



EUROPARC IN BRUSSELS: building bridges between EU institutions and European Protected Areas

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Many **EU policies influence Protected Areas work** (Natura 2000, biodiversity, agriculture, regional development, tourism, fisheries, education, health...)
and

Protected Areas make valuable contribution across these EU policy areas

EUROPARC Federation

ensures direct link with European Institutions,

represents members interests, and

actively contributes to the development of EU relevant policies,

providing expertise,

facilitating the exchange of experiences,

driving the flow of information from and to our members,

and facilitating the dialogue among Protected Areas and EU institutions

Important EU policies for EUROPARC Federation and Protected Areas:

- **Natura 2000,**
- **biodiversity,**
- **agriculture,**
- **regional development,**
- **tourism,**
- **fisheries,**
- **education,**
- **youth,**
- **cross-border cooperation,**
- **climate change,**
- **health,**
- **...**



European Union Institution. The Commission is responsible for proposing legislation, spending the budget and overseeing approved legislation, programmes and expenditure.

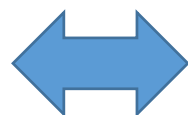
The 28 Commissioners (one from each country) are appointed for a five-year term. Commissioners are duty-bound to act on behalf of the whole EU and not for any national government or interest group.

Official website <https://ec.europa.eu/>

Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWpgO1EPO_Y

Directorate General :

- **Environment**
- **Agriculture and Rural Development**
- **Education, Youth, Sport and Culture**
- **Internal Market, Industry, Entr. and SMEs**
- **Climate Action**
- **Maritime Affairs and Fisheries**
- ...



- ✓ **EUROPARC/EC Annual Seminar Dialogue**
- ✓ Meetings, conferences, workshops
- ✓ Platforms, working groups
- ✓ Green Week
- ✓ ...



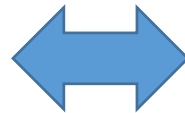
European Union Institution. The European Parliament has the power to make European laws together with Council of Ministers, approves the budget of the European Union, elects the Commission President and controls the Commission.

It is directly elected by the citizens of the EU member countries. It is currently made up of 751 Members, who are voted in across the EU every five years under a system of proportional representation.

Official website <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>

Video https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/the-european-parliament-in-a-nutshell_V007-0044_ev

- **Committee on Environment, Public Health & Food Safety**
- **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Devel.**
- **Intergroup Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainable Development**
- **Intergroup European tourism development, Cultural Heritage, Way of St. James and other European cultural routes**
- **...**



- ✓ Meetings, conferences, workshops
- ✓ **EUROPARC Annual Charter Award Ceremony**
- ✓ Direct contacts with MEPs and groups
- ✓ ...



European Elections 23-26 May 2019

<https://www.european-elections.eu/>

<https://www.what-europe-does-for-me.eu/>

<https://www.thistimeimvoting.eu/>



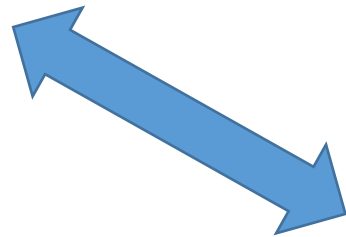
European Committee of the Regions

European Union Institution. The European Committee of the Regions is the advisory body representing Europe's regional and local authorities.

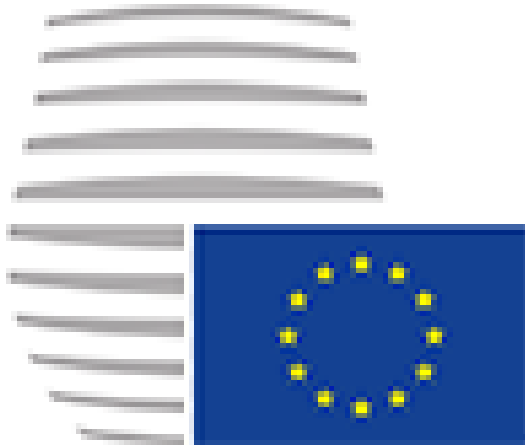
It advises on new laws that have an impact on regions and cities (70% of all EU legislation). The CoR is a political assembly composed of 350 members who have been elected at local or regional level (for example as Mayors or Presidents of a region).

Official website <https://cor.europa.eu>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWPHIM0kZDE>



- ✓ Meetings, conferences, workshops
- ✓ Direct contacts with Members
- ✓ European Week of Regions and Cities
- ✓ ...



European Council
Council of the European Union

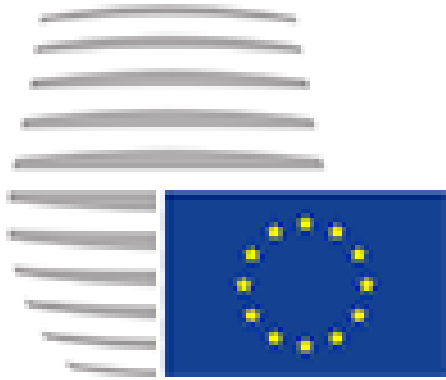
European Union Institutions



Council of Europe

NON European Union Institution

IT IS ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION



European Council

European Union Institution.

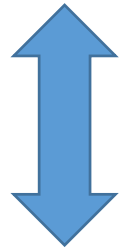
Defines the general political direction and priorities of the European Union.

Members are Heads of State or Government of EU Countries.

The President is Donald Tusk

Official website <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKPE3vWGJb0>



Council of the European Union

European Union Institution.

Voice of EU Member Governments, adopting EU laws and coordinating EU policies.

Members are Government ministers from each EU Country, according to the policy area to be discussed (e.g. Ministries of Agriculture).

Each EU country holds the presidency on a 6-month rotating basis

Official website <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUMyjwCMzSI>



EUROPARC MEMBERS
EUROPARC NATIONAL SECTIONS

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

NON European Union Institution

Council of Europe is an international organisation whose stated aim is to uphold human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe.

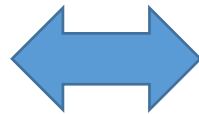
It has 47 member states.

Official website <https://cor.europa.eu>

➤ **Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural habitats**

➤ **Emerald Network**

➤ **European Landscape Convention**



- ✓ Europarc has International NGO observer status under the terms of the Bern Convention
- ✓ Group of Expert meetings

EU Common Agricultural Policy - CAP

Corrent EU process for the Future CAP:

European Commission proposal (published June 2018)



Council of
the European Union
(debate and vote ongoing)



European Parliament
(debate and vote ongoing)



New CAP approval on 2019?

EU Common Agricultural Policy - CAP



EUROPARC contribution to the CAP debate:

- ✓ **Position Paper on European Protected Areas & Sustainable Agriculture: Working in Partnership for Biodiversity and Rural Development**
- ✓ Workshops, conferences, debates
- ✓ Platforms, working groups
- ✓ ...

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

New CAP should promote, support and award these positive partnerships.

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