Thursday, 06.12.2018 *(15:00 – 18:00)*
EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard L. Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels

Friday, 07.12.2018*, (09:00 – 16 :30)*
DG Environnent, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

On the 7th December, **EUROPARC members will have the chance to sit with the European Commission** to share their experience and needs for the effective management of Natura 2000. By bringing together representatives of the DG ENVI, DG AGRI and DG EAC and protected area professionals, EUROPARC aims to **highlight the contribution of Protected Areas to the achievement of the European policy goals**, whilst giving the European Commission a clear insight of the challenges faced by professionals in the field.

The Seminar will count with interventions from EUROPARC members and from the different DGs, who will share the latest policy updates and funding opportunities. Following the successful Seminar-Dialogue organised last year, **E**UROPARC and the European Commission DG Environment have set up a programme focused on four key areas:

- Managing Natura 2000: funding, opportunities and challenges
- Building partnerships for Sustainable Agriculture
- Nature and Culture: Protected Areas connecting people to their heritage and identity
- Youth involvement: the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

The event will be anticipated by an internal meeting only for EUROPARC members, on Thursday 06.12.2018 between 15:00 and 18:00 at the EUROPARC Federation Brussels Office.

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.

Agenda

Thursday, 06.12.2018 (*exclusive for EUROPARC members*)

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

15:00 – 17:00 **Introduction of the event**

- 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 dinner**

Friday, 07.12.2018, *DG Environment*

European Commission, DG ENVI, DG Environnent, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

9:00 – 9:30 **Registration of participants**

9:30 – 9:50 **Welcome**

- **Welcome from DG Environment**
  By Nicola Notaro, Head of Unit, DG ENVI
- **Introduction of the Seminar's aims and agenda**
  by Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation
- **Periurban parks: Their place in EU policy**
  by Teresa Pastor, in charge of Periurban Parks, EUROPARC Federation

9:50 – 11:15 **Improving the management of Natura 2000: the role of Protected Areas**

EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS

- **Habitats and species management in Latvia: achievements, actions and challenges ahead**
  by Juris Jatnieks, Director General of Latvian Nature Conservation agency
- **Technical challenges in the application of N2000 guidelines in the field**
  Massimiliano Costa, Director of Management Body of Parks and Biodiversity, Romagna, Italy
- **Supporting e-learning and capacity building for Natura 2000 managers - LIFE e-Natura2000.edu**
  by Neil McIntosh, Project manager, EUROPARC Federation

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- **The Nature Action Plan state of play: what is in it for Parks?**
  by Patrick Dietz, DG Environment
- **The Green list and Natura 2000**
  by Frank Vassen, DG Environment

Interactive debate

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Building partnerships for sustainable agriculture**

- **Introduction and EUROPARC Policy Paper on Sustainable Agriculture and Protected Areas**
  by Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer, EUROPARC Federation

EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS

- **The CAP in regional parks in France**
  by France Drugmant, French Federation of Regional Parks, France

- **Role and challenges of parks in the management/promotion of agro-environmental measures**
  by Guido Calvi, Adamello Regional Park, Italy

- **Result of the work done by the EUROPARC Commission on Sustainable Agriculture and Protected Areas and the proposal of a pilot project to develop a Charter**
  By Stefania Petrosillo and Guido Calvi, EUROPARC Commission for Sustainable Agriculture

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- **The EU financial framework post-2020: update on the CAP Reform**
  by DG Agriculture

- **The EU financial framework post-2020: the PAF (conservation and restoration needs), Life/Strategic Nature Projects, ERDF/ Cohesion fund, EMFF**
  by Frank Vassen, DG Environment

Interactive debate

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:30 **Nature and Culture in dialogue: protected areas connecting people to their heritage and identity**

- **The results of the event Nature and Culture in Dialogue**
  By Fotios Papoulias, DG Environment, and Gaia Fermanelli, Policy assistant, EUROPARC Federation

- **Introduction to Junior Ranger and Youth+ programmes**
  by Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation

- **The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto**
  By Laura Peters, Youth representative, Council of the EUROPARC Federation

- **The new EU Youth Strategy**
  by Alessandro Senesi, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture

Interactive debate

15:30 – 15:45 **Conclusions** *by DG Environment and EUROPARC Federation*

16:00 – 16:30 **Ceremony**

Official handover of the EUROPARC YOUTH MANIFESTO to Daniel Crespo, General Director DG Environment, and to Alessandro Senesi, Deputy Head of Youth, Education and Erasmus+ Unit - DG for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

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