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## Partnership Agreement EUROPARC Junior Ranger and Youth+

Between

EUROPARC Federation , with head office in Waffnergasse 6 , Regensburg, Germany - here represented by Carol Ritchie, Executive Director of the Federation.

and

**Name of member organisation:**

**Address:**

**Legal representative:**

### PREAMBLE

EUROPARC founded in 1973, is the biggest European network of Protected Areas, whose members manage the green jewels of Europe's land, sea, mountains, forests, rivers and cultural heritage.

Making sure young people have a role in Protected Areas is an important component of our work. **Young people are the future of Protected Areas** in Europe, and ranger and education services are one of Protected Areas most visible and valuable frontline services.

EUROPARC, among its priorities, promotes and manages European wide initiatives for the involvement of young people in Protected Areas. For this EUROPARC is among the promoters of the [Youth Manifesto](#): a call addressed to Protected Areas to develop initiatives for **youth active engagement** in the development of rural areas. The [Junior Ranger](#) program, for young people between 12 and 18 years, together with the [Youth+](#) program, for youth between 18 and 25, are two initiatives EUROPARC developed, contributing to answer the demands of young people, expressed also in the Youth Manifesto.

By bringing young people together and actively engaged in their local environment, we want to enable them to respect and care for their local Protected Areas, whilst also learning the valuable



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role Rangers and mentors play in the conservation of nature. With our two dedicated programs – Youth+ and Junior Ranger - we aim to promote active European citizenship, international cooperation and to encourage youth to become ambassadors and advocates of Protected Areas across Europe.

### PARTNERSHIP FOCUS

The parties agree here to work together to:

- facilitate international cooperation among young people, rangers and mentors;
- promote the implementation of the Youth Manifesto and support youth engagement in Protected Areas;
- promote initiatives for young people to explore, learn and take care of Protected Areas and to become active European citizens for nature.

This will be achieved in the following ways:

EUROPARC commits to:

- support the Protected Area in developing actions for young people engagement, providing specific guidance to start the programs and offering support for their development;
- ensure visibility to the Protected Area for its involvement in the EUROPARC youth programs and to promote, across its wide European network, the activities that will be organised locally;
- foster communication at European level through its multiple channels and set communication platforms for Junior Rangers and Rangers to network;
- promote and develop international projects and initiatives to further grow EUROPARC youth programs at European level;
- organise international events and facilitate networking, learning exchange and cooperation among young people, among mentors/rangers and Protected Areas;
- promote specific training and capacity building opportunities to up-skill rangers and mentors in youth environmental education;
- allow the park to use the EUROPARC Junior Ranger / Youth+ logos and brand, in order to manage and promote the program activities at local level. EUROPARC reserves the right to withdraw the authorisation to use the logo if the Protected Area does not respect the EUROPARC program guidelines and the present agreement.
- acknowledge the Protected Area involvement in the programme with a specific mention on EUROPARC website.



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The Protected Area commits to:

- develop and implement at local level the EUROPARC Junior Ranger program / the EUROPARC Youth+ program.
- implement the abovementioned program, in compliance with the EUROPARC guidelines and indications;
- promote networking activities for young people at local level. Encourage and facilitate the participation of young people, rangers and mentors to dedicated international events promoted by EUROPARC;
- support and assist rangers and mentors in the development and management of EUROPARC youth dedicated programs;
- share information with EUROPARC and the wider public, disseminate results, promote the activities and ensure visibility to the program via social media and other communication means;
- provide regular updates and information to EUROPARC about local activities, initiatives, youth program developments and achievements;
- support the participation of young people, rangers and mentors – according to own potentials – to dedicated international events and capacity building initiatives that EUROPARC organises;
- regularly inform EUROPARC of any relevant contacts or program changes;
- promptly notify EUROPARC in case of the willingness to withdraw from the present agreement and cease the implementation of the above-mentioned youth program.

Date:

EUROPARC Federation  
Carol Ritchie – Executive Director

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Director