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Report of 2015 Update of 2016 2017 provisional workplan

- 2015 - Past is **experience**
- 2016 - Present is **experiment**
- 2017 - Future is **expectation**



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Annual Report 2015



EUROPARC Federation Annual Report
January - December 2015



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EUROPARC Federation Strategy

2015-2021



2016 Highlights

Strategic Theme 1 - Working for Nature		
Strategic Theme 1	WORKING FOR NATURE	
Priority Area	1.1 Managing Places for Nature	
Strategic Objective	Provide quality standards to site managers to improve management effectiveness by promoting existing standards, recommendations, guidelines and European level programmes.	UPDATE Sept 2016
	General policy and advocacy work, support and lead work with ENP and nature directors meeting. Input into the EU N2000 expert group and input and attend council of Europe Protected areas expert group	ongoing, new staff member appointed in July 2016 to support work attended x2 meetings
	Input into the on "Europe's Nature-Regional-Landscape Parks", led by the Association of German Nature Parks (Verband Deutscher Naturparke, VDN)	attended project meetings, supported study hours, development of questionnaires, advised on publications launched
	Develop new N2000 Commissions with participation from members	meeting took place with 4 participants, from 4 countries. Project in development
	Support project meeting between research and Protected Areas managers	done
	Disseminate the N2000 manager toolkit developed in Life area project	done
	Develop new EUROPARC commissions involving members. New guidelines	done
	Host a marine PA workshop (at EUROPARC conference)	done
	Highlight Best practice examples of management standards in PA insight and other EUROPARC communications	done
	Support and host a Biogeographical seminar seminar networking event	done
	Promote the N2000 awards	done
	Host a workshop on PA and N2000 management at EUROPARC conference	done
	Protected Areas and N2000 sites across Europe will be able to better benchmark their work and apply higher standards to their management	done
Outcome		
Priority Area	1.2 Making Nature more Connected	
Strategic Objective	Demonstrate the advantage for incorporating nature values and green corridors into land use planning by providing opportunities Meetings, liaison with other organisations, general policy and advocacy work Produce articles in e-news and other EUROPARC communications.	ongoing
Strategic Theme 2 - Helping people and organisations learn		
Strategic Theme 2	HELPING PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS LEARN	UPDATE Sept 2016
Priority Area	2.1 Collaborative working	
Strategic Objective	To share skills, good practice and to improve international cooperation Produce information and articles in E-news and other EUROPARC communications.	ongoing
	Develop and promote a platform to share resources that respond to training needs of Protected Area professionals.	ongoing
	Capacity building section developed on website	ongoing
	Publication of case studies in form of a brochure from transboundary protected areas on good governance and management in a cross-border context, finding entrance into Protected Area Tool Box	ongoing
	Disseminate Life area toolkit	ongoing
Strategic Objective	To support and extend the Transboundary Network of the EUROPARC Federation.	ongoing
	To undertake at least 1 Transboundary verification per year.	ongoing
	To support the work of the TransParcNet.	ongoing
	Liaise meet discuss with other organisations interested in Transboundary cooperation	ongoing
	Project on Governance in cross-border protected areas developed and submitted by task force	ongoing
Outcome	Not only will habitats and species be better managed across borders, but there will be also greater cooperation in nature conservation and sustainable development between European nations.	ongoing
Priority Area	2.2 Staff Development	
Strategic Objective	To provide opportunities to share knowledge and expertise amongst To organise networking events across Europe on a regular basis	ongoing
	Plan networking events and seminars with sections	ongoing
	Thematic "park-talks" made by EUROPARC representatives and partner organisations on EU policies and funds will be recorded and made available for members online. 1 training seminar in Brussels and 1 webinar for PAs managers to raise awareness and improve their knowledge and expertise on EU policies and	ongoing
	Organise final conference of biosphere parks	ongoing
	Plan conference workshops	ongoing
Strategic Theme 3 - Promoting Sustainability		
Strategic Theme 3	PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY ROLE OF PROTECTED AREAS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	Update Sept 2016
Priority Area	3.1 Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas	
Strategic Objective	EUROPARC will consolidate the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Area (ECSTPA) network and promote the ECSTPA as a tool for the sustainable tourism development at international level.	ongoing
	Consolidate the network of ECSTPA in individual parks, with tourism Partners and with travel agencies.	ongoing
	Charter admin, dealing with enquiries, contact with sections. Process applications.	ongoing
	Plan charter award ceremony	ongoing
	Plan charter net meet for 2017	ongoing
	Prepare charter communications, to design new charter logo.	ongoing
	Update website...decide if closing charter website	ongoing
	Oversee translation of charter documents.	ongoing
	Internationalisation of assessment criteria for tourism business partners (except tour operators) in resource efficiency and waste management, translation into 5 European languages, publication and promotion	ongoing
	Plan evaluation committee meeting	ongoing
	Gather best practice examples	ongoing
	Develop sustainable tourism projects. CEET project (network of sustainable tourism orgs)	ongoing
	Plan park talks for the charter	ongoing
Strategic Theme 4 - Working together		
Strategic Theme 4	WORKING TOGETHER - BUILDING OUR ORGANISATION	Update Sept 2016
Priority Area	4.1 Governance: how we work	
Strategic Objective	Improve the governance system of the EUROPARC Federation to meet good governance principles and to increase the effectiveness of the Federation.	ongoing
	Review and improve as necessary the statutes and standing orders and regulations to improve the effectiveness of the general assembly, Council, Sections, Directorate, and Consulting in implementing the strategy.	ongoing
	Plan GA, all GA admin. Schedule, Papers, voting papers, ballots, updates	ongoing
	Plan council meets, papers, logistics, travel, Prepare minutes of GA and	ongoing
	Plan conference with conf host	ongoing
	Develop the capacity of the Council members, by clarification of the roles to increase their effectiveness on Council tasks, to better understand and contribute to delivering the mission of EUROPARC.	ongoing
	Liaise with internal auditor	ongoing
	Improve ways of working as needed to increase the role of Sections and members in developing the work of the Federation.	ongoing
	Rewrite working group guidelines, put our call to members, plan and coordinate new groups	ongoing
Outcome	An efficient structure that will fully and effectively deliver the strategy of the EUROPARC Federation is agreed and developed accordingly.	ongoing
Priority Area	4.2 People power - Human resources	

