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and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2020
Healthy and competitive agriculture needs a healthy environment and nature resources as provided by Protected Areas.

European Protected Areas are National and Regional Parks, Nature and Biosphere Reserves, Marine and Landscape Protected Areas, Periurban Parks, Natura 2000 sites, and other categories of legally designated areas with the common aim of protecting Europe’s unique variety of wildlife, habitats and landscapes.

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Working in Partnership for Biodiversity and Rural Development

A contribution to the debate on the EU Common Agricultural Policy Reform

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Farmers and Protected Areas can be allies, working for common solutions.

We must learn from the best practise available in effective partnerships, apply and adapt these models, develop tools to replicate and implement these successful approaches across the European Union.

EUROPARC seeks agricultural policies, which can be defined as:

**Good for People, Good for Nature**

because they ensure a good, secure supply of food, because they respect and protect the environment and natural resources, because they provide a fair income to the farmer.
The role of Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Sites in rural development needs to be valorised by the new CAP.

Through their support to sustainable agriculture and sustainable tourism, Protected Areas work actively and concretely against land abandonment and depopulation of rural areas.
Key points of the EUROPARC Position on Protected Areas and CAP post-2020:

• The key role Protected Areas play, involving their working in partnership with farmers, claims their eligibility as beneficiaries of specific funds for rural development.

• Farmers have to be remunerated, for providing the society not only food but also a variety of ecosystem services in terms of health, landscape and nature resources.
• The new CAP should pay **specific attention** to farmers acting within or close to Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Sites

• ... guarantee available **funds**, **simplification** of the procedures, **accessibility** on the funds, ... **results** of the actions and **coherence with** wider EU policies

• Protected Areas are committed to improve **partnership** with farmers for developing common solutions and creating mutual benefits. These **efforts have to be awarded** by EU and national and regional authorities at financial, legal and political level
• ...support to transitions towards organic and sustainable farming

• Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Sites can be the laboratories to experiment “innovation”

• role of the European Union to maintain a coherent policy on sustainable agriculture across all Member States, as well as to guarantee the coherence with other European policies and with the Natura 2000 network
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