

PROGRAMME 26TH OCTOBER

08:30 Registration

09:30 **Plenary Session**

09:40 **Protected Areas in a Changing Environment**

Are Protected Areas passive passengers of climate change or drivers of sustainability?

By Ignace Schops, EUROPARC President

10:00 **Protected Areas and a Changing Economy**

Are Protected Areas the new natural asset bankers?

By Jonathan Hughes, CEO Scottish Wildlife Trust, IUCN Council, Natural Capital Forum

10:25 **Protected Areas in a changing policy framework**

EU Biodiversity Policy: what are the challenges and opportunities?

By Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Senior Policy Advisor, WWF European Policy Office

10:50 **Protected Areas - The change from within:**

How can people in Protected Areas manage with seemingly endless organisational change?

Dr Laura Meagher

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 The Future of Protected Areas

A Message from the Youth of Europe

12:00 Panel discussion

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 **Workshop 1 - Ground Floor**

Young people in Protected Areas: Taking the lead for Nature

Led by EUROPARC Federation

13:30 **Workshop 2 - Ground Floor**

Professional development for Protected Area management

Led by ProPark Foundation

13:30 **Workshop 3 - 5th Floor**

Seeds of Growth: Multi-functionality of agriculture in Protected Areas

Led by EUROPARC France

13:30 **Workshop 4 - 5th Floor**

The Nature of cooperation: Managing Protected Areas in partnership.

Led by EUROPARC Central and Eastern Europe

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Plenary Session - Celebrating Success!**

N2000 Communications Award

Transboundary Cooperation Awards

Alfred Toepfer Scholarship Awards

Alfred Toepfer Medal

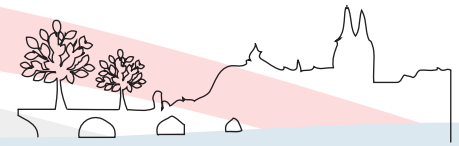
17:45 **Conference and Workshop Conclusions**

18:00 **Marketplace**

Take a trip across Europe with the sights, sounds and tastes from our protected area members

19:30 **Buffet Dinner, Live Music and EUROPARTY!**

Bar open until late...



PROGRAMME 27TH OCTOBER

08:30 Registration

09:30 **General Assembly**

11:00 *Coffee break*

12:50 **Closing of General Assembly**

14:00 **Guided City Tour** (option 1)

Meeting point: Kolpinghaus

14:00 **Side Meetings**

Professionalization of Protected Areas Management (5th Floor)

Led by ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas

Biomass from sustainable managed Natural Parks - Strategies for establishing sustainable supply chains, BioEuParks Project (5th Floor)

Led by FNR (Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe), workshop will be held in german

Wilderness in Europe (Conference hall)

Of interest to anyone with previous connection to a park or seeking to understand what is the current state of wilderness policy in Europe

Led by Toby Aykroyd

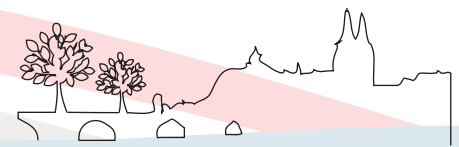
Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (Conference hall)

a chance to find out the Federations' ideas for a rebranding, marketing and communications about the Charte

Led by EUROPARC Federation

16:00 **Guided City Tour** (option 2)

Meeting point: Kolpinghaus



WORKSHOPS



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Workshop 1 - Young people in Protected Areas: Taking the lead for Nature

“You will never change if you don’t work with young people”, said one participant at the 1st EUROPARC youth conference in Hungary 2013. Young people are our future and in this workshop we bring the results of the 2nd event the Youth camp in Spain in 2015. We will consider mentoring and youth leadership programmes and how you can get young people more involved in the work of your Protected Area.



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Workshop 2 - Professional development for Protected Area management

Do we really know what competencies we need to manage Protected Areas and how to identify the training needs of our staff? Pro Park (Romania) have been working on a BfN funded project to develop training needs analysis in 23 Eastern Europe countries and capacity building plans for Protected Area staff in 2 pilot countries and one region. Their experience might help you to understand how to manage and develop staff competencies for efficient Protected Area management. This workshop will be led by ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas, EUROPARC member from Romania.



