



**EUROPARC Webinar**

# **Protected Areas and Conventional Agriculture:** opportunities and challenges for cooperation

**30** March  
10:00 CET

***EUROPARC, the Protected Areas and the Agriculture***

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# About EUROPARC Federation



The largest network of European Protected Areas

385 Members representing thousands of PAs in 37 countries

Offices in Regensburg-DE (headquarters), Brussels-BE, Barcelona-ES (+ in The Netherlands, UK, Italy)

8 National/inter-national sections

*EUROPARC is the biggest European network of Protected Areas, representing more than 30% of Natura 2000 sites.*



**Europe's Protected Areas:** National and Regional Parks, Nature and Biosphere Reserves, Marine Protected Areas, Natura 2000 Sites.

Common aim: to protect Europe's unique variety of wildlife, habitats and landscapes.



# About EUROPARC Federation



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Agriculture

Marine, Fishing

Tourism

Climate change

Large carnivores

Health

Cross-border cooperation

Culture

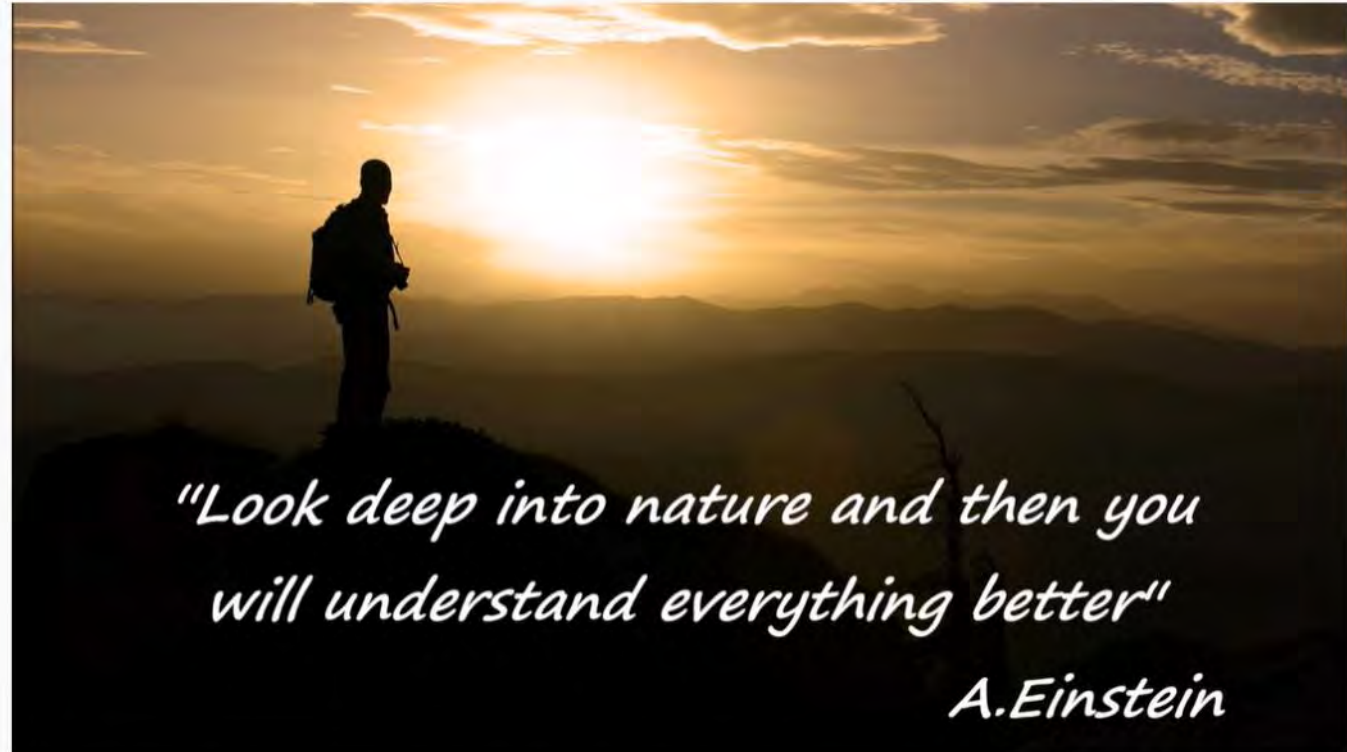
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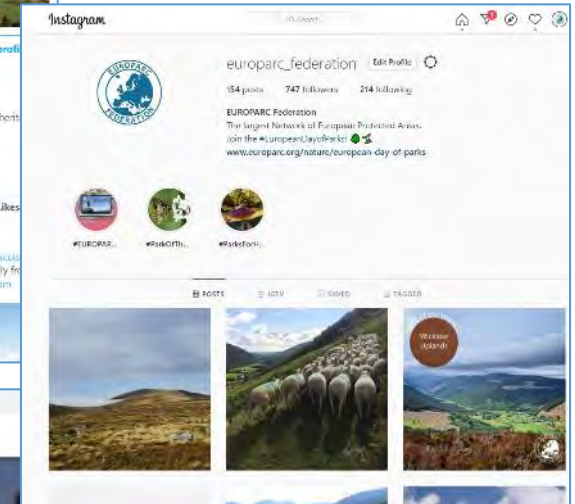
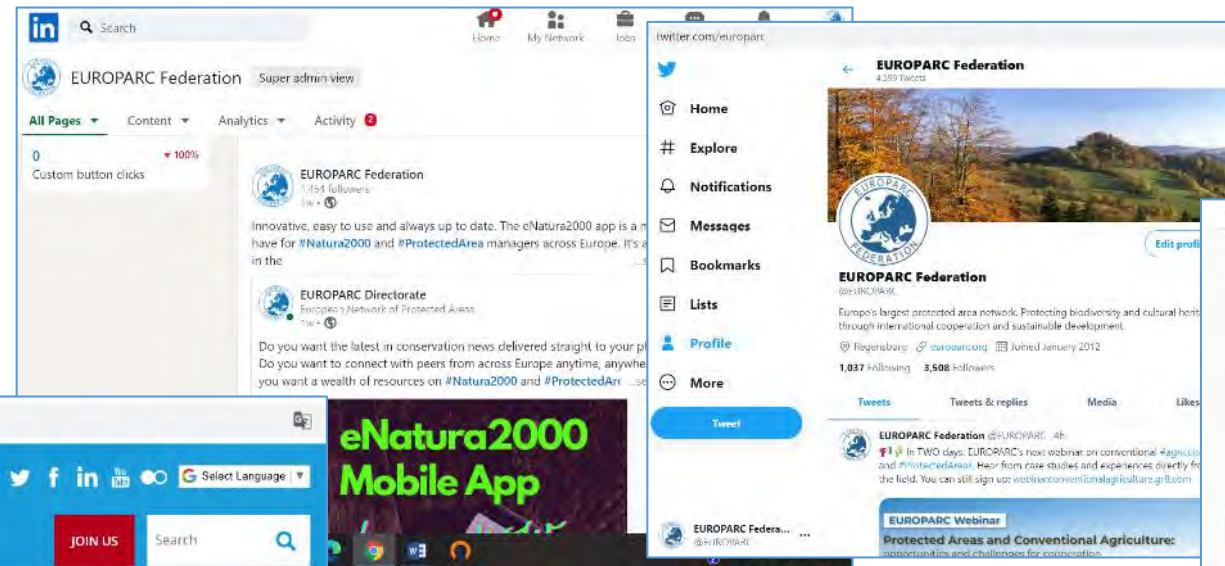
EUROPARC Federation - Sustainable Nature Valued by People