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**VERY MUCH ALIVE
COMMISSIONERS**

EUROPARC is looking for members to join the hardest working gang in all of Europe. We'll be ridin' out together to tackle

- **Natura 2000 management**
- **Health and Protected Areas**
- **Periurban Parks/ Fedenatur**
- **Sustainable Agriculture**

So whether you are in the Wild West or South of the Rio Danube, have experience in these topics and want to work with other European cowpokes, then fire off an application today!

REWARD!!

SHARE BEST PRACTICE. LEARN FROM OTHERS. SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT.

Strategic Theme 4 - Working together		
Strategic Theme 4	WORKING TOGETHER - BUILDING OUR ORGANISATION	
Priority Area	4.1 Governance: how we work	Update Sept 2018
Strategic Objective	<p>1. Improve the governance system of the EUROPARC Federation to meet good governance principles and to increase the effectiveness of the Federation.</p> <p>Review and improve as necessary the statutes and standing orders and regulations to improve the effectiveness of the general assembly, Council, Sections, Directorates, and Consulting in implementing the strategy.</p> <p>Plan GA: all GA agenda, Schedule, Papers, voting papers, travel, updates</p> <p>Plan Council meets, papers, logistics, Travel, Prepare minutes of GA and</p> <p>Plan conference with host</p> <p>Develop the capacity of the Council members, by clarification of the roles to increase their effectiveness on Council tasks, to better understand and contribute to delivering the mission of EUROPARC.</p> <p>Update with internal auditor</p> <p>Improve ways of working as needed to increase the role of Sections and members in building the work of the Federation.</p> <p>Rearrange working group guidelines, put our call to members, plan and coordinate new groups</p>	<p>Updating: Commission set up to review membership categories</p> <p>Contract and consulting</p> <p>Contract and parking</p> <p>A meetings with host. Planned and managed programme, workshop, meetings</p> <p>update induction pack. Planned new induction pack. Planned after election in 2017</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>New agreement to share mission and work of Federation, prepared after significant consultation, signed by most sections in October 2018</p> <p>new published sign up and new working groups launched, then</p> <p>Commission work including shared charter and sustainability</p> <p>Commission in its health and conference, new, KMOSS and</p> <p>planning. all with member participation to develop these</p> <p>best of each</p>
Outcome	An efficient structure that will fully and effectively deliver the strategy of the EUROPARC Federation is agreed and developed accordingly	
Priority area	4.2 People power - Human resources	

- Review of all working groups internal and external .
- Creation of new commissions.

