

EUROPARC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015



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PROTECTED AREAS IN A CHANGING WORLD



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Regensburg, Germany

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Policy



Advocacy



Partnerships



Context

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.





Tools:

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.

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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;

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NATURE



Green Week Brussels

3-5 June 2015



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;

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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;

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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

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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;





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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;

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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.

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