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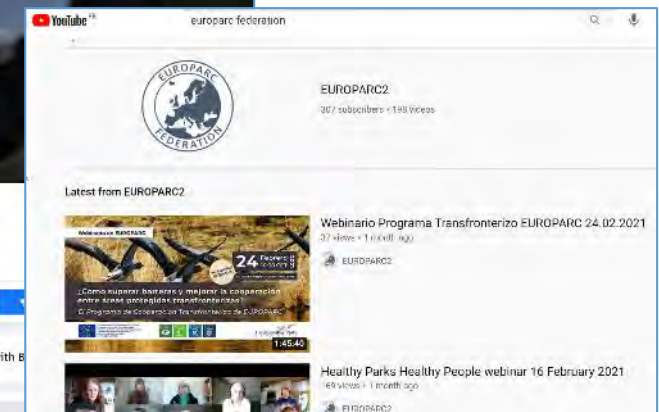
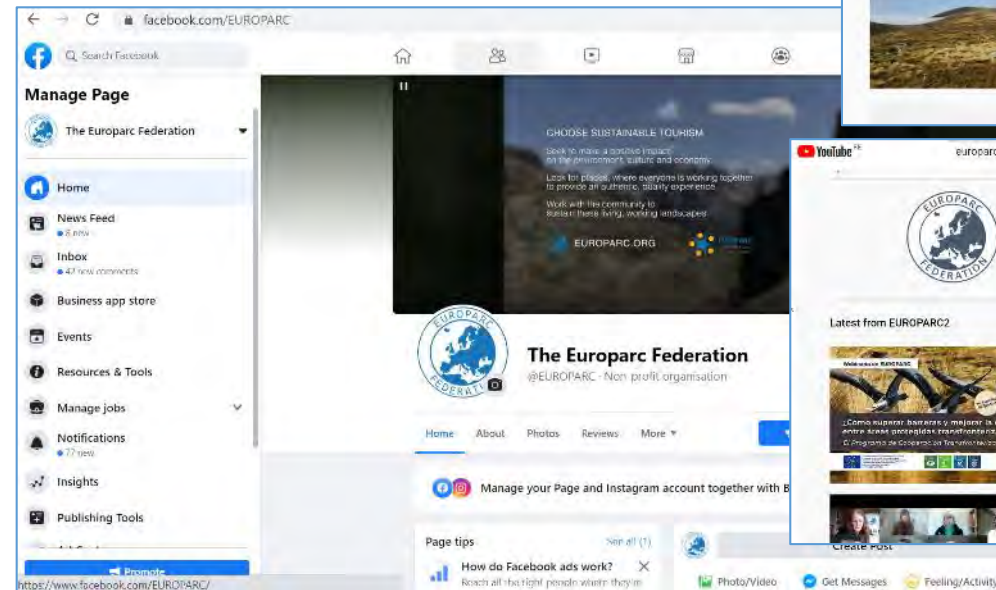
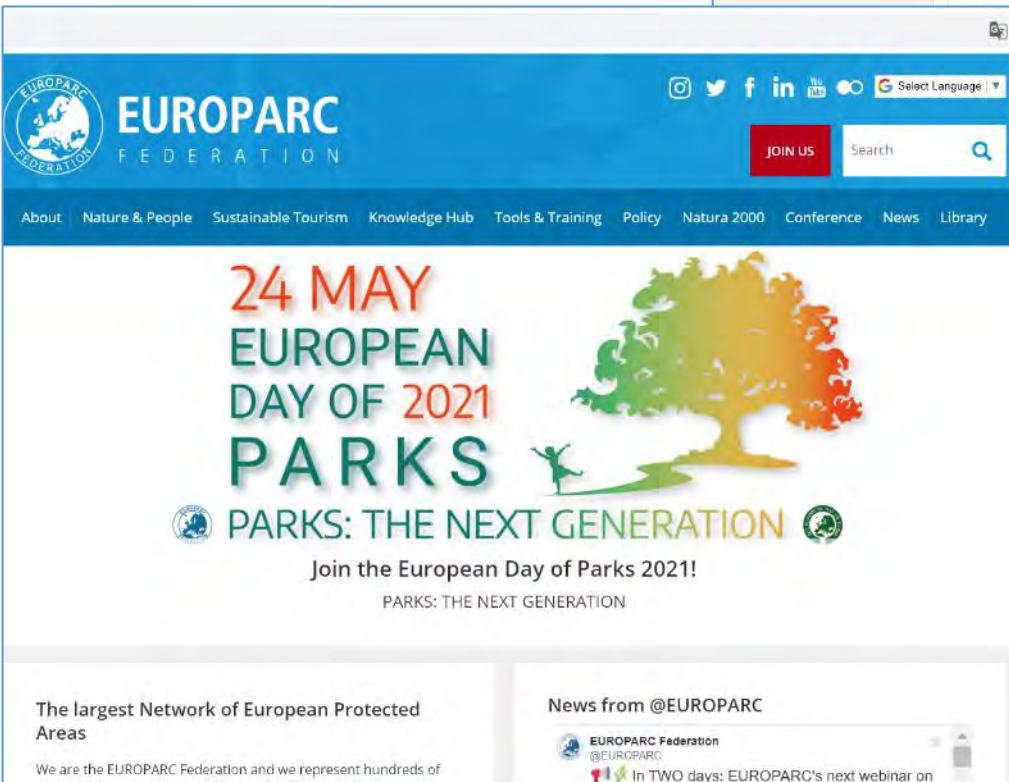
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# Protected Areas and agriculture