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CHARTER IDENTITY LOGO VERSIONS

As explained before, the Charter's methodology is being implemented in different languages, therefore, different versions of name and logo have been created. Therefore, the acronyms under which the Charter is identified also differ:

German
ECNTS



Italian
CETS

Spanish
CETS




French
CETD

Strategic Theme 3 - Promoting Sustainability		
STRATEGIC THEME 3	PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY ROLE OF PROTECTED AREAS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	
Priority area	3.1 Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas	Update Sept 2016
Strategic OBJECTIVE	EUROPARC will consolidate the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Area (ECSTPA) network and promote the ECSTPA as a tool for the sustainable tourism development at international level.	
	Consolidate the network of ECSTPA in individual parks, with tourism Partners and with travel agencies.	
	Charter admin, dealing with enquiries, contact with sections. Process applications.	18 applications processed in 2015
	Plan charter award ceremony	planned for Dec 2016
	Plan charter net meet for 2017	in progress pending letters 2017
	Prepare charter communications, to design new charter logo.	new communication prepared. Planned to meet in Oct 2016
	Update website...decide if closing charter website	Charter website created. Content moved to main EUROPARC website
	Oversee translation of charter documents.	new format translated with input from sections. 10 sections and 10 partner documents. Review final decision
	Internationalisation of assessment criteria for tourism business partners (except tour operators) in resource efficiency and waste management. translation into 5 European languages, publication and promotion • Internationalisation of methodology to assess the resource efficiency and sustainability of operators accessing N2000 sites and protected areas, translation into 5 European languages, publication and promotion	not yet progressed
	Plan evaluation committee meeting	evaluation committee met in August 2016
	Gather best practice examples	ongoing
	Develop sustainable tourism projects. CEET project (network of sustainable tourism orgs)	CEET project approved. submitted to INTERREG CENTRAL PROGRAMME (pending for approval)
	Plan park talks for the charter	done and published

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Webinars – register for November
New sections of website
More tools....




European Maritime Day
 9 October 2024 12:00 CET
 9-10 NOVEMBER 2024


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[Ready to start?](#)
[Improve your skills](#)
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Learn how to create a campaign and engaging stories for your audiences. Meetings and workshops are also important events information to internal and external publics, therefore you will learn some of the best facilitation techniques and tips.

Talking to the media



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<p>Strategic Theme 2 - Helping people and organisations learn</p>		
<p>STRATEGIC THEME 2</p>	<h1>HELPING PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS LEARN</h1>	<p>UPDATE Sept 2018</p>
<p>Priority Area Air/energy risk etc etc</p>	<p>2.1 Collaborative working</p> <p>To share skills, good practice and to improve international cooperation</p> <p>Provide information and articles in Enews and other EUROPARC communications</p> <p>Develop and promote a platform to share resources that respond to training needs of Protected Area professionals</p> <p>Capacity building section developed on website</p> <p>Publication of case studies in form of e-brochure from transboundary protected areas on good governance and management in a cross-border context, finding evidence into Protected Area Tour Box</p> <p>Dissiminate Life email toolkit</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>periodic emailing articles relating from other areas</p> <p>periodic emailing information from other areas</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>one section of website and part of e-news disseminated</p>
<p>Strategic OBJECTIVE</p>	<p>To support and extend the Transboundary Network of the EUROPARC Federation.</p> <p>To undertake at least 1 Transboundary verification per year.</p> <p>To support the work of the TransPactnet.</p> <p>Link, meet, discuss with other organisations interested in Transboundary cooperation</p> <p>Present on Governance in cross-border protected sites developed and submitted by task force</p> <p>Not only will habitats and species be better managed across borders, but there will be also greater cooperation in nature conservation and sustainable development between European nations.</p>	<p>1 Transboundary verification done each 2nd of EUROPARC members attending</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>Presentations to verify in progress being set up</p>
<p>Outcome</p>		
<p>Priority Area</p>	<p>2.2 Staff Development</p>	
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Junior Ranger camp in
Gauja National Park, Latvia

