



EUROPARC Federation Annual Report

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EUROPARC is the umbrella organisation of Europe's protected areas. It unites national parks, regional parks, nature parks and biosphere reserves in 36 countries, with the common aim of protecting Europe's unique variety of wildlife, habitats and landscapes.

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Erika Stanciu
Picture: Valentino Mastrella



President's Remarks

Dear Colleagues,

After almost nine years of involvement in the work of the EUROPARC Council, I am writing these words thinking about 2010 and reflecting on these years and the exceptional opportunity I have had to work for the Federation.

2010 proved to be a very challenging year for most protected areas in Europe. The economic crises had a significant impact on nature conservation. Despite these difficult conditions, the EUROPARC Federation worked hard, to uphold connections between its members by providing a dynamic platform for information and experience exchange.

Throughout the year the small and motivated team of the Directorate continued to strengthen the image of the Federation, building on the work of the members and Sections. In addition, special efforts were made in identifying priority topics and funding sources, with several project proposals developed. Furthermore, new topics, for example health and protected areas and wilderness, are appearing on the list of priorities for the Federation. The work that is being developed will strengthen the arguments for protected areas and help create and disseminate knowledge for the entire membership.

Whereas 2009 saw the consolidation of changes within the Federation, 2010 was the year of preparatory work for new challenges. This included preparation work to become the main entity lobbying for recognition of the importance of protected areas at the European level.

I am looking forward to 2011. My term as Federation President finishes in September. As much as I am sad to leave, I am excited about handing over the post to another passionate individual who will help to take the Federation forward. This year will see a new Council built, that will work hard for EUROPARC and bring the energy and resources needed to support the members.

This large family of protected area managers and supporters is one that can significantly enrich the professional and personal life of anyone actively involved in the organisation. More importantly, my belief in the significance of EUROPARC continued to grow throughout my years on the Council. I am more convinced now than I was nine years ago that the more we work together, the more chances we have to convince the world of the importance of our natural heritage. We must recognise again the fundamental value of nature if we are to realise the vision of a protected planet.

Erika Stanciu

Erika Stanciu, EUROPARC President

Carol Ritchie
Picture: Karin Björk



Director's Review

The word that was on everyone's lips throughout 2010 was "biodiversity": 2010 was the International Year of Biodiversity. Additionally the Conference of the Parties met for the 10th time in Nagoya (JP) to consider the world's commitment to protecting biodiversity. For EUROPARC, too, both the celebration of the European Day of Parks and our annual conference "Living together: Biodiversity and Human Activities. A Challenge for the Future of Protected Areas", hosted by Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park (IT), deliberated the role of protected areas in conserving and managing biodiversity.

Despite this focus on biodiversity EUROPARC was acutely aware, through interaction with members, that the word more commonly used in 2010 was "challenge". As the financial crisis hit public funds, protected areas across Europe found themselves facing ongoing management challenges. The concern amongst EUROPARC members about the management and delivery of important ecosystem services they deliver was expressed in the Pescasseroli Declaration, a result of the conference in Italy.

The challenge of conserving Europe's biodiversity is something EUROPARC members have long addressed. This year's report shows again the range of activities that have been undertaken across the network. Projects initiated in one country serve as a well of ideas from which all members can draw inspiration. In these days of financial constraint, networking and shared experiences have never been more important, and is indeed a cost-effective way of helping members meet current and future management challenges. Many of these innovative and creative solutions can be read about in this report.

The year ended with a renewed desire to focus and improve our communications. EUROPARC's mission, to increase effectiveness in conserving and enhancing natural and cultural heritage for the well-being and benefit of future generations, can only be achieved through partnership, and through communicating the value and benefits of protected areas. This, too, means lobbying for the interest of our members to decision-makers at a European level. Protected area professionals are passionate believers in the land they hold in trust. Together we need to find new words and new ways to express and share that passion.

Carol Ritchie
Carol Ritchie

The Directorate Report

The Directorate of the EUROPARC Federation is committed to fulfilling the aims of the organisation and to deliver its strategic goals. It is overseen by the EUROPARC Council led by the President, the drivers of the Federation. The President and the Council members took an active role in the work of the Federation during 2010. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to bear and also represent EUROPARC across Europe.

Where the Council is the driver, the Directorate of the EUROPARC Federation is the engine of the organisation. The small team of seven, split between the Headquarters in Regensburg (DE), Brussels (B) and Rome (IT), manages a number of important European projects and acts on behalf of the Federation and its members' interests across a range of agenda. In addition, the work of the Federation is supported by efforts from working groups on different themes. Work carried out in 2010 is summarised in this section.

The efforts of the Council, the Directorate, the working groups and all others, individuals and members, who support the Federation, are to be commended. They are very much appreciated.

Sierra Nevada National Nature Park (ES)
location of the sustainable tourism
destination project kick-off meeting.
Picture: Carmen Cabrera

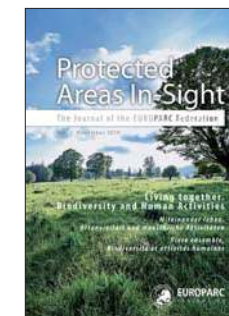
Communications

Key activities 2010

In 2010 EUROPARC celebrated the "International Year of Biodiversity". This was the focus of our communications for the year including publications and events. The need for more effective communications in protected area management was a clear message that came out of the year.

Publications, promotion and publicity

In 2010 the Federation produced 11 E-News, the 2009 annual report, EUROPARC Journal "Protected Areas In-Sight" and four Charter News Mails. In addition, EUROPARC's introductory leaflet was



EUROPARC publication
'Protected Areas In-Sight'

updated and the book "Living Parks" continued to be sold. Furthermore, the documentation for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism was re-designed by EUROPARC Consulting, and a new best-practice transboundary brochure was produced.

During 2010 43,547 people from 163 countries visited the website www.europarc.org. It was updated regularly throughout the year and frequent news items were posted. The "Brussels News" page, available to members only, provided monthly news from the European Union.

13 press releases were sent to international press. The Federation was also featured twice in local newspapers when the new office was opened in Regensburg.

Finally, the "Living Parks" exhibition from the project "Celebrating 100 years of National Parks in Europe" travelled to five protected areas in five different European countries. It was viewed by around 10,000 people.

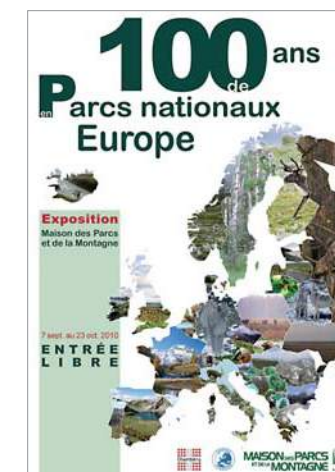
Events and representation

EUROPARC represented its members' interests at around 35 external international events and seminars over the last 12 months.

