## **EUROPARC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015**











**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...



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## **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.





## **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;







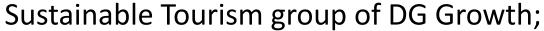
## **Actions**



### **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;







## **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;







WCPA, Lake Baykal

## **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 -





## **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.















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