERIKSHAVN KOMMUNE

COME TO THE TOP OF EUROPE, WHERE TWO OCEANS MEET!



7th – 14th July 2023  
Frederikshavn – Denmark



[www.europarc.org/junior-ranger-programme/](http://www.europarc.org/junior-ranger-programme/)





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## Youth+ Programme

- Since 2013
- Ages: 18 – 30 years old
- Developed through youth consultations and the expertise of those in the EUROPARC Network

## SKILLED RANGERS / MENTORS



[www.europarc.org/youth/](http://www.europarc.org/youth/)



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## EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

- Created in 2018
- Focus on Rural Sustainable Development
- Areas of Action:
  - Youth Empowerment
  - Living
  - Learning
  - Working
  - Call for action

Young people bring new and creative ideas  
to sustain our rural areas.

**WE CAN HELP BUILD COMMUNITIES TO  
BECOME MORE CONNECTED, OPEN  
MINDED AND ACTIVE.**

## EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

**A CALL FOR CHANGE  
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES  
AND PROTECTED AREAS**

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK  
SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM  
SEPTEMBER 2018

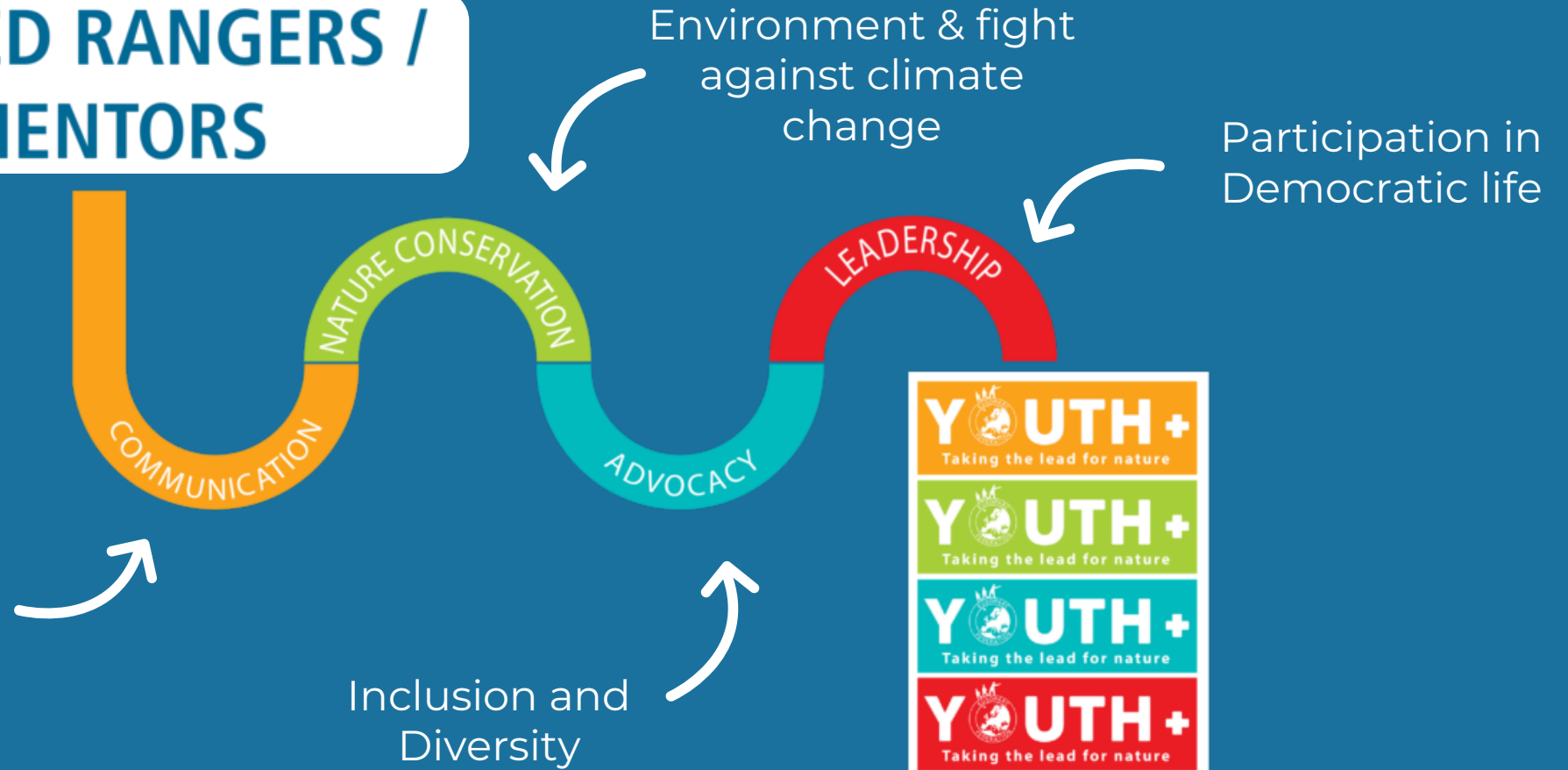


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**SKILLED RANGERS /  
MENTORS**

**Erasmus+  
Priorities**



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# EU Youth Goals



## #6 Moving Rural Youth Forward

Create conditions which enable young people to fulfill their potential in rural areas.



## #10 Sustainable Green Europe

Achieve a society in which all young people are environmentally active, educated and able to make a difference in their everyday lives.



## #8 Quality Learning

Integrate and improve different forms of learning, equipping young people for the challenges of an ever-changing life in the 21st century.



## #9 Space and Participation for All

Strengthen young people's democratic participation and autonomy as well as provide dedicated youth spaces in all areas of society.



## #5 Mental Health & Wellbeing

Achieve better mental wellbeing and end stigmatisation of mental health issues, thus promoting social inclusion of all young people.



## #1 Connecting EU with Youth

Foster the sense of youth belonging to the European project and build a bridge between the EU and young people to regain trust and increase participation.



# Thank You!

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