In addition, internal events were a great success: The European Day of Parks (EDoP) saw 400 events in 180 protected areas across 20 European Countries. The theme of the event was "Biodiversity and People: Space for Nature?".

New in 2010 was the first of the EUROPARC Federation's Sigger seminar series. The generous support of the Alfred Toepfer Foundation (DE) enabled EUROPARC to have access to their seminar centre to facilitate international experience exchange and to develop the work of the Federation. During the week EUROPARC's working groups met to develop future plans. Further a facilitated seminar looking at "Putting a Price on Nature" took place. A report of the seminar was produced and is available on www.europarc.org.

In 2010 the EUROPARC Conference took place in Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park (IT). The theme was "Living together. Biodiversity and Human Activities: A Challenge for the Future of Protected Areas". It was attended by 276 people from 34 countries. The resounding conclusion of the conference was the need for improved communication to others.



Poster for the exhibition by French
hosts Vanois National Park

At the conference the General Assembly approved the official decision to move the Federation Headquarters to Regensburg and changes in the membership fee categories. Other papers approved included activity reports from the Federation, the communication and lobbying plans, and the decision to develop future collaboration with Eurosite. Finally, conference delegates

The keynote speakers podium discussion at EUROPARC 2010.
Picture: Valentino Mastrella



agreed the Pescasseroli Declaration. This document urged governments across Europe to recognise protected areas as the keystones in the preservation of Europe's nature and biodiversity. The declaration was sent to the EU, to national and regional governments and newspapers across Europe.

Three council meetings and three section meetings were held during the year. The aim of these meetings is to discuss the work of the Federation and ensure better planning and cooperation.

Lobbying and networking

In 2010 EUROPARC invested a lot of time on policy and advocacy work. This included the establishment of a dedicated working group and the definition of a specific strategy and action plan, which were officially approved during the General Assembly. Most of the year's work on this was thus dedicated to raising the profile of the importance of protected areas across Europe and of the Federation as a whole at European level. This involved establishing closer collaboration with the Directorate General for the Environment at the European Commission and with well-known international environmental Non-Governmental Organisations.

Over the year EUROPARC has enjoyed partnerships with many organisations. A full list can be found at www.europarc.org/our-partners-and-funders. The Federation looks forward to continued cooperation with existing partners and to building fruitful relations with new partners over the next 12 months.

The year ahead

In 2011 the Federation will focus on developing effective communication, a recommendation that arose from the 2010 conference. The second Siggen seminar will develop this topic, particularly with communications officers across the network.

The aim in 2011 will be to increase the Federation's profile in the press, particularly in relation to the International Year of Forests and the European Year of Volunteers. Continued lobbying and networking in Brussels will ensure the organisation's profile remains high at European level.

One of the principal events to raise awareness about EUROPARC will be EUROPARC 2011 (www.europarc2011.com). The conference will take place from 21st to 25th September in the Schwabian Alb Biosphere Reserve (DE). The theme is "Quality counts - Benefits for Nature and People".



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The Alfred Toepfer Scholarships and Award



Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships 2010

Each year the EUROPARC Federation, with support from the Alfred Toepfer Foundation, awards three Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships to promising young conservationists, who are committed to working for the benefit of protected areas. The aim of the scholarships is to enhance international cooperation and to advance the quality, innovation and European dimension of protected area management. Each scholarship is worth €3,000 and enables successful applicants to undertake a study visit on a particular theme to one or more protected areas in a European country. After the trip the scholars are expected to present the Federation with a report.

In 2010, the three scholarships were awarded at the EUROPARC Conference in Italy to Ekatarine Kakabadze (GE), Alina Ionita (RO) and Matthew McGettigan (UK). They are undertaking studies in the fields of transboundary cooperation, rural development and climate change.

Meanwhile, two of the scholarship reports from the 2009 winners can now be viewed online. In addition, applications for the 2011 scholarships are open and individuals can apply until 20th May 2011.

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The Alfred Toepfer Award 2010

The Alfred Toepfer Medal, named after the founder of the EUROPARC Federation, Dr h.c. Alfred Toepfer, is awarded annually in recognition of a particular individual's service to Europe's protected areas. The medal is presented at the annual EUROPARC conference.

In 2010 the winner of the Medal was Mr Lassi Karivalo, former Senior Advisor of Metsähallitus (FI). Mr Karivalo was nominated by the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section for his long and successful career in promoting and developing transboundary cooperation between protected areas.

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Lassi Karivalo receives his Alfred Toepfer Award.
Picture: Valentino Mastrella



Ekatarine Kakabadze officially receives her Alfred Toepfer Scholarship 2010.
Picture: Valentino Mastrella



Piano del
Valasco, Alpi
Marittime
Nature Park
(IT). Picture:
Alpi Marittime
Nature Park



Parks and
Benefits
partners in
Estonia.
Picture:
Sandra Lorr



European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

EUROPARC's European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (ECST) is a practical management tool developed by the Federation. It enables protected areas to develop and manage tourism sustainably alongside private enterprises and communities. It has gained recognition and success in 88 protected areas in eight European countries with more joining every year! The Federation awarded 17 new protected areas Charter certification at the annual EUROPARC conference in 2010.



In 2010 the EUROPARC Federation was involved in three projects, each focusing on a different region or objective but all looking at taking the Charter forward, extending its reach and creating exchange platforms between participating partners.



Surveying the Sierra Nevada
plains at the kick-off
meeting for the sustainable
destination project.
Picture: Carmen Cabrera

Parks & Benefits

Parks & Benefits is a Baltic Sea Region Programme project (2009-2012) and thus an important contribution to the EU-Strategy for the Region. It aims to ensure sustainable regional development in eight protected areas in six countries in the Region using the ECST.

Two project workshops took place in 2010 in Dovrefjell National Park (NO) and Matsalu National Park (EE). In addition, a working group started to develop a regional methodology for the Charter Part II. Furthermore, two new leaflets about the project and an animated film promoting vacations in participating parks were produced. One of the great successes of the year was the certification of Dovrefjell National Park as Norway's first Charter Park.

In 2011 the project will begin its second half. The next partner meeting will be at a "Nature Tourism Conference" (LV) in March, an excellent platform for looking at joint activities in the fields of nature conservation and sustainable tourism at European, Baltic Sea Region and local level.

Further activities will include a best practice guide about Public Private Partnerships, tools for managing visitor flows and measuring the economic and social benefits of tourism in protected areas, the development of nature tourism products by park partners and more publicity for the project theme.