## “Agricultural diversity” in and around parks

Different agriculture = Different farmers





# Protected Areas and agriculture



## Not only about food production

- Biodiversity, water, soil, climate, landscape...
- Culture, history, memory, traditions, taste, identity...
- Health, human wellbeing, ecosystem services...





# Protected Areas and agriculture



## Farmers and Protected Areas managers

- Not only conflicts: many good examples of collaborations
- Partnership does not mean always being in agreement
- Looking for positive interactions: all of us are acting to improve the quality of life for us, our children and the planet.
- How to build mutual trust?



# EUROPARC and agriculture



## Training and information

- Case studies collection about Agriculture and Protected Areas
- European Day of Parks 2016 “A Taste of Nature” and the Recipe book
- Training for members Siggen Seminar 2017
- Workshops in the EUROPARC annual conferences
- Webinars

<https://www.europarc.org/knowledge-hub/sustainable-agriculture/>

A screenshot of the EUROPARC website. The header is blue with the EUROPARC logo and navigation links: About, Nature &amp; People, Sustainable Tourism, Knowledge Hub (circled in red), Tools &amp; Training, Policy, Natura 2000, Conference, News, and Library. There are also social media icons and a language selector (circled in red) with the text "Select Language". Below the header, the "Knowledge Hub" section is visible, with a "Topics" list on the left including Biodiversity Conservation, Capacity building &amp; Training, Climate Change, Communication and Promotion, Community involvement, Ecosystem Services, Environmental Education, EUROPARC, European Policy, Forestry, Fresh Water Ecosystems, and Green Infrastructure. The main content area features a "Sustainable Agriculture" section with a sub-header "Case studies" and two featured articles: "Agro-environmental agreement of the 'Sibillini Mountains' area" and "Network of extensive farmers for the recovery of ancient cultivated varieties".



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## Members participation

- EUROPARC Sustainable Agriculture and Protected Areas Commission
- *Future EUROPARC Charter for Sustainable Agriculture in Protected Areas*



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## Networking and collaborations

- Memorandum of Understanding with Slow Food International
- Member of platforms in Brussels:
  - European Habitat Forum (EHF)
  - Sustainable Food and Farming Platform
  - CAP NGOs Working Group
  - European Food Policy Coalition
- Collaboration with NGOs and farmers associations



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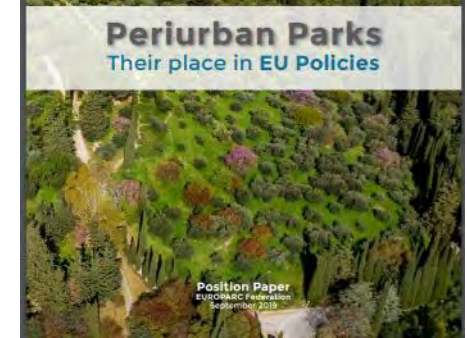


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## Dialogue with EU

- Lobby, advocacy and dialogue with the European Institutions (European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of Regions)
- Several position papers
- *New position paper about Protected Areas and agriculture in the framework of the Green Deal (April 2021)*
- *Recommendations for the CAP National Strategic Plans (April 2021)*



## The framework of the EU Green Deal

### What is the European Green Deal?

December 2019  
#EUGreenDeal

The European Green Deal is about **improving the well-being of people**. Making Europe climate-neutral and protecting our natural habitat will be good for people, planet and economy. No one will be left behind.

