

Charter Award Ceremony 2016

Programme



European Parliament 7th December

To celebrate the work of protected areas towards the implementation of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, the **EUROPARC Federation** and the **Patronat de Turisme Costa Brava Girona** (Catalonia, Spain), are delighted to invite you in Brussels, on the 7th December, for the Charter award ceremony 2016.

The Award Ceremony will take place at the European Parliament, kindly hosted by the Member of the European Parliament (MEP) **Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**, from the **Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe**.



It will be an outstanding opportunity to celebrate successes, looking at the **benefits that sustainable tourism strategies provide for people, environment and local economy within protected areas**.

The ceremony will be once more a chance to raise the voice of Protected Areas at the highest European institutional level, with the opportunity to share good practices and case studies from the ground.

Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission and Members of the Committee of the Regions will contribute to the debate, providing the EU perspective, with highlights on recent policy developments and upcoming priorities.

The event is addressed to Protected Areas, local authorities, tourism experts and verifiers, partner businesses and tour operators, EU Institutions representatives, NGOs and other interested organisations.

After the award ceremony, the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the EU will welcome speakers, awardees and participants to join for **a side event and a cocktail in the Catalanian representation office**.

organised by:

7th December 2016, Charter Award Ceremony, European Parliament

European Parliament, Place de Luxembourg, Brussels

Building: Paul-Henri Spaak; Room: P5B001

08:00 Registrations of participants

(Meeting at the entrance Altiero Spinelli of the European Parliament: see detailed instructions attached)

09:00 Welcome and introduction

MEP Ramon Tremosa i Balcells (ALDE)

Jaume Dulsat, Representative of the Patronat de Turisme Costa Brava Girona

Carol Ritchie, Executive Director - EUROPARC Federation

The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, benefits for people and for nature.

09:30 Awards to new Charter Parks

Moderated by **Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer**

EUROPARC Federation

Greece

National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge
Chelmos Vouraikos National Park & Unesco Global Geopark

Spain

Parc Natural del Montgrí, les Illes Medes i el Baix Ter
Parc Natural de Montsant

Portugal

Terras do Lince

10:00 The value of biodiversity in the EU and the role of parks: benefits for people and local economy

Nicola Notaro, Head of the Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

10:10 Awards to new Charter Parks

Italy

Parco Nazionale Arcipelago Toscano
Parco Nazionale del Cilento Vallo di Diano ed Alburni
Ente di Gestione delle Aree Protette del Monviso
Area Marina Protetta e Riserva Naturale dello Stato di Torre Guaceto
Riserva Naturale Statale Gola del Furlo

Italy/Slovenia

Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps (Prealpi Giulie NP/
Triglav NP)

10:40 Implementing a sustainable tourism strategy in a Transboundary protected area

Representative of **Triglav National Park** and **Prealpi Giulie Regional Park**

Greetings from **MEP Igor Šoltes** (Slovenia) and **MEP Isabella de Monte** (Italy)

11:00 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

France

Parc naturel régional des Alpilles
Syndicat mixte du Parc naturel régional Livradois-Forez
Parc naturel régional du Vercors

United Kingdom

The Broads National Park

11:20 The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism: values and benefits for parks

Bruce Hanson, The Broads Authority (UK)

11:25 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

Spain

Parque Nacional de Cabañeros
Parque Natural Montseny
Parque Natural de Sant Llorenç del Munt i l'Obac
Parc Natural de la Zona Volcànica de la Garrotxa

11:45 Conclusions

Carol Ritchie, Executive Director - EUROPARC Federation

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

12:00 Transfer to the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia

Espai Catalunya Europa

Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union, Wetstraat 227 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels

Side Event and Cocktail

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The **Girona Provincial Council's Costa Brava Girona Tourist Board**, the **Catalan Tourist Board** and the **Government of Catalonia's Department of Territory and Sustainability** are pleased to invite you to the presentation of the Costa Brava and Girona Pyrenees's nature tourism and natural parks, which will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union's Espai Catalunya Europa.

The event will foresee the participation of the EUROPARC Federation, all Charter Parks awarded, all the participants at the Award Ceremony, specialized press and NECSTouR - Network of European Regions for Competitive and Sustainable Tourism.

Guests will enjoy a **gourmet lunch** prepared with *Girona Excel-lent products* during the side event.

Invited Authorities

European Parliament - MEP Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Government of Catalonia

Catalan Tourist Board

Diputació de Girona

Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board

EUROPARC Federation

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12:45 Guests' arrival

Welcome by authorities

Intervention Josep Maria Prats

Tourism in natural parks accredited with the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas and the relationship with tourist organisations - the case study from the *Zona Volcanica de la Garrotxa Nature Park*.

Gourmet lunch and networking among the guests

15:00 End of the event

Extra information

Accommodation

As prices fluctuate from day to day in Brussels, follow the links to find an accommodation:

[Option 1](#)

[Option 2](#)

[Option 3](#)

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

We kindly recommend arriving at 8:00 am for the registration procedure.

The ceremony will be in English.

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