EUROPARC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

PROTECTED AREAS IN A CHANGING WORLD
Policy

Advocacy

Partnerships
European Protected Areas make a valuable contribution for the implementation of several EU policies: nature and biodiversity, regional cooperation, climate change, sustainable development, agriculture, tourism, education, health...
Objectives

Represent members’ interests at EU level;
Ensure the recognition of PAs in Europe;
Contribute to the development of EU relevant policies;
Provide expertise, share experiences with EU institutions and partner organisations;
Drive the flow of information from and to members;
Secure resources for PA effective management;
Support successful implementation of policies.
Almost 10 years of Brussels office; Cooperation with European Commission, Parliament and Committee of the Regions; Contribution to EC working groups, expert meetings, partner in projects; Provide expertise and give keynotes at high level conferences; Work in close partnership with other organisations and institutions.
Actions

European Commission:
High level meetings between EUROPARC President and EC officials;
Close cooperation and regular meetings with DG Environment: Nature unit, Biodiversity unit, LIFE unit, Agriculture unit;
Close connections and regular meetings with DG Growth: Sustainable Tourism Unit;
Actions

Expert Groups:
Natura 2000 management expert group;
Large Carnivores platform;
Green Infrastructure working group;
Participation at the EC Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature - CGBN;
Representation – via European Habitats Forum – within the EU Nature Directors Meetings;
Sustainable Tourism group of DG Growth;
Actions

EU Parliament
Connections established with MEPs;
Regular participation and contribution to relevant events and conferences in the EU Parliament;
Cooperation with Intergroups: Climate Change – Biodiversity – Sustainable Development and with Tourism Intergroup;
Annual Charter Awards in the EU Parliament;
Actions

Cooperation with International Organisations

Official status as International NGO within the Council of Europe;
Member of the expert group on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks of the Council of Europe;
MOU with: NPS, IRF, Redparques, Slow Food, IUCN - WCPA, Lake Baykal
Actions

Cooperation with other NGOs in Brussels:

Member of European Habitats Forum - EHF: 27 EU environmental NGOs;
Member of the Sustainable Food and Farming Platform;
Brussels office based within the IUCN EU representative office;
EF among the leader of the Wild Europe platform;
Recent activities and results

EU institutions better understand the role of PAs; Recognition of the value of our collective work; EC officials regularly attending EUROPARC events; New EU Interreg MED programme: priorities for Protected Areas and for Sustainable Tourism; EUROPARC Position on Nature Directives; Updates on relevant policies and funding on website and e-news;
Recent activities and results

- Inputs on LIFE and CAP;
- Managing EC contract for Natura 2000;
- Biogeographical process: together with ECNC, ELO, Eurosite and CEEWeb;
- Key note speech at Green Week 2015;
- Speech at EU Parliament – public hearing Environmental Committee;
- Presentations at EC Natura 2000 expert group;
- Annual Charter awards at the EU Parliament.
Happy to share more:

Ask me live now, email me f.minozzi@europarc.org or visit our Brussels office 😊