#### The EU will:



Become  
climate-neutral  
by 2050



Protect human life,  
animals and plants,  
by cutting pollution



Help companies  
become world leaders  
in clean products and  
technologies



Help ensure a  
just and inclusive  
transition



## The Future Common Agricultural Policy - CAP

### Goals:

- Fair deal and a stable economic future for farmers
- Higher ambitions for environmental and climate action
- Agriculture's position at the heart of Europe's society

### 9 Specific Objectives:



Ensure a fair income for farmers



Climate change action



Support generational renewal



Increase competitiveness



Environmental care



Foster vibrant rural areas



Rebalance the power in the food chain



Preserve landscapes and biodiversity



Protect food and health quality

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/future-cap\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/future-cap_en)

## The Farm to Fork Strategy

### A healthier and more sustainable EU food system

#### 2030 targets



**Pesticides in agriculture** contributes to pollution of soil, water and air. The Commission will take action to **reduce the use and risk of chemical and more hazardous pesticides by 50%**



The **excess of nutrients** in the environment is a major source of air, soil and water pollution, negatively impacting biodiversity and climate. The Commission will act to

- **reduce nutrient losses by at least 50%**, while ensuring no deterioration on soil fertility
- **reduce fertilizer use by at least 20%**



**Antimicrobial resistance** linked to the use of antimicrobials in animal and human health leads to an estimated 33,000 human deaths in the EU each year. The Commission will **reduce the sale of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50%**.



**Organic farming** is an environmentally-friendly practice that needs to be further developed. The Commission will help the EU's organic farming sector to grow, with the goal of **25 % of total farmland being used for organic farming by 2030**.



## The Biodiversity Strategy 2030

Among the key elements of the strategy:

- Restoring degraded ecosystems at land and sea across the whole of Europe by



increasing **organic farming** and **biodiversity-rich landscape features** on agricultural land.



halting and reversing the decline of **pollinators**



reducing the use and harmfulness of pesticides by **50% by 2030**



restoring at least **25,000 km** of EU rivers to a free-flowing state



planting **3 billion** trees by 2030

## Other initiatives and actions


### #EUPollinators: small, precious and in need of protection!

*Want to know more about pollinating insects, and what the EU is doing to address their decline?  
You are at the right place!*


Europe is home to an amazing variety of insects that pollinate crops and wild plants. This variety is essential for a healthy nature and our wellbeing.

However, pollinators are in serious decline. Losing them would be a major risk for nature and our own existence. We can still prevent this crisis if we all pull together.



**EU POLLINATORS INITIATIVE**   
Find out what the EU is doing



**EU POLLINATOR INFORMATION HIVE**   
Find out about actions across EU Member States,  
and how to get involved

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/pollinators/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/pollinators/index_en.htm)





## EUROPARC's key messages about Protected Areas and Agriculture

- Protected Areas and agriculture together create resilient rural area and living landscape
- Protected Areas are ready to collaborate with farmers and consumers
- Protected Areas contribute concretely to achieve EU targets

## EUROPARC's key messages about Protected Areas and Agriculture

- The Common Agricultural Policy should reward sustainable farming in Protected Areas and Natura 2000
- Specific measures, programmes and funds for partnership between Protected Areas and farmers are needed
- The policy coherence with the EU Green Deal is necessary at European, national and local level



Healthy environment and natural resources are  
essential  
for healthy food production,  
  
and sustainable agriculture is essential  
for healthy environment and to protect  
biodiversity.

Farmers and Protected Areas  
managers should be allied



# Thank you very much!!

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**supporting parks  
protecting nature  
promoting sustainability  
bringing people together**