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Project partners
discuss the
sustainable
tourism
destination
project.
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The value of the “Charter” in identifying sustainable tourism destinations

With almost 15 years of experience the opportunity to examine the success of the Charter and to look to its future development arose through the generous support from the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). They have funded a two-year project, which started in October 2010, to enable EUROPARC and a study group of experienced Charter protected areas to:

- generate a data-set to identify the values derived by protected areas who gain charter certification;
- analyse the ECST methodology and assessment system for sustainable tourism destinations in order to recommend the contribution of the Charter to sustainable tourism destinations;
- examine the Charter evaluation methodology to bring about an alignment with the sustainable tourism destinations assessment and other relevant criteria;
- gather evidence from Charter areas in order to demonstrate the economic value of the Charter for protected areas.

Crucially this project seeks to generate important data that shows the added value, both social and economic, that becoming a Charter-certified protected area brings. Further, its results will show the relationship of the Charter to other European sustainable tourism systems.

The study group is composed of the following protected areas: Scarpe-Escault Regional Park (FR), Alpi Marittime Regional Park (IT), the Council of Andalusia represented by the Sierra Nevada National Natural Park (ES), Syöte National Park (FI), the Mourne Mountains Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Northern Ireland, UK). EUROPARC council member Paulo Castro, Wilf Fenten from EUROPARC Consulting and EUROPARC staff complete the project team.

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STEPPA
kick-off
meeting.
Picture:
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Sustainable Tourism in Enterprises, Parks and Protected Areas (STEPPA)

A further opportunity to develop EUROPARC's ECST has arisen through the successful bid for funding from the European Commission Competitiveness and Innovations Framework programme with the STEPPA project. Lead by the University of Eastern Finland, Centre for Tourism Studies, the project involves ten partners including EUROPARC: Andalusian Ministry of the Environment (ES), Alpi Marittime Regional Park (IT), Adamello Brenta Regional Park (IT), State Nature Conservancy of Slovak Republic (SK), Latvian Country Holidays (LV), Harz National Park Administration (DE), CoaST (UK) and Leeds Metropolitan University (UK).

STEPPA's main aim is to promote and strengthen cooperation between the different experiences and certification initiatives for small and micro-tourism enterprises working with Charter areas. It does this through the sharing and

enhancement of their sustainability practices and criteria and by strengthening their competitiveness through the development of working partnerships between these initiatives as well as specialised research and support centres for tourism sustainability.

This project will examine the value of the Charter to tourism businesses inside protected areas. It will seek to show the economic value that being a sustainable tourism business can bring. It complements the sustainable tourism destination project, which itself is looking at the value the Charter brings to the protected area itself. The data generated from both projects will provide strong evidence for EUROPARC to use for promoting the values and benefits of the ECST.

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Junior Rangers
learning how to
dry-stone wall.
Picture:
Federico Minozzi



Junior Rangers
enjoying the
outdoors.
Picture:
Federico Minozzi

Junior Ranger Network 2010

Key activities

In 2010 the enhancement of the Junior Ranger programme was pivotal. This was achieved through improving the role of EUROPARC as coordinator, the involvement of new members, the development of new opportunities for participating protected areas and rangers and the promotion of more focused activities and stronger communication across the network.

Much work has been done to further the Junior Ranger programme across Europe. The contribution made by EUROPARC Germany in this regard is remarkable. They have started a new national project, which currently involves 37 protected areas and youths between 7 – 12 years from all over the country. In addition, great support for the development of a new project proposal came also from close collaboration with the International Ranger Federation, the Scottish Countryside Ranger, the Danish Ranger and the Romanian Ranger Associations. In addition, the Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) (UK) organised a great International Junior Ranger Camp.

The Junior Ranger network now includes 75 protected areas from 15 different countries and involves about 120 rangers and 2000 youths across Europe.

Success and challenges

The Mendip Hills AONB hosted the 9th International Junior Ranger Camp from 24th to 31st July 2010. 40 participants came from 12 protected areas in eight different countries. For the International Year of Biodiversity the activities and presentations focused on the biodiversity of the Mendip Hills and protected areas that the participants are based in.



A new international project, "Action for Youth in Parks", was developed in 2010. It seeks a better coordination of European rangers, to enhance the quality of their work with youth in environmental education. The theme of the project is the exchange of best practices and ideas between rangers to improve the quality of Youth Environmental Education in protected areas and to develop new common projects.

The year ahead

The 10th International Junior Ranger Camp will take place from 16th to 23rd July in the Weerribben-Wieden National Park (NL), the largest freshwater wetland in the north-west of Europe. All camp activities will follow this year's theme "Junior Rangers and Nature, a perfect and healthy combination". Participants will have the opportunity to discover the region, the environment and local traditions as well as to investigate how healthy the water and the national park itself are.

Furthermore, if the new project application is successful, 27 participants will attend a participatory workshop on environmental education in November, in Denmark.

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NatuRegio
trainees at the
final seminar
in 2009.
Picture: NNA



NatuRegio – Trainees for Nature

Developing expertise for the sustainable management of natural resources in Romania and Bulgaria was the main objective of the NatuRegio project. The project closed officially in April 2010 after four years of successful implementation.



NatuRegio was carried out from 2006 until April 2010 by the NNA (Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Protection), Lüneburg University, Euronatur (European Natural Heritage Fund) and the EUROPARC Federation. Funding was provided by the German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU) and the Alfred Toepfer Foundation F.V.S.

For the last four years 40 young professionals from Romanian and Bulgarian protected areas, nature conservation agencies and NGOs had the opportunity to take part in a one-year vocational training programme. The initiative was designed to strengthen their capacities to enable them to manage natural resources and protected areas more effectively and efficiently. The training incorporated seminars and placements in Germany as well as technical meetings in Romania and Bulgaria. A key factor of the training

programme was the development of an individual project, financially supported by the foundations, which every trainee implemented in his/her home region.

In addition, an international network was established, that will ensure that the trainees and the partners in Germany stay in contact. All trainees are highly qualified and cover a wide range of specialist topics in the field of nature conservation and regional development both in state and non-governmental organisations and institutions. This network is very valuable and has a lot of potential for future activities.

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Protected Area Management Effectiveness



Protected areas have become a major instrument for reducing the rate of biodiversity loss worldwide. As part of this development the assessment of protected area management effectiveness (PAME) was given a new emphasis on the agenda of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD). In 2008 an international research team identified globally more than 6,300 assessments in 100 countries.

While this Global Study generated relatively comprehensive insights into this field of work for many world regions, data for European countries remained somewhat unsatisfactory. It showed that the specific geographical and political context of European protected area policy would require a particular set of methodologies tailored to the needs of European protected area managers and agencies.