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	Input into the EU N2000 expert group and input and attend council of 150 Protected areas expert group	attended prior meetings, supported on future development of standards, published on publications
	Input into the on "Europe's Nature-Regional-Landscape Parks", led by the Association of German Nature Parks (Verband Deutscher Naturparks, VDN)	launched
	Develop new N2000 Commissions with participation from members	meeting took place with 8 participants from 4 countries, input in development
	Support project meeting between research and Protected Areas managers	ongoing, new staff member recruited by EU and N2000 expert group
	Disseminate the N2000 manager toolkit developed in LIFE wine project	new commissions planned and pending
	Develop new EUROPARC commissions involving members. New guidelines	planned and pending
	Host a marine PA workshop (at EUROPARC conference)	planned and pending
	Highlight best practice examples of management standards in PA, insight and other EUROPARC communications	planned and pending
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Priority Area	1.2 Making Nature more Connected	
Strategic Objective	Demonstrate the advantage for incorporating nature values and green corridors into land use planning by providing opportunities	ongoing
	Meetings, learn with other organisations, General policy and advocacy work	ongoing
	Produce articles in e-news and other EUROPARC communications.	ongoing

Youth + Programme development

Integrating with Fedenatur

Lobbying and Advocacy work



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Policy and Advocacy

Context

European Protected Areas make a valuable contribution for the implementation of several EU policies: nature and biodiversity, regional cooperation, climate, sustainable development, agriculture, tourism, education, health...



Policy and Advocacy

Aims

Represent members interests at EU level;
Increase **recognition** for PAs;
Contribute to **EU policies**;
Provide **expertise**, share case studies;
Information: from and to members/EU;
Resources for PAs effective management;
Implementation of policies.



How do we work



Being member of & contributing to EU institutional groups

Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature - CGBN;
Natura 2000 management expert group – EC, DG Env;
Green Infrastructure working group – EC, DG Env;
European platform for the coexistence between human
and large carnivores;
Representation within the EU Nature Directors Meetings;
Sustainable Tourism group of DG Growth;

How do we work

Close cooperation with EU institutions:

European Commission:

High level meetings with **EC officials**;
Close cooperation and regular meetings
with **DG Environment**: Nature unit,
Biodiversity unit, LIFE unit, Agriculture
unit, Marine department;
Close cooperation with **DG Growth**:
Sustainable Tourism Unit;



How do we work

Close cooperation with EU institutions:

European Parliament:

Cooperation established with **MEPs**;
Regular participation and contribution to **events** and conferences in the EU Parliament;
Cooperation with Intergroups: Climate Change – Biodiversity – Sustainable Development and with Tourism Intergroup;
Organisation of events within the EU Parliament about PAs: e.g. **Charter Awards**.



