

Implementing the European Landscape Convention:

Sharing Experiences and Promoting Action

Workshop B3

What practical activities could be carried out to enable protected areas to contribute to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the future?

- Raise awareness in the local communities and decision makers – communicate the importance of landscapes instead of biodiversity
- Establish regional workshops (Sections, EUROPARC Consulting) to introduce the European Landscape Convention (ELC) within the Federation - INTERREG
- Exchange experiences, promote best practice (e.g. Peak District NPA, U.K.) spread methodology, guidance about the implementation of the ELC – an effective but not restrictive tool in your every day work
- EUROPARC 201X – more focus on landscape protection, as an umbrella for our activities

What aspects of the European Landscape Convention should be the priority for EUROPARC to influence national and international policy-making?

- A positive message (Yes, we can!) to the next ELC COP, with good examples selected from EUROPARC membership
- Nominations from the Federation to the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, selected from membership
- Prepare a position paper as part of the lobbying strategy how to integrate the landscape approach into EU existing policies (biodiversity, economy, agriculture, land-use, water, etc.)
- Landscape services instead of ecosystem ones: a new, more easily understandable approach
- Help the Commission to recognize that ELC is the tool to implement Article 10 of the Habitats Directive