We are proud to invite you to the Charter Award Ceremony 2019, our annual high-level event hosted in Brussels, to recognise the work of Protected Areas towards achieving sustainability in tourism. This year we will celebrate the successful applications of 16 EUROPARC Sustainable Destinations, some of them awarded for the first time while others, that have implemented the methodology before, will be awarded for the renewal of their commitment.

A remarkable new aspect of the Charter Award Ceremony this year, is the official announcement of the winners of EUROPARC Star Awards, a prize to champion and acknowledge the effort and investments made by tourism businesses working with our Sustainable Destinations across Europe.

During the ceremony, we will hear first-hand insights from the Sustainable Destinations that will be awarded and look at the importance of establishing private-public partnerships towards a sustainable development of Europe’s rural territories.

Places are limited, but we look forward to welcoming as many members as possible to Brussels.

Please register here
Monday, 02.12.2019, COMMITTEE OF REGIONS, BRUSSELS

ROOM JDE51, Batiment Jacques Delors, Rue Belliard 99/101, 1040 Brussels

13:00 – 14:00  Registration of participants

14:00 – 14:20  Welcome

- Welcome from the Committee of the Regions
  By Roby Biwer, Vice-chair of ENVE Commission

- Introduction to Charter Award Ceremony 2019
  By Ignace Schops, President, EUROPARC Federation

PART I: CHARTER PARKS AWARDS

Presented by Carol Ritchie, EUROPARC Federation Executive Director, and Patrizia Rossi, Chair of the Charter Evaluation Committee

14:20 – 14:40  Charter Awards: the new certified areas (*)

  IT – Maremma Regional Park
  EE – Lahemaa National Park
  ES – Capçaleres del Ter i del Freser Nature Park
  IT – Stelvio National Park

14:40 – 14:45  The Charter and the cooperation between regions and provinces in the National Park

  Stefania Petrosillo, EUROPARC Federation Policy officer interviews the Stelvio National Park

14:45 – 15:05  Charter Awards: the renewed certified areas (*)

  IT – Sibillini National Park
  IT – Torre Cerrano Marine Protected Area
  IT – Alta Murgia National Park
  IT – Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park

15:05 – 15:10  The Charter and the project “CEETO– Central Europe Eco-Tourism: tools for nature protection”

  Stefania Petrosillo, EUROPARC Federation Policy Officer, presents the CEETO project and interviews Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park

14:10 – 15:30  Charter Awards: the renewed certified areas (*)

  ES – Sierra Nevada National Park
  IT – Colline Metallifere National Park
  FR – Loire Anjou Touraine Nature Regional Park
  PT – Montanhas Mágicas/Magic Mountains
15:30 – 15:35 The Charter for rural local development

Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer of EUROPARC Federation interviews Montanhas Mágicas

15:35 – 15:55 Charter Awards: the renewed certified areas (*)

LT – Zemaitija National Park
ES – Donana National Park
IT – Pollino National Park
FI – Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park

15:55 – 16:15 Coffee Break

PART II: EUROPARC STAR AWARDS

Jointly presented by Phil Holden, Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Manager, and Carol Ritchie, EUROPARC Federation Executive Director

16:15 – 16:40 Winners of the categories

- Building my Community
- Communicating the Values of my Park and my Business
- Reducing impact on the Environment
- Contribution to Conservation
- Innovation

16:40 – 17:00 Conclusions by the Committee of the Regions and EUROPARC Federation

Roby Biwer, Vice-chair of ENVE Commission, CoR
Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation

17:00 – 18:00 End of the ceremony, official “family” picture

Networking Celebration Cocktail

(*) Order can be changed