



EUROPARC
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Partnerships for biodiversity:

European policies and the role of Protected Areas

Seminar-dialogue with DG Environment

Tuesday 13.06.2017 (h. 15:00 – 18:00)

EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard L. Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels

Wednesday 14.06.2017, (h. 09:00 – 16 :00)

DG Environnement, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

On 13th and 14th of June, EUROPARC welcomes members to a special seminar in Brussels. This is a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue with the European Commission-DG Environment about the role of Protected Areas across a range of important topics.

This seminar will, through bringing case studies from the field to the policy makers directly, **improve the dialogue between the European Commission and Protected Areas (PAs)**. The event will also raise awareness of Protected Areas managers in **EU policies and funding**. The exchange of information will also increase the **effectiveness and visibility of the PAs' contribution to the achievement of European policy** goals in nature protection and sustainable development.

During the seminar, Protected Areas managers and European Commission Officers will explore and discuss together different topics related to Natura 2000 and Protected Areas, such as the management of habitats and species, green infrastructures, transboundary collaboration, Natura 2000 communication, sustainable agriculture and fishery, sustainable tourism, nature and health, and youth involvement. Throughout we will emphasise the **role of partnerships between Protected Areas authorities with local communities and the business sector**.

Places are limited, but we look forward to welcoming as many members as possible to Brussels.

Participation is free of charge but registration is mandatory.

[Please register here.](#)



Provisional Agenda

Speakers are subject to change

Tuesday 13.06.2017 (reserved to EUROPARC participants)

15:00 – 17:00 Introduction of the event

EUROPARC Federation Office

- Registration of participants
- Welcome from EUROPARC Federation

- Presentation of the EUROPARC activities in Brussels

- Presentation of the seminar's aims and participants expectations

18:00 – 20:00 Networking reception

Wednesday 14.06.2017, DG Environment

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome

- Registration of participants
- Welcome from DG Environment
- Introduction of the Seminar's aims and agenda by EUROPARC

9:15 – 11:00 Protected areas and the management of habitats and species

- Short introduction by EUROPARC
- **The experience of periurban parks on green infrastructures**
by Serge Kempeneers, Forêt des Soignes, Bruxelles Environment, BE
- **The challenges of Transboundary Protected Areas**
by Stefano Santi, Transboundary Julian Alps Ecoregion, IT/SL and Martin Stary, Šumava National Park, CZ
- **Marine Protected Area Management**
by Martina Markov, Kornati National Park, HR
- **Communication: a crucial tool for effective management of Natura 2000**
by Carol Ritchie, EUROPARC Federation,
- **The EC perspective: policy framework, funding opportunities, updates and recommendations**
by DG Environment
- **Interactive debate**

11:00 – 11:15 Break



11:15 – 13:00 Building partnerships for sustainable agriculture and fishery

- **Short introduction by EUROPARC**
- **Protected areas and Sustainable Agriculture in Regional and National Parks of France – the experience of the “*Marque Parcs*”**
by Pierre Schmelzle, EUROPARC France
- **Partnership among Protected areas and farmers, the experience of Adamello Regional Park and of Sud Milano Regional Park, IT**
by Guido Calvi, Adamello Regional Park, IT
- **Establishing effective partnerships with fishermen in Marine Protected Areas**
by Francesco De Franco, Torre Guaceto Marine Protected Area, IT
- **The EC perspective: policy framework, funding opportunities, updates and recommendations**
by DG Environment
- **Interactive Debate**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:50 Protected areas and people: other partnerships for nature conservation and sustainable development

- **Short introduction by EUROPARC**
- **Sustainable Tourism: partnerships with local authorities, businesses and tour operators**
by Blanca Ramos, Sierra Nevada National and Natural Park, ES and Jovan Ljiljak, Haut Languedoc Regional Park, FR
- **Protected areas and benefits for health**
By Mélissa Desbois, Espaces Naturels Régionaux, FR
- **Protected areas and youth: the experience of the Junior Ranger Programme**
by Kaja Lotman, Estonia Environmental Board, ES
- **The EC perspective: policy framework, funding opportunities, updates and recommendations**
by DG Environment
- **Interactive Debate**

15:50 – 16:00 Conclusions

Conclusions by DG Environment and EUROPARC Federation



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