As a reaction to this demand, a European study was launched in 2009 to create a more profound insight into how and where PAME assessments have been and are being carried out in Europe and to find out how they can be improved. This study was conducted by the Universities of Greifswald (DE) and Queensland (AU) in co-operation with UNEP-WCMC (United Nations Environment Programme - World Conservation Monitoring Centre) and the EUROPARC Federation. The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) provided financial support.

Key activities 2010

After several months of research the results of the study were published in February 2010. The survey provides i) a comprehensive and systematic overview of existing studies, evaluation methods and key indicators used in Europe, ii) a synthesis of results of European management effectiveness

evaluations with respect to overall management effectiveness, strengths and weaknesses, threats and recommendations, and iii) recommendations for best practice in European management effectiveness evaluation.

The year ahead

EUROPARC will be developing a new European PAME follow-up project in 2011. Additionally, the topic of protected area management effectiveness will play an important role at the EUROPARC conference in 2011, which will be held under the motto "Quality counts - Benefits for Nature and People".

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The final report from
PAME



TransParcNet participants at Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park (AT).
Picture: Martin Scholar

Transboundary Cooperation



Key activities 2010

EUROPARC's TransParcNet was busy in 2010. Highlights included the creation of the Transboundary Working Group and more publicity for the programme and its parks across Europe through events and a new publication.

The transboundary network

From 27th to 30th April 2010 the second TransParcNet meeting was held in certified transboundary national parks Neusiedler See - Seewinkel / Fertő-Hanság Nemzeti. All seventeen EUROPARC Transboundary parks (eight complexes in total) and two guests to explore potential certification attended.

At the General Assembly at EUROPARC 2010 Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park (AT) and its transboundary partner Fertő-Hanság National Park (HU) were the first to be re-awarded their transboundary certificate after five years of successful cooperation.

The five members of the Transboundary Steering and Evaluation Committee (STEC) met three times in 2010 to discuss the future of the programme.

Working group

The protected areas of the transboundary network formed a working group in 2010. They met to discuss and produce the road map of the group at the EUROPARC Siggen seminar in July. It aims to improve the policy and management of transboundary protected areas through the promotion and increasing recognition of the programme, increased networking and best practice examples.

Publications and publicity

In cooperation with Sigrun Lange from ECO Germany and with financial contributions from the Heidehof Foundation (DE) and Triglav National Park (SL) EUROPARC produced a new brochure "Following Natures Design - Transboundary Protected Areas".

In addition, the group increased their networking in 2010, working more closely with the IUCN and promoting the transboundary certification scheme at various events around Europe.

The year ahead

In 2011 the promotion of the transboundary programme will continue and closer cooperation with other organisations will be strived for. The working group will also start taking the work of the programme forward. In addition, the first transboundary verifiers training will take place on the Island of Vilm in Germany in July.

The third TransParcNet meeting will take place from 7th to 10th June in Krkonoše (Czech Republic) - Karkonosze (Poland) transboundary area.

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Transboundary awards at EUROPARC 2010.
Picture: Renzo Blasetti

EUROPARC
working groups
at the Siggen
Estate in 2010.
Picture:
Lasse Loven



Working Groups in the EUROPARC Federation

The EUROPARC Federation brings together experts from its membership and around Europe to focus on issues important to protected areas in working groups. These working groups consider policy issues, bring together best practice, develop new methodologies and look to future agenda and development. They meet as required and have been an excellent breeding ground for new ideas and innovative solutions.

Each working group is mandated to examine subjects of relevance to protected areas in Europe and deliver activities and output that would benefit the wider membership. A working group workshop in Siggen (DE) in July 2010 helped formulate draft work plans for those groups attending. EUROPARC Council approved most of these work plans (available at the link below) and the work has been incorporated into the Federation.

Working groups that have been approved so far by the EUROPARC Council are: Health and Protected Areas, Sustainable Tourism, Transboundary and Wilderness. The group "The Value of Protected Areas" has just submitted its work plan for endorsement.

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EUROPARC Federation Section Reports

Over the years the Federation has supported the creation of seven regional and national Sections. The Sections fulfil many of the EUROPARC Federation's aims, whilst reflecting the priorities and characteristics of the areas they cover. They undertake a huge volume of work to a high professional standard and both support and stimulate the work of the Federation as a whole. Full Section reports can be obtained from them individually but a summary of their achievements is detailed in this chapter.



Parc Naturel National Sierra Nevada
(ES). Photo: Carmen Cabrera

The EUROPARC Atlantic Isles Section's (EAI) year was overshadowed by the death in April of former EUROPARC President Aitken Clark. Aitken had a special connection with the Section and he is greatly missed by everyone. Many old friends and colleagues came together at a very moving memorial service at Norwich Cathedral in early September 2010, to give thanks for Aitken's life.



Spring in Ribblesdale, globe flowers galore, Yorkshire Dales National Park (UK)
Picture: Hilary Fenten

EUROPARC Atlantic Isles

Key activities 2010

In 2010 EAI's work programme helped strengthen the protected area network within the four countries of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Iceland. The Section and its members continued to play an active role within the EUROPARC Federation. Chairman Martin Lane served as the Section's representative on Council until the autumn, whilst staff, trustees and members participated at the Federation's annual conference and in working group meetings.

European Volunteers in Parks

EAI played a full role in this project, hosted the final meeting of the project partners in London in May, and is again a partner in the new Grundtvig-funded project "Volunteer Management in European Parks".

Coastal and marine issues

Chaired by Edward Holdaway and then from June by Phil Dyke, the EAI coastal and marine working group held a successful workshop at Losehill Hall in May, which led to the publication of a report on "Coastal protected landscapes and the marine planning system". The group also produced two responses to the draft Marine Policy Statement for the UK and to the consultation on the marine planning system for England.

Junior Rangers

The Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty hosted the EUROPARC international Junior Ranger Camp in the summer. In response to the growing interest in the Junior Ranger network, EAI, represented by Chris Gledhill, held a "train the trainers" workshop at Losehill Hall in October on "Tools for Implementing a Young Ranger Programme". 13 organisations took part and EAI aims now to support them in the development of their schemes and the networking of participating protected areas.

Health and Protected Areas

Dan Bloomfield represented the Federation at the "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" Congress in Melbourne (AU) in April. He was active together with the Nordic Baltic Section in promoting this as a fruitful area of work at European level.

European Charter for Sustainable Tourism

10 UK protected areas have now acquired Charter status, with the Forest of Bowland AONB undergoing a successful re-evaluation in 2010.

Success and challenges

In the second half of the year the challenges for our members have all been associated with managing the impact of the UK government's financial review. EAI began the development during this time of a new business plan to lead the development of the Section.

After more than three years in post EAI's Development Officer, Dan Bloomfield, left the Section at the end of September. Dan's dynamism, expertise and thoughtful input will be missed very much. A seamless handover was secured when former EUROPARC Federation Deputy Director, Richard Blackman, was contracted to take on the role.

