

EUROPARC Federation

Analysis of current and potential partnerships with organizations in Brussels

Organisation	Current status	Future development
European Union institutions		
European Commission		
DG Environment	<p>EUROPARC receives an operational grant from DG Environment and our work programme is aligned with the priorities of the 6th Environmental Programme.</p> <p>We are also in regular contact with officers in Units B2 (Biodiversity) and B3 (Natura 2000), as well as head of the B Directorate Ladislav Miko, often through the Wild Europe Initiative and the EHF.</p> <p>EUROPARC is represented in the new expert working group on the management of Natura 2000. Earlier we were a project partner in the Natura Networking Initiative and the Natura Networking Programme, financed by DG Environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the operational grant. • Deepening links with the two units. • Representation in further working groups. • Meeting the new Commissioner and his Cabinet. • Securing a DG Environment tender.
DG Enterprise	<p>Our focus here is with the Tourism Unit, and we have been represented on DG Enterprise's Tourism Sustainability Group (TSG) by Patrizia Rossi was several years.</p> <p>EUROPARC is a project partner in the STEPPA project which starts in June 2010 and is mostly financed by DG Enterprise.</p>	<p>Maintain links with the TSG; potentially trial new destination indicators in BfN project.</p> <p>Use opportunities from STEPPA</p>
DG Agriculture	No links at present.	Depending on priorities establish links with a view to lobbying on the new EU budget.
DG Regio	No links at present.	Depending on priorities establish links with a view to lobbying on the new EU budget.

DG Education	No links at present.	Using the work done in the current Grundtvig project, and potentially through the new Grundtvig project to build links.
DG Research	No links at present	Promote the EUROPARC network as a potential laboratory for EU-wide projects.
DG Climate	No links at present; this DG has only recently been established.	Dependent on priorities.
European Parliament		
MEPs	Links established with Gaston Franco MEP (former President of Mercantour National Park)	Links to be established with more MEPs.
Parliamentary Committees	No links at present	Depending on priorities it could be useful to establish contact with the parliament officials running the Committee and with the staff in the party groupings responsible for environmental issues. Monitoring of relevant committee work.
Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development	No links at present	Meeting with the secretariat - European Bureau for Conservation and Development - to be arranged.
Committee of the Regions		
Members	Links with Jean Louis Joseph via the French Federation of Regional Nature Parks.	Establish links with other members, potentially together with the EUROPARC membership.
Commission on Sustainable Development	Contacts established with the officer responsible for protected area related issues; invitations to consultations and events.	Maintain and develop links. Although the Committee of the Regions only has advisory status, it's a useful way to influence broader discussions.
National and regional government representations		

Permanent representations of the member states	Contact established with Swedish Perm Rep during the Swedish Presidency, and press briefing given.	Establish contact with further Perm Reps
Representations of regional and local governments	Contacts established with several regions' offices, including: Provence Alpes Cote d'Azure (PACA), Bretagne, Catalonia, Baden Württemberg, Sachsen Anhalt, Norwegian Municipalities, Tuscany, Emilia Romagna, Hessen.	Devote time for further networking opportunities and develop contacts with other regions.
Non-governmental and other organisations		
European Habitats Forum	EUROPARC participates at the regular meetings of the EHF, which is comprised of 19 NGO networks across Europe.	Need to bring in the practitioner perspective more strongly. At present the work focuses very much on legislative aspects.
WWF - European Policy Office	Regular informal contact through the EHF and other meetings.	WWF is one of the few organisations actively campaigning for Natura 2000 and it would therefore be useful to work more closely with them.
European Environmental Bureau (EEB)	Regular informal contact through the EHF and other meetings.	EEB is one of the few organisations actively campaigning for Natura 2000 and it would therefore be useful to work more closely with them.
Birdlife International	Regular informal contact through the EHF and other meetings.	Birdlife is one of the few organisations actively campaigning for Natura 2000 and it would therefore be useful to work more closely with them. Potentially EUROPARC could be for habitats what Birdlife is for birds.
European Landowners Organisation	Regular informal contact through attendance at meetings events. Former project partners in the NNI and NNP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire to work together more closely. • Invitation to be issued for workshop at EUROPARC 2010. • Potential for new project partnerships.

IUCN	EUROPARC is a member of IUCN. Regular contacts with both IUCN and Countdown 2010 initiative.	IUCN is our closest organisation in Brussels and maintaining and developing links could be a useful way to develop our presence in Brussels.
Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)	Informal contacts and participation in research surveys.	
Others - miscellaneous	Euromontana (Network of mountain regions), European Federation of Youth Hostels, Climate Action Network, ECOS.	Develop links with other organisations as and when the opportunity arises.