

# TUTORIAL "We are Biosphere Reserves"

## What are Biosphere Reserves

- + BR are terrestrial or coastal ecosystems recognized
- + by the UNESCO MAB-Program
- + They have 3 zones (core, buffer, transition zone)
- + They have 3 major tasks
  - conservation
  - sustainable development
  - logistic (monitoring, research, education, information)
- + Model region

## How are BR managed

- + Different governance models in Europe
  - steering committee
  - local communities
  - county governments
  - state/national governments
- + Different Budget
  - in CH: inhabitants tax
  - contribution by local communities
  - government budget
- + facilitating regional marketing
  - regional value chain
  - branding
  - regional dairy
- + agriculture
  - special breeds
  - eco-farming
- + Research
- + synergies
- + innovations
- + participation of local people



We are BR (W)

## What are the benefits being a BR

- part of international programme
- high political awareness, high environment awareness
- boost for image + identification
- better funding opportunities
- higher effectivity of public investment
- health?
- higher income + jobs by tourism and regional products
- motor for regional development

## What can / should EUROPARC do?

- cooperate with EURO MAB
- seek best practice examples
- explain difference BR / Nature Parks
- Making a project - ~~benefit~~ of BR
  - processes of BR
- urge EU to recognize BR in their funding system
- initiate research: BR - integration
  - sustainable development