The year ahead

Activities and main focus

The difficult economic climate in the UK and Ireland has already had a major impact on our members and supporters. Large cuts in public expenditure have been announced. In this context it will be a challenge to maintain member commitment. EAI will nonetheless continue to provide networking services and opportunities for exchange of expertise tailored to its members' needs, whilst drawing on the added value of the Federation's pan-European work programme. The Section will also seek to upgrade its website and enhance its communications.

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2nd Czech Nature Conservation Conference in Olomouc in 2010
Picture: Radomír Studený

EUROPARC Czech Republic

The Czech Section of the EUROPARC Federation represents the four national parks, Olomouc University and the Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection.

Key activities 2010

Wilderness in Europe

Following successful events on the topic of wilderness in 2009, the Czech Section continues its activities in the Wilderness Working Group (represented by Zdenka Křenová). In addition, the new website for the Wild Heart of Europe (www.wildheartofeurope.eu), the core zone of Šumava/Bayerischer Wald National Park, was launched in 2010.

Transboundary activities

The Section organised a travelling photo exhibition "Green bridges crossing borders" about transboundary parks in the Czech Republic and adjacent countries. The Czech Section is also involved in the work of EUROPARC's Transboundary Steering and Evaluation Committee, represented by Handrij Härtel, president of the Section.

The second Nature Conservation Conference

In 2010 the Czech Section co-organized the second Czech Nature Conservation Conference in Olomouc (September 14-17, 2010) with the title "Application of research and monitoring results in conservation management". This successful conference brought together approximately 170 participants from state nature conservation authorities, NGOs, universities, research institutes and private companies.

New Section website

The new website www.europarc.cz was launched in 2010. As well as basic information about EUROPARC Czech Republic this website gives visitors access to the interactive Protected Areas Database of the Czech Republic (in Czech and English). The database includes a detailed description of all Czech national parks, protected landscapes areas, national reserves and monuments.

Success and challenges

Successes for the Section this year were the second Czech Nature Conservation Conference in Olomouc and its new internet presence.

The year ahead

The main important EUROPARC activity in the Czech Republic in 2011 will be the third TransParcNet Conference. This will be hosted by Krkonoše National Park from 7th to 10th June in Luční bouda.

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*Training for Champions, organized by EUROPARC Consulting.
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Prize giving at
the Vividaria
2010.
Picture:
Federparchi



The Mediterre
2010.
Picture:
Federparchi



Federparchi – EUROPARC Italy

Federparchi was created in 1989 as a body co-ordinating several Italian regional parks. It was transformed into the Italian Federation of Parks and Natural Reserves in 1996. The organisation encompasses most of the Italian protected areas, regions, provinces, municipalities and environmental associations. In 2008 Federparchi became the EUROPARC Italian Section, "Federparchi – EUROPARC Italy". The reason behind this change was the realisation that nature protection and sustainable development can be achieved more successfully when working internationally.

Key activities 2010

In 2010 Federparchi defined the promotion and application of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism as a priority. The Apulia Region applied for the Charter in November 2010 and several other Federparchi members started working with it. Environmental education also continued to be a major theme: the 2010 editions of "Vividaria" and "ECCO" were extremely successful.

Public events were held throughout the year. "Mediterre" and "Park Books" saw the largest number of public and stakeholders attend. To celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity the Italian Section organised a conference on the role of protected areas in biodiversity conservation, in collaboration with the Italian Environmental Ministry.

In the second part of the year, contacts with the Environmental Ministry were much intensified. It was necessary to find solutions for the cuts in public funds for Italy's protected areas. This led to an important meeting in November, where the Environmental Minister met with Federparchi, resulting in suggestions for possible projects.

Federparchi
FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA PARCHI E RISERVE NATURALI



International activities were predominantly linked to projects with Lebanese, Congolese and Tunisian protected areas. Furthermore, the successful EUROPARC Conference, held in September in Abruzzo National Park, focused on the crucial priority to make protected areas more of a focus for national and international political agendas.

The Italian Section was able to provide good services to members thanks to the large response to the "Datapark" project. Datapark aimed to improve legislative knowledge and managerial skills of park managers and staff. Within the project, Federparchi disseminated the document "Annual Social Statement" to help Protected Areas find the social value of their work.

Success and challenges

In 2010 Federparchi continued its lobbying activities to show parks as spaces where innovations and sustainable solutions become models of best practice. The international economic crisis deeply affected political choices and Italian protected areas were the subject of several challenges from the Government. Nevertheless, the Italian Section succeeded in taking necessary measures to keep the attention on the essential role of protected areas

in stopping environmental degradation and increasing the quality of life. The challenge was to strengthen the protected area network to make it a political subject that cannot be set aside.

The year ahead

In 2011 special care will be given to extend the Italian protected area network, particularly regarding the involving regional governments. Federparchi will increase its work disseminating and supporting applications for the European Charter, developing annual social financial statements, training park managers, enhancing and extending effective environmental education and collaborating in national and international projects. Furthermore, Federparchi will found a national Study Centre for Protected Areas, which will collect information on the work of protected areas.

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Lobbying seminar at the park regional de Reims.
Picture: PNR



Jean Paul Giran
President of the French section at EUROPARC 2010.
Picture: PNR



EUROPARC France

Key activities 2010

According to the Plan of Action approved by the French Section for the period 2009 - 2011, the following actions were implemented in 2010:

EUROPARC lobbying strategy

In partnership with the EUROPARC Federation, the French Section held the first seminar on the lobbying strategy of the Federation on 22nd January 2010 in the Montagne de Reims Regional Park. The meeting clarified expectations of the Sections and the Federation on lobbying within EUROPARC, identified concrete actions for the implementation of the strategy and asserted the role of the EUROPARC Federation as a spokesperson for its members to policy makers in Europe.

Based on this work, the French Section approved a motion setting out its programme of work for this area for 2011 in May 2010.

The mobilisation of European funds for protected areas.

As part of the French Section National Parks of France are partnering the Federation of Regional Nature Parks and ATEN to develop an experimental project concerning technical support for the mobilisation of European funds for protected areas. This project will take place from 1st December 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Working group for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism

After an inventory of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (ECST) in French protected areas, the French Section established a working group in October 2009 devoted to the ECST. In 2010 the working group:

- developed a tool to convince decision-makers involved in implementing the ECST to optimise their contribution and to enable a better understanding of sustainable tourism and its role in the protection and enhancement of protected areas;
- developed a toolkit that brings together the design elements and common fundamentals of French protected areas regarding the application method of the ECST;
- launched a communiqué on the renewal of ECST applications;
- facilitated discussions regarding the preparation of a methodology for implementing Charter Part III.

