

**The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas:
“good for parks, good for people”**



Charter Award Ceremony 2015
European Parliament, Brussels, 7.12.2015



Programme

13,00 Registrations at the European Parliament

14,00 Welcoming words and introduction

MEP Igor Šoltés (Greens/EFA Group)

MEP Therese Comodini Cachia (EPP Group)

Ignace Schops, President of the EUROPARC Federation

14,20 The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, new perspectives

Stefania Petrosillo, Charter Award Ceremony 2015

14,30 Awards to new Charter Parks * :

~ *Parc naturel régional de Brière (FR), Parque Nacional Marítimo-Terrestre de las Islas Atlánticas de Galicia (ES), Parco Nazionale Dolomiti Bellunesi (IT), Matsalu National Park and its surrounding area (EE), Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna (IT), Parque Natural de los Valles Occidentales (ES), Parc naturel régional du Luberon (FR), Parque Nacional Peneda Gerês (PT), Parque Natural do Alvão (PT)*

15,00 The ECST challenge in the North Region of Portugal

Vitor Sousa, Associação Parques Com Vida

15,10 Continue with Awards to new Charter Parks * :

~ *Rede de Espaços de Excelência Ambiental do Alto Minho (PT), Parco naturale Paneveggio Pale di San Martino (IT), Montaña Palentina (ES), Parco Nazionale e Area Marina Protetta delle Cinque Terre (IT), Kornati National Park Public Institution (HR), Parque Natural de Posets-Maladeta (ES), Parque Natural do Douro Internacional (PT), Parque Natural de Montesinho (PT)*

15,45 MEET (Mediterranean Experience of Ecotourism): the experience of the Nature Regional Reserve of Monte Rufeno

Filippo Belisario – Monte Rufeno Nature Regional Reserve, Lazio Region

- 15,55 Award to Charter Parks re-evaluated *
~ *Parc naturel régional des volcans d’Auvergne (FR), Parc naturel régional du Pilat (FR)*
- 16,10 Tourism and biodiversity: benefits for nature, benefits for people - the approach of the European Commission
Nicola Notaro, European Commission, Head of the Nature Unit – Directorate General for the Environment
- 16,20 The Charter added value in the Cinque Terre National Park- The environmental, touristic and economic impact in the area as mass tourism destination
Vittorio Alessandro, President of the Cinque Terre National Park
- 16,30 Conclusions
Ignace Schops, President of the EUROPARC Federation

At the end of the Award Ceremony we invite all the participants to gather for the official group picture.

A refreshment will be kindly offered by the hosts MEP after.

**The award order might change*

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In order to participate to the Award Ceremony please register [here](#) using the appropriate on line Registration Form.

As prices fluctuate from day to day, there are no specific accommodations we can recommend you in Brussels. In any case you might find here some good [Bed & Breakfast](#) options.

[Here](#) some information on how to reach the city centre from the airports.

We kindly recommend arriving on time for the registration procedure. Thanks.

The ceremony will be in English.

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