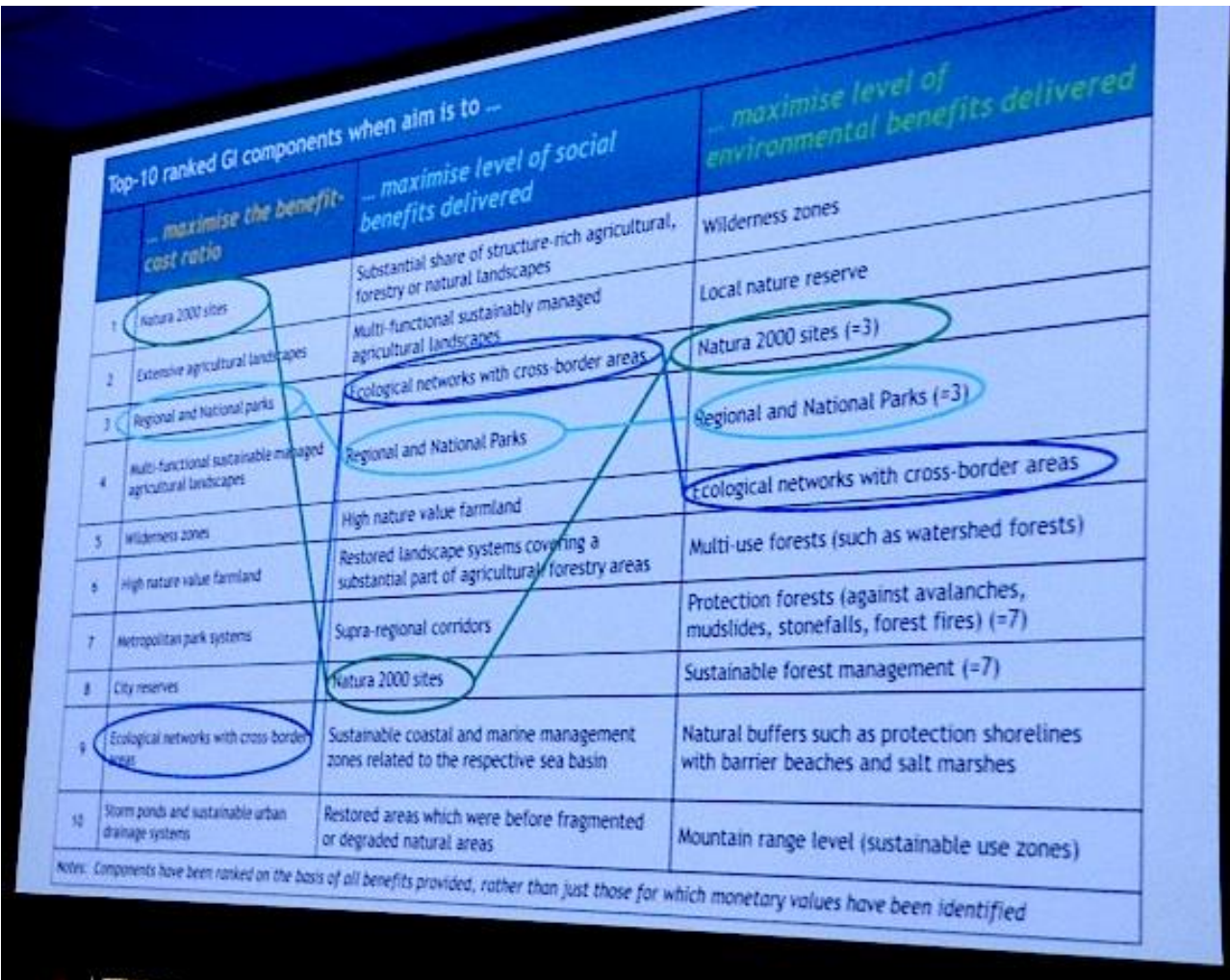
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Close cooperation with other institutions & organisations:

Committee of the Regions;
Council of Europe in Strasbourg (diploma on Protected Areas, Emerald Network);
European Habitats Forum - **EHF**;
Sustainable Food and Farming Platform (**SFFP**);
Wild Europe network;
MOU with: NPS, IRF, Redparques, Slow Food, IUCN -WCPA, Lake Baykal...



Some achievements



	... maximise the benefit-cost ratio	... maximise level of social benefits delivered	... maximise level of environmental benefits delivered
1	Natura 2000 sites	Substantial share of structure-rich agricultural, forestry or natural landscapes	Wilderness zones
2	Extensive agricultural landscapes	Multi-functional sustainably managed agricultural landscapes	Local nature reserve
3	Regional and National parks	Ecological networks with cross-border areas	Natura 2000 sites (=3)
4	Multi-functional sustainably managed agricultural landscapes	Regional and National Parks	Regional and National Parks (=3)
5	Wilderness zones	High nature value farmland	Ecological networks with cross-border areas
6	High nature value farmland	Restored landscape systems covering a substantial part of agricultural/forestry areas	Multi-use forests (such as watershed forests)
7	Metropolitan park systems	Supra-regional corridors	Protection forests (against avalanches, mudslides, stonefalls, forest fires) (=7)
8	City reserves	Natura 2000 sites	Sustainable forest management (=7)
9	Ecological networks with cross-border areas	Sustainable coastal and marine management zones related to the respective sea basin	Natural buffers such as protection shorelines with barrier beaches and salt marshes
10	Storm ponds and sustainable urban drainage systems	Restored areas which were before fragmented or degraded natural areas	Mountain range level (sustainable use zones)

Notes: Components have been ranked on the basis of all benefits provided, rather than just those for which monetary values have been identified

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 programs: priorities for Protected Areas and Sustainable Tourism;
Effective inputs for the Nature legislation Fitness Check;
Updates on relevant policies and funding on website and e-news;

Some achievements

Stefania: new Policy Officer!!!