Communications

The Section created its own website in 2011 (www.europarc-fr.org) and encouraged French protected areas to join EUROPARC. This resulted in a greater involvement of protected areas in the French Section: in 2010, six French parks joined EUROPARC and four applied for the ECST. In addition, a very successful first national contest for flower meadows, recognising the work of farmers for the biodiversity of grasslands, was organised by the Section.

The coming year

The French Section will continue with its lobbying activities in 2011. It will co-operate with national and European political players to ensure that policies of the European Union after 2013 will identify protected areas as essential partners of Natura 2000, sustainable tourism, biodiversity and economic development, global warming and ecological connectivity. Furthermore the Section wishes to organise the second Flower Meadow competition linking it to European agri-environmental policies. Finally, work will continue in the field of the ECST. This will include initiating methodological support for protected areas undergoing re-evaluation (10 territories), continuing the work started on Part III of the Charter, establishing training for the ECST, translating the arguments identified in 2010 into various communications tools as well as strengthening co-operation and exchanges between different types of French protected areas.

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Bench in a sea of
cherry blossoms,
Schwäbische Alb
Biosphere
Reserve (DE).
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Dieter Ruoff

In 2010 EUROPARC Germany celebrated two anniversaries:
40 years of the Bavarian Forest National Park and 20 years of the
National Park Programme. Both
events showed clearly that the brave
decisions made previously need
a concerted effort from all players
if they are to be taken forward
successfully.



The internet page for Junior Ranger has been
designed with the language and the requirements
of children and teenagers in mind



The brochure encourages people to
take their holidays in Germany through
advertising the wierd and wonderful
activities on offer

EUROPARC Germany

Key activities 2010

The German Junior Rangers are online

Around four million children aged between 7 and 12 years live in Germany. Many of them live in cities, far away from protected areas. The project "Junior Ranger Web", financed by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) provides a new impetus in the field of environmental education. The project was launched in September 2010 and aims to motivate young people to act responsibly through an interactive online educational platform www.juniorranger.de.

Exciting learning should encourage them to think more about nature and the environment and also inspire them with regards to the German National Natural Landscapes. Thus through "Be active" children will be taken into nature using the medium of the World Wide Web within the framework of the initiative "Education for Sustainable Development".

The evaluation of German National Parks

Since October 2009, German National Park Authorities have been taking part in a national initiative to check the quality of their management. An interdisciplinary expert committee travels around the national parks. Talks with employees and assessments by external contacts support the discourse regarding areas of management optimisation. During an excursion the committee learnt about each park's information infrastructure and management strategies. They work with a questionnaire that had been developed by the park authority and that is then analysed by an independent planning office. After this, the committee presents the park and the relevant state ministry with the results and recommendations. The reports should help the quality of the parks management to increase in the mid- to long-term. The evaluation of all German national parks was supported financially by the BfN and the Federal Environmental Ministry.



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Naturlandschaften



Success and Challenges

One of the great outcomes of 2010 for the German Section was the \$ 500,000 support given to the voluntary programme "Nature: A matter of pride" (www.ehrensache-natur.de). This sum of money was connected to the Japanese Midori Prize, which the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, was awarded at the Conference on the Convention of Biodiversity in Nagoya for her dedication to the protection of biodiversity. The prize money will be used in the coming years to develop projects using volunteers in the German National Natural Landscapes.

In addition, the learning partnership "European volunteers in Parks" (EU Grundtvig project) which began in 2008 was successfully brought to a close in 2010. EUROPARC Germany is now the lead partner in the follow-up project "Volunteer Management in European Parks" (2010-13) with 10 other partners.

The coming year

In 2011 the Annual Conference of the EUROPARC Federation will take place in the Schwabian Alb Biosphere Reserve in Germany. For the International Year of Forests EUROPARC Germany is organising a campaign about forests, to encourage companies to become sponsors for the conversion of forests, buying new areas of forest, etc.

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Volunteers at the Lebenshilfe in Northheim.
Picture: Angelika Magiros

The Health Working Group at the Siggen Estate.
Picture: EUOPARC Nordic Baltic



EUOPARC Nordic-Baltic

Key activities 2010

In 2010 the Section inaugurated and co-ordinated two working groups, one on health and protected areas and another one dealing with sustainable tourism. It also launched its new website and is very proud that its nominee Lassi Karivalo was the recipient of the Alfred Toepfer Medal. Most importantly, 2010 was a year when the Section strengthened its internal network and the links with the Federation.

The Section's main activities in 2010 were:

- the spring seminar "Management of Biodiversity and Landscapes in Estonian Coastal Areas" and the conference "Nature Conservation beyond 2010" which marked the International Year of Biodiversity;
- the co-ordination of two workshops leading to the inauguration of the Working Group on Health and Protected Areas, together with the Atlantic Isles Section;
- the launch of the Section's new website in September.

Success and challenges

Among the successes in 2010, the Section counts a fruitful spring seminar, the start-up of the new Working Group on Health and Protected Areas and the launch of our new website. It has also been instrumental in setting up a number of successful workshops and study visits that have proven rewarding examples of experience exchange between protected area managers.

2010 was the second year for the Swedish secretariat. At the mid-term, the team feels that they have settled into the work and know their members better. The secretariat worked purposefully to strengthen both the Section's internal network and the links with the Federation. The closer connections have given rise to a feeling that, together, we can really be the voice of Europe's protected areas.



2010 has been a most interesting year for the Nordic-Baltic Section. Themes such as the International Year of Biodiversity, Health and Protected Areas and Sustainable Tourism were a focus for its activities.

Many of the Section's members are facing challenging cuts in budgets for nature conservation, which strengthens the need for experience exchange that is relevant and thereby cost-effective. So, on the bright side, despite thin travel budgets, the Section feels that there is a very strong interest in and enthusiasm for the EUOPARC network!

The year ahead

We are looking forward to another year full of activities. Normally, the Section organises two seminars per year - this year there will be three! In March, sustainable tourism and the implementation of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in the Nordic-Baltic and Baltic Sea Region will be in focus at the "Nature Tourism Conference" in Riga. In May, the Section will meet in the Kristianstad Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve (SE), to examine the ecosystem approach to biodiversity and protected area management, with special focus on local participation and communication with multiple stakeholders. Later in this European Year of Volunteering, there will be a seminar on volunteering in protected areas in the Archipelago National Park (FI).

In addition, as 2011 is the last year of the Swedish presidency for the Nordic-Baltic Section, an important task will be to make preparations for the next presidency period and the handing over of the secretariat.

The secretariat sees the EUOPARC Conference 2011 with the election of a new Federation President and several new council members as a most important event in 2011. The Section will strive to support the organisation as a whole during the preparation for this event.