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Workshop 3 - Seeds of Growth: Multi-functionality of agriculture in Protected Areas

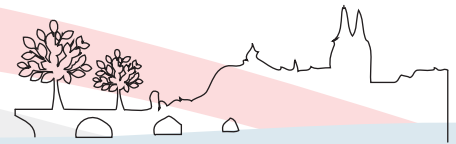
Working with the agriculture sector in and around Protected Areas is good for biodiversity and for sustainable economic development. Examples from France will show how they reconcile the management of agriculture and the Protected Areas showing how “agroecology” can work and the development of local brands and agri-tourism enterprises bringing economic benefits. Workshop led by EUROPARC France.



EUROPARC
Central and Eastern Europe

Workshop 4 - The Nature of cooperation: Managing Protected Areas in partnership

Examples from the transboundary parks across the Central Eastern European region will reflect on how working in partnership and a share of international experience has brought benefits to the management of their areas. What makes a good partnership work? What are the strengths and challenges that EUROPARC members can learn from the transboundary experience? Workshop led by EUROPARC Central Eastern Europe section (CEE), moderated by Handrij Härtel and Martin Solar.



SIDE MEETINGS

Professionalization of Protected Areas management

Would you like to learn about successful ways of making Protected Areas teams more efficient?
 Would you like to know about useful tools needed to improve Protected Areas capacity building both at a country and Protected Area level?
 Would you like to meet and interact with professionals that plan to make a positive change in their countries when it comes to professionalization for Protected Areas?



Join us on the 27th of October to benefit from the experiences of Croatian, Georgian, Romanian and Moldavian Protected Areas professionals who were developing tools and plans in the past two years with the support of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN).

Our objective is to promote the results of "Capacity Building Plans for Efficient Protected Area Management in Eastern Europe" Project with the aim to encourage professionalization of Protected Areas management around Europe using a competence based approach.

During the meeting you will find out about:

- Training needs assessment conducted in more than one thousand Protected Areas in 23 Eastern European countries
- The need for and the process of developing Capacity Building Plans at a national/regional level
- The initiative to create a pool of trainers on key topics for Protected Areas management across Europe
- The recently launched section with information on Capacity Building for Protected Areas on EUROPARC's website

Biomasse aus nachhaltig bewirtschafteten Naturparken

Strategien zur Etablierung nachhaltiger Wertschöpfungsketten

Der Stellenwert von Biomasse für die Produktion von Energie steigt stetig in Europa. Zusammen mit Ihnen wollen wir Potentiale und Möglichkeiten der Nutzung nachhaltiger, lokaler Biomasse aus Naturparken diskutieren. Zudem soll der Workshop zur Vernetzung relevanter Zielgruppen beitragen und den Erfahrungsaustausch fördern.



Diese Einladung richtet sich insbesondere an Vertreter/-innen von Naturparken, an Vertreter/-innen aus dem Bereich Bioenergie, an Experten/-innen und die interessierte Öffentlichkeit. Im Rahmen des Workshops werden Ergebnisse und Praxiserfahrungen aus dem EU Projekt BioEUParks präsentiert. BioEUParks zielt darauf ab, effiziente und nachhaltige Versorgungsketten in fünf europäischen Naturparken zu etablieren. Dies soll durch kurze Versorgungswege und Kleinanlagen in oder im Nahbereich der Naturparke umgesetzt werden.

In einem ersten Block werden informative Vorträge einen Einstieg in das Thema geben und Praxiserfahrungen aus dem Naturpark Sölktaier (Österreich) vermitteln. Im Anschluss geben Diskussionsrunden Raum und Zeit, sich mit anderen Experten auszutauschen. Veranstalter des Workshops „Biomasse aus nachhaltig bewirtschafteten Naturparken – Strategien zur Etablierung nachhaltiger Wertschöpfungsketten“ ist die Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V. (FNR). Der Workshop wird in deutscher Sprache durchgeführt.