

Workshop 7 Be a farmers friend

20 participants from 12 countries

1. Main successes and Challenges raised by the participants during the workshop

- Agriculture is a huge issue with many differences at European level, but many challenges are the same.
- Plan globally (EU), act and solve locally (countries and regions)
- Biodiversity and Health must be the main goals of management
- Farmers (and fishermen) must and can be good friends of Protected Areas

2. What new voices, new visions are needed to be brought in and heard on this topic?

- Farmers produce biodiversity, not only food
- Farmers are active parts of local nature management
- Agriculture in parks → added value for the Convention on Biological Diversity goals and targets
- Economy and Market should give more value (income) to farmers and fishermen (pay more → have more sustainable guaranty)
- Organic is not enough, it needs to encompass conservation

3. How can EUROPARC enable this “new voices” to be included?

Promoting agriculture (and fishery) sustainable best practices and activities at European level and within the EU lobbying (asking not only subsidies).

Promoting European initiative (EU projects) and communication activities.