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Leelo Kukk, Keskkonnaamet (EE), and Rolands Auziņš, Latvian Nature Conservation Agency, at the Nordic-Baltic Section's spring seminar.
Picture: EUOPARC Nordic-Baltic



Los Volcanes
Natural Park
(ES).
Picture:
Javier Puertes



EUROPARC Spain

The Spanish Section was founded in 1993 and is championed by FUNGOBE (Fundación F.G. Bernaldez for Natural Areas). There are currently 26 members, all of them public administrations. Since 2008 the Programme of Work for Protected Areas 2009-2013 (PoW), a contribution from the Spanish protected areas to the Convention on Biodiversity, has formed the backbone of the Sections activities.

Key Activities 2010

In 2010 many activities from the current PoW took place including:

- A compilation of experiences in the planning and management of marine protected areas was started.
- With the support of the "Diputación de Barcelona", the Section was able to publish the discourse "Ecological Connectivity and Protected Areas".
- The topic of quality management for conservation in the PoW saw the adoption of the Standard of Conservation. In addition, a document on good practice in preventive management was developed.
- Work on the quality management of visitor management and tourism saw three new Spanish protected areas being awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, with nearly 155 tourism companies joining the second phase. The number of protected areas accredited with the label "Q Standard for public use" increased to 25.
- A manual, sponsored by the Biodiversity Foundation, entitled "Tools for the evaluation of protected areas: memory management model" was elaborated and published.
- A discourse on the topic "innovative financial mechanisms for biodiversity conservation" was developed in 2010 and will be published in 2011, thanks to support from the Euskadi Government.
- The "Cabildo de Tenerife" supported the translation of the book "Tools for assessing the benefits of protected areas". In April 2010 a technical seminar was held in Tenerife with the main purpose of discussing how to value the services and benefits of natural areas.



ESPARC 2010.
Picture:
Javier Puertes

- In the framework of collaborative agreements with Colombia and México, a technical workshop, supported by the Biodiversity Foundation, was held in Madrid. It was.

Furthermore, the Section's Annual Conference in June was held together with the Government of the Region of Valencia. 150 people attended the meeting under the slogan "Everybody for protected areas". The Section participated in the project "European Volunteers in Parks", led by the German Section. In addition, they renewed their Masters in protected areas and produced three courses of quality of management for conservation. Finally, the "Yearbook 2009 protected natural areas" was published, thanks to the support of the Biodiversity Foundation.

The Section also co-operated with FUNCAS (Fundación de las Cajas de Ahorro) to promote activities under the European Day of Parks framework through an award recognising particularly good projects. In 2010 a project to disseminate a technical report of the marine areas of the Canary Islands was also supported by the Foundation.

Several documents were published by the Section in the framework of the project "Innovation and sustainable employment in protected natural areas": "Guide to the accession of tourism enterprises to the CST in protected areas" and

"Guide to the implementation of the Standard of Conservation". Two issues of the Bulletin were also produced. Finally, the website and domain were renewed.

Success and Challenges

Several public and private foundations supported the Section's activities in 2010: Fundación BBVA, Fundación Biodiversidad, Fundación de las Cajas de Ahorros, Obra Social de Caja Madrid, Red Eléctrica.

The International Year of Biological Diversity was a framework for disseminating information about many of the current activities to a wider audience.

The year ahead

The main task for the Section in 2011 is the implementation of several lines of work connected to the Programme for Protected Areas. These include the development of Natura 2000 guidelines, marine protected areas and the values and benefits of protected areas.

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On top of
Brocken
mountain in
Harz National
Park (DE). Study
Tour of Ukrainian
protected-area
practitioners in
2010.
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Key activities 2010

2010 was the last year of EUROPARC Consulting's involvement in the WWF-DCP Protected Areas for a Living Planet project which covered the whole Carpathian Ecoregion. In particular, the three year Training Champions programme came to a successful end. Training seminars in Šumava National Park (CZ) and the Bavarian Forest National Park (DE) concluded this "training the trainers" project. The project has left Consulting with some valuable training modules which it hopes to use in future work.

During the year the business was also able to organise again a successful study tour for protected area practitioners from Ukraine, this time to the Harz mountains (DE). Their well-tested format for such visits ensures that these tours are both enjoyable and informative. Each evening, for example, participants gathered to discuss the day's learning and record inputs, and to collect great ideas and examples to take back to the Carpathians and put to use. Two very useful reports, one in Ukrainian and one in English, made sure that all that experience was captured for future work.

Finally work for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas went from strength to strength. Both Anne Webster and Wilf Fenten were able to do much more than just process applications. The result: more and more areas hear about the Charter and seek to join. In total, 17 protected areas applied for their evaluation or re-evaluation in the course of the year.

Successes and challenges

EUROPARC Consulting is particularly delighted that the new network of colleagues in protected areas in Eastern Europe has been strengthened. The work carried out was a resounding success and received enthusiastic feedback. They are also proud to have contributed to raising the profile of the EUROPARC Federation and to play an increasingly important role in promoting sustainable tourism all over Europe.



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In an average year, the work of EUROPARC Consulting usually consists in equal parts of projects in Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe and for the European Charter for Protected Areas. Given the economic climate there was, however, in 2010 a steep downturn in contracts from Western Europe. Fortunately, both our work in Eastern Europe and the Charter work held up well. However, the aim of the company to increase its turnover and continue to support the EUROPARC Federation with an ever-increasing contribution had to be put on hold.

The new year will, however, see some important challenges. Everywhere in Europe protected areas are battling with financial cuts. These are times of financial restraint but also an opportunity for Consulting to convince protected areas that the company can optimise their funding by offering real value for money. EUROPARC Consulting offers reduced rates for all members of the EUROPARC Federation.

The year ahead

EUROPARC Consulting is continuously seeking to raise its profile at EU Commission level, in cooperation with the EUROPARC office in

Brussels. At the same time its experts are looking actively for the right mechanism and structure so that they will soon start working on project proposals and project concepts on a European level. The business is also busy tendering and expressing interest in new areas of work.

If you need any work doing please let EUROPARC Consulting submit a proposal or tender.

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Two-wheeled seminar – outdoor learning
for newly qualified Training Champions
from the Carpathian Ecoregion.
Picture: Rosie Simpson

EUROPARC membership 2010

EUROPARC is based on the premise that managing Europe's natural heritage is best achieved through collaboration across countries and the Federation has achieved real successes and recognition in its almost 40 years of existence. Access to a large pool of expertise and a living library of experience is a great short-cut when it comes to adapting protected area management to current challenges: Someone somewhere has already tackled this problem before you! It's good to be part of that collective knowledge and in these days of financial difficulty, the need to find cost efficient solutions for management challenges has never been stronger.

