

# 1 WHO ARE WE?

The EUROPARC Federation is a members association registered in Germany. The Federation is financed primarily by membership fees and income from different projects and programmes

## 10 FACTS ABOUT EUROPARC FEDERATION



# 3 WHAT IS OUR COUNCIL?

Our council is made up of 10 members, 6 elected and 3 co-opted. The President chairs the council and represents the EUROPARC Federation. We also elect an internal auditor who ensures we have good governance in place.

# 4 OUR STRATEGY

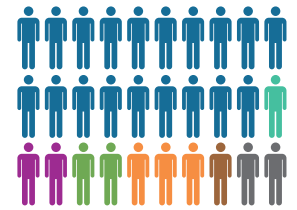
Through the implementation of this strategy, EUROPARC will further seek to align both the work of the Federation and that of its members to European and international policy. In particular, to support the realisation of the EU 7EAP and to support the N2000 network by increasing awareness of the importance and role of Protected Areas.

Our strategy is based on the extensive consultation with members and is a mechanism to bring clarity to the purpose of our organisation and to enable us to discover "imaginative" means to achieve our mission and vision. Naturally, the strategy takes a "big-picture-view" of the Federation, showing the areas we will work across.

The EUROPARC Federation is the representative body of Europe's Protected Areas and is the collective voice for all nature and landscape areas and seeks to build a stronger, unifying, European network organisation that is better placed to support our members and to respond to current and future challenges facing Europe's nature. In support of that work we have developed a number of programmes, projects and events. Events also take place in Brussels in cooperation with other environmental NGOs and bodies to advocate the values and benefits of protected areas and lobby for their better recognition and support.

# 2 OUR MEMBERS 380 37 countries

The Federation currently has over 380 members in 37 countries. Many members themselves represent thousands of protected areas [PA] and N2000 sites across Europe. The biggest majority of our members are PAs. Other members include: governmental agencies, regional administrations and other NGO who are responsible for the management of PAs. The members form the General Assembly who meet annually during the EUROPARC Conference. They elect the council members and president and vote on other EUROPARC business.



- Protected Areas
- National governmental organizations
- NGO's
- Regional Government Agencies
- Other official Agencies Associations
- Regional Government Agencies
- Honorary and individual members

# 5 OUR VISION & MISSION

Sustainable nature, valued by people.

As the representative body of Europe's Protected Areas we are the collective voice for all nature and landscape areas and we seek to build a stronger, unifying, European network organisation that is better placed to support our members and to respond to current and future challenges Europe's nature is facing. Our VISION, describes what EUROPARC wishes for European nature.

Our MISSION indicates the role, EUROPARC as an organisation, believes it can play, in realising that vision.

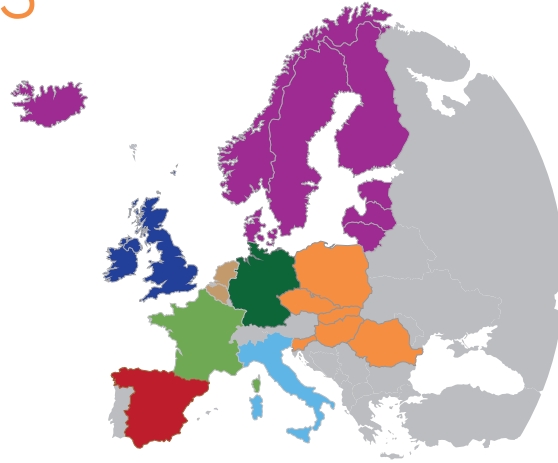
EUROPARC works for our natural and cultural heritage, to improve and champion the policy and practice of Protected Area management, in order to deliver sustainable nature, valued by people.



The Directorate is the central "hub" of EUROPARC. It operates, with an international team from the headquarters in Regensburg and in Brussels. The staff of the Federation are responsible for all membership services projects and programme management, lobby and advocacy, event organisation and the everyday management of the Federation.

# EUROPARC SECTIONS

- Nordic-Baltic
- Atlantic Isles
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Low Countries
- Germany
- France
- Italy
- Spain



Members create national and regional sections within the EUROPARC Federation, to address European policy and regional issues relevant to protected areas.

Europe's Protected Areas - its national parks, nature parks, and biosphere reserves - play a vital role in safeguarding the continent's nature, its wildlife and landscapes. They protect Europe's most special places: relatively untouched landscapes, as well as those which have been shaped by centuries of man's interaction with the land.

Helping Protected Areas to fulfil this role through practical activities on the ground as well as influencing policy, is the purpose of the EUROPARC Federation.

To develop policy and practise, EUROPARC often establishes working groups. We are fortunate to be able to call upon the volunteer effort of members from across the network. Working groups and other member platforms are made up of expertise from within the membership. They work with the Directorate to take forward the EUROPARC strategy on behalf of the whole Network.



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## EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



- 131 SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS
- 16 COUNTRIES
- 3200 ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED
- 700 BUSINESSES AND PRODUCTS promoted
- 72 M PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE AREAS
- € 441 M HAD BEEN INVESTED through the charter network

# 10 EUROPARC IN NUMBERS

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMME

- 32 Protected Areas
- 14 European Countries
- 5000 youth aged between 12-18

900.000 ha

## TRANSBOUNDARY PARKS Following Nature's Design

- 23 European Protected Areas have been successfully certified as
- 10 Transboundary Parks, meaning that
- 1000 Staff members are employed in the Transboundary Areas, working in surface area, a 1/3rd of which are N2000 designated, and are being managed cooperatively across international borders in Europe.

## WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS

- 67% of the total national Parks in Europe
- 92% all national ministries and agencies of EU28
- 80% from all of wider Europe
- 10% regional administration with responsibility for Protected areas

We can truly say we are the largest and most representative protected area network in Europe.



N2000 network in Europe: 787.767 km<sup>2</sup> / 78.776.700 ha [ in 2013 ]

10% or 7,877,670 ha are directly managed by EUROPARC Protected Area members



These are N2000 sites that are found FULLY within a pre-existing Protected Area.

## OUR MEMBERS AND N2000 MANAGEMENT

EUROPARC members however are also involved in co-management of N2000 sites. If we consider the overall area sites overlapping our members' areas, then the percentage with respect to the total terrestrial and marine N2000 sites area increases:

40% of the total hectares of N2000. EUROPARC agency members - mostly national/regional governmental agencies - are directly responsible for the management of over 30 million hectares of N2000 sites