Working on CAP post 2020;
EC contract for Natura 2000
Biogeographical seminar process;
PAs recognised as key element for Green
Infrastructure strategy;
Natura 2000 Awards;
Presentations at EC Natura 2000 expert
group;
Annual Charter awards at the EU
Parliament.



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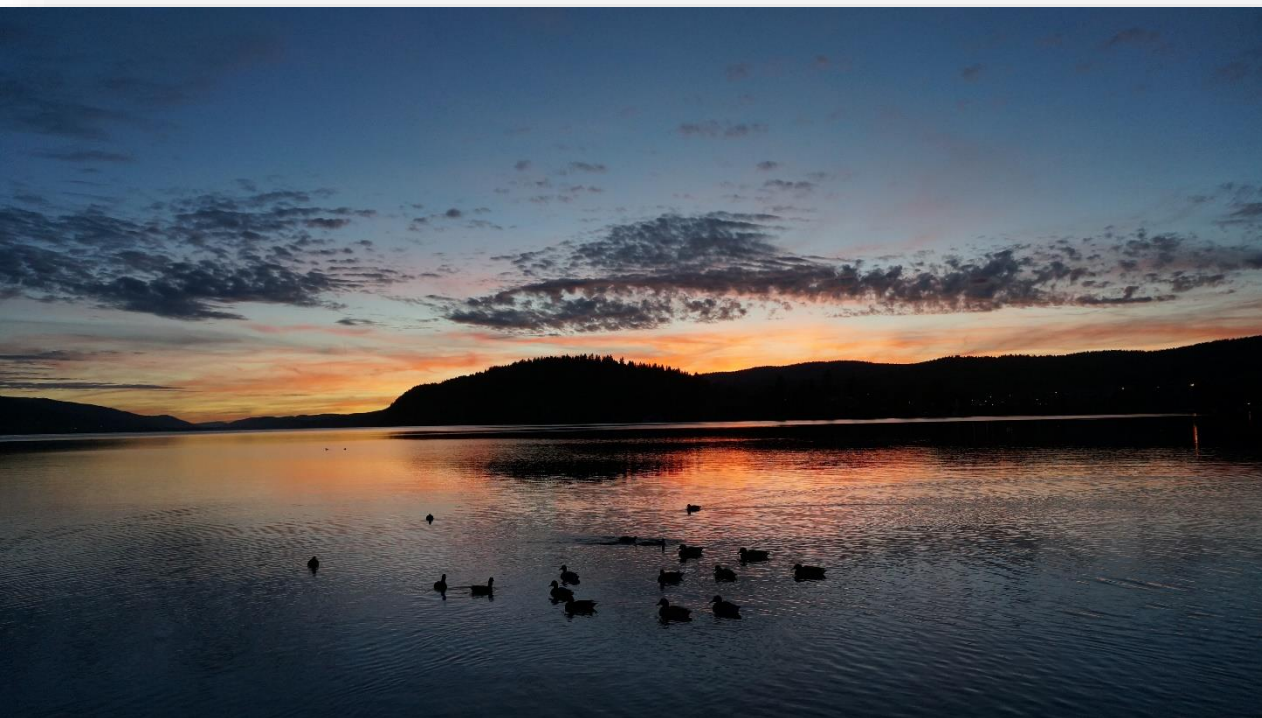
Provisional Workplan 2017

Attachment of the Directorate Report
for General Assembly 2016

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Provisional budget

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
a) Personnel	€289,860		
b) Travel and subsistence	€30,010	a) NGO grant	€182,112
c) Equipment and depreciation	€1,667	c) Membership fees* anticipated increase	€313,161
d) Rental	€23,848	d) Co-financing from member organizations	€10,000
e) External assistance / Subcontracting	€72,950	e) Other sources of co-financing	€1,962
f) Other direct costs	€183,020	f) Other revenues * to be finalised when outcome of all project applications is known	€94,120
TOTAL	€601,355	TOTAL	€601,355



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