The EUROPARC Federation puts members at the heart of Europe's largest protected area network. They have the advantage of learning from and sharing with colleagues from 36 European countries. Membership fees fund the work the organisation undertakes to support, develop and promote the value of work done by member protected areas.

In 2010, the Council of the Federation, sensitive to the present financial climate recommended no increase in membership fees. In addition they introduced a new lower rate fee to enable smaller organisations or those with small budgets to be a part of the organisation. EUROPARC's fee structure is currently one of the lowest in Europe.

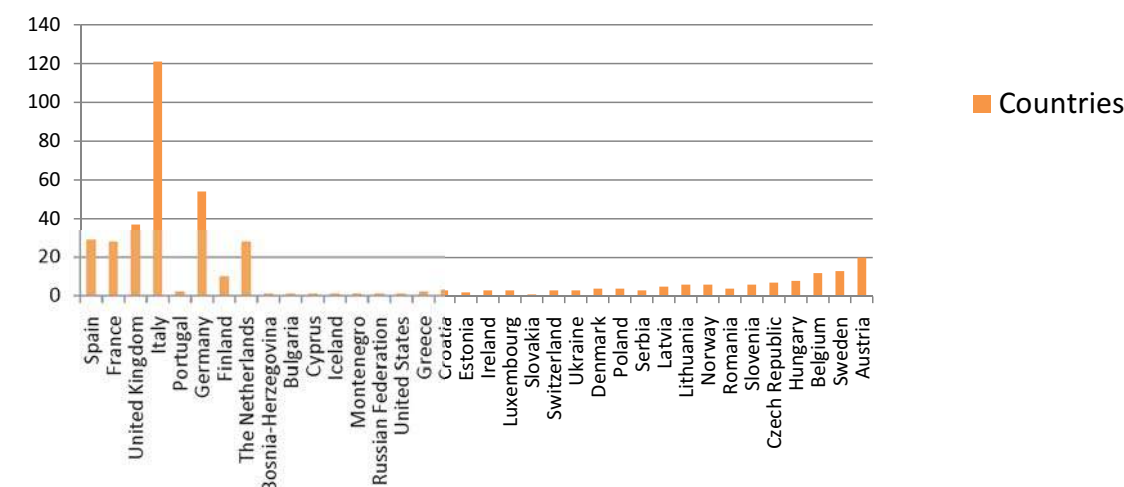
At the close of 2010 EUROPARC ended the year with 434 members in 36 countries. Throughout the year the Federation gained 21 new members but lost 20 due to resignations and a need to strike off members who had not been paying their fees. Compared with 2009, which EUROPARC ended with 433 members in 36 countries, this shows that membership numbers within the Federation have remained stable.

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www.europarc.org/who-we-are/our-members

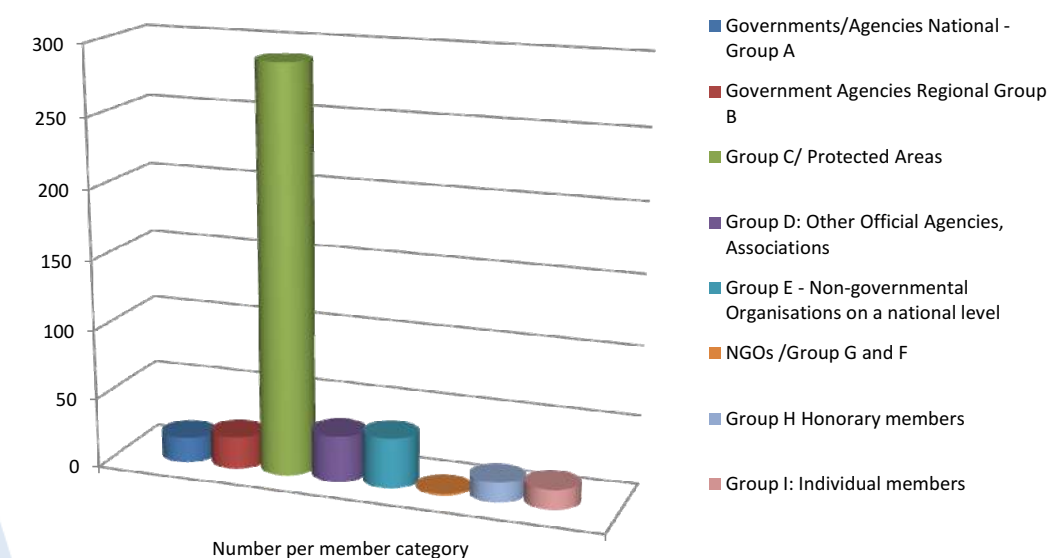
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Number of EUROPARC members per country



EUROPARC member categories



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BALANCE SHEET

	2010	2009
AKTIVA		
Assets		
Total fixed assets	9 591,00	8 677,00
Total current assets	268 491,59	304 782,94
Total Assets	278 082,59	313 459,94
PASSIVA		
Profit Reserve	176 733,79	259 672,60
Liabilities		
Provisions	41 783,00	27 751,40
Accounts payable	59 565,80	26 035,94
Total Equity and Liability	278 082,59	313 459,94

NOTES

* The EUROPARC Federation represents the membership as a member of the World Conservation Union(IUCN), Federation of European and International Associations established in Belgium(FAIB), European Habitat Forum EHF.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2010	2009
Income		
Membership fees	320 778,12	350 672,74
Grants		
EC core grant	95 144,95	101 600,00
Project grants	88 573,08	265 495,45
Other income	28 528,92	9 153,10
Total Income	533 025,07	726 921,29
Expenditure		
Personnel costs	337 889,14	385 939,31
Office costs		
Grafenau	14 995,07	41 246,17
Regensburg	33 273,46	0,00
Brussels	8 060,53	11 677,17
Travel and Subsistence		
Council travel	24 888,49	34 719,06
Staff	16 211,25	22 749,36
Others	3 446,65	16 135,03
Communications and Publications	11 119,40	0,00
Other costs	16 184,26	0,00
Memberships		
IUCN, FAIB, EHF*	575,00	1 475,58
Projects - Direct Costs		
Transboundary	0,00	3 313,76
Alfred Toepfer	11 050,00	3 676,07
WWF Danube Carpathian	50 534,38	114 406,71
Charter for Sustainable Tourism	8 350,00	34 150,10
NatuRegio	0,00	13 000,95
Living Parks	2 310,28	25 823,48
STEPPA	629,08	0,00
Others	8 670,12	13 623,02
Other costs		
Professional fees	51 818,46	11 826,30
Depreciation	3 247,13	3 190,89
Insurance	1 667,01	2 043,98
Total expenditure	624 289,88	738 996,94
Result	-91 264,81	-12 075,65

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