



ELECTIONS FOR A YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPARC FEDERATION

Motivation letter

Last name/ Surname :

First name :

*What are your motives for applying to this position? What are your experiences so far?
How do you wish to contribute to the work of the EUROPARC Council?*

Dear Sirs/Madams,

My name is Laura Peters and I am 21 years old. At the moment I am in my third and last year of the bachelor of my study biology and looking forward to following an Erasmus Mundus Masters Programme abroad (see below). When I saw the call for a Youth Representative on the Europarc Council I was elated. Europarc had acted very quickly on their promise made to the Youth at the last Europarc Conference in Regensburg.

Since I joined the first Junior Ranger group in the Netherlands in 2007 I have been involved in the programme. My interest in International Camps started when I joined the International Camp in the Cairngorms, Scotland, in 2008. Partly due to my enthusiasm to organize a similar camp in the Netherlands, the International Camp of 2011 took place in Holland.

In 2013 I participated in the first Europarc Youth Conference 2013 in Hungary, where we gave the well-known message of "we want to be heard" to all participating members of the Conference. At the Europarc Conference 2015 in Regensburg, I presented a movie message together with other representatives from Youth+.

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I would like to be the Youth Representative, because it is an amazing opportunity to gain insight in the workings of a large federation and to gain new skills and networks. I believe that my positive experience as the Chair of the Travel Committee of the Utrecht Biologist Association will help me in integrating in the council. A large part of my motivation for the position is because I understand the importance of a European co-operation regarding nature and because I want to improve the Youth involvement in nature.

To the council, I will bring my enthusiasm and will to learn, seeing as I do not know everything yet regarding councils and federations. I will bring my own insight and knowledge to the council, but I would also like to voice the opinions of the whole European Youth by discussing important points with a group from Youth+, so as to be a true representative.

Note: Seeing as my master is an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course, it means that I will study at three different universities. The first half year, from September until February I will study in Florence, Italy. The second semester, from February/March to July, I will study in Malaysia and thus not be able to attend the meetings face to face. The year after I will be in Brussels and Florence respectively.

Signature of the candidate

Place and date 04-04-2016

Signature of a representative of the EUROPARC member supporting this candidate and stamp of the organisation

Place and date

Steenwijk, 13-04-2016

