Media and Activities Report

Cultural Heritage: It’s in our Nature!

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European Day of Parks 2018

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Cultural Identity is rooted in the connection to the land.

Look at your local traditions, at the stories your landscape tells, at the crafts, literature and art, at the architectonic styles, or even at the food you eat. Cultural Heritage - it’s in our Nature.

In 1999, the EUROPARC Federation launched the first European Day of Parks on 24th of May, celebrating the creation of Europe’s first National Park, established in Sweden, back in 1909.

The European day of Parks (EDoP) aims at bringing people closer to Nature by offering a diversity of activities and events in Protected Areas across the EUROPARC Network.

It addresses people of all ages: children, youngsters, young adults, families and seniors - everyone can participate in local events organized by Parks and regional authorities.

2018 was a real success with around 350 events organised in 28 countries

“Through living in it, a landscape becomes part of us, just as we are part of it!”

Ingold, 1993. The Temporality of the Landscape.
Parks have organised different kinds of activities that aimed at connecting visitors to the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the area.

For instance, the National Parks of Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise in Italy organised different events for all ages, from kids to adults, everyone had the chance to join a guided tour, participate in environmental workshops, games or even watch a film! At the end of the day, all visitors received the “Passport of the parks”.

Another interesting initiative organised by the Schiermonnikoog National Park in Netherlands where visitors have the chance to join a cycling tour guided by a Ranger, across the National Park. The Ranger showed some interesting characteristic elements, manmade, and told several stories about the cultural heritage sites present in the landscape.

Finally, to get share the old tradition of pastoralism and the plant species associated, the Regional Natural Park of Verdon, in France, organised a guided tour dedicated to this topic. Pastoralism is an ancient farming practice that consists of grazing the forests by livestock to make the best use of the forage resources that grow spontaneously under the trees, while reconciling this activity with the exploitation of wood dedicated.
3) Overview of the Activities organised

Italy was the country with more activities organised, with around 200 events. These events were registered in the website www.parks.it.
4) Media outreach

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