



EUROPARC
F E D E R A T I O N

EUROPARC Council Election 2017

Election candidate information

Name: Enzo Lavarra

Nationality/Citizenship: Italian

Member organisation: Dune Costiere Regional park

Position to be elected for (council member, treasurer, president): Council member

Nominated by: Vittorio Alessandro, Cinque Terre National Park

Current Position: President of Dune Costiere Regional Park



Please introduce yourself in a few sentences, your background, interests and experience.

My lifelong interest: Conservation of natural habitats and species of flora and fauna through the involvement of local communities and socio-economic and productive tissue. I bring this forth as President of Dune Costiere Park, where we achieved the goal of biodiversity through compatible economic activities.

Experience relevant to the EUROPARC Federation.

Check the list of candidate requirements [here](#).

In 2012, Dune Costiere Regional Park was awarded with ECST; participation at the Geneve Conference (2016); participation at Siggen Seminar (2017)

Languages spoken and level of fluency (basic, moderate, good)

English (moderate)

Personal statement (please answer the questions below as concisely as possible)

I have willingly accepted the candidature to EUROPARC's Board on the basis of a firm belief: Protecting and renewing natural resources is a mission going beyond the boundary of protected areas.

The EUROPARC Federation needs a group of strong leaders in the Council who are willing to invest time in taking the organisation forward and raising its profile and who will represent it at national and European level.

What is your relationship to the EUROPARC Federation and what is your motivation for becoming a member of the EUROPARC Council / EUROPARC President / EUROPARC Treasurer?

I firmly think EUROPARC should take a strategic turn: engage local people (fishermen, farmers) in the policies of nature conservation. The priority is to influence European legislation for this purpose. Another key point is to obtain the recognition of protected areas and marine areas as beneficiaries of European programs.

What do you think you can offer the EUROPARC Federation and its members?

My experience as European Parliament member, in particular as Vice-President of Agriculture Commission, as Member of Commission for Fisheries (1999/2004); As Member of the Environment Commission, Member of the Agriculture Committee, Member of the Commission of Industry (2005/2009).

My experience as Councilor of the Italian Minister of Agricultural Policies, concerning Valorisation of typicity, protection of biodiversity, integration with landscapes and cultural heritage of the territories.

My experience as federparchi coordinator for Puglia Region.

The Federation was founded for its members. It works hard to be the voice of these members on various levels and to facilitate their work on the ground.

How do you see the role of the members in the Federation and how would you stimulate and encourage their contribution?

Every member should focus on incalculable value of parks: Protecting and renewing natural resources is a mission that goes beyond the perimeter of protected areas: it covers life, social well-being and the social cohesion of our territories. We are important.

How would you develop the internal communication and cooperation within the Federation?

Two main roads to follow: create a blog and more spaces on social networks to tighten up relationships and to help sharing good practises. Promoting periodically meeting during which sharing result reports and attending seminars.

EUROPARC is an organisation that is constantly developing and that needs to stay on top of the political agenda whilst thinking about the needs of its members.

What should the principle functions of the EUROPARC Federation be in the coming years?

I think Europarc Federation should concentrate on following themes:

- Soft/slow tourism ECST together with sustainable agriculture and fishing, as a way to protect typicalness, chain production, quality and distinctness of the territory.
- Integration with cultural heritage
- Wildlife protected through permanent activities and historical attendants, as sustainability-oriented farmers and fishermen

In what areas, e.g. lobbying, funding, does EUROPARC need to maximise its external relationships and with whom?

During my years in European Parliament I got in touch with several commissions and the general directorates. I think that we must encourage a progressive integration in European policies of themes such as integration of conservation of natural resources and compatible economic activities (sweet tourism. Fishing and agriculture). Commissions should be main lobbying targets.