



EUROPARC
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Becoming a member of the EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Programme

Conditions and Costs

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Who's it for?

The EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Programme is open to all European protected areas that adjoin across or lie adjacent to international borders.

If you wish to participate in the programme you have to be a **member of the EUROPARC Federation** ¹.

You are not a member yet? Please apply first for the membership with the EUROPARC Federation.

Once our Council decided about your membership application, you are welcome to also register as candidate for the EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Programme.

What does it cost?

As usual, there are costs for the certification that we need you to contribute to.

Overall costs for the certification process (to be split between the applying parties)

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| • Registration fee
(for registration as candidate protected areas) | EUR 500,- |
| • Verification fee (for administration
of the application and verification process) | EUR 3.000,- |
| • Re-evaluation fee after 5 years (for renewal of the certificate) | EUR 2.000,- |

In addition you are required to cover the costs of local travel, accommodation and board for the verifiers.

How does it work?

10 steps to become a „EUROPARC Transboundary Area“

1. **Be or become a member of the EUROPARC Federation.**
2. Tell us you are interested in the Transboundary Parks Programme and we send you information material and the “Registration form”.
3. Register as candidate for the Transboundary Parks Programme and pay the registration fee.
4. We send you the detailed Manual including the “Basic Standards” and “Application forms”.
5. Submit your completed application until **15st November** and pay the verification fee.
6. We process your application.

¹ Clarification on this requirement

A protected area needs to be a full member of the Federation to apply for the Transboundary Parks Programme as long as the protected area is its own legal entity and has its own budget. A protected area that does not have its own legal entity can however also apply for the Transboundary Parks Programme if it is represented by its higher authority at the Federation (i.e. the higher authority needs to be a full member to the Federation for a protected area to receive the Transboundary Parks Certificate).

7. We appoint a verifier who do a **desk evaluation** in **February/March**.
8. Following the successful desk evaluation the verifier **visits** your park in **May/June**.
9. Verifier reports to Steering and Evaluation Committee (STEC), who gives recommendations to Council.
10. Council decides upon awarding the Certificate. In case of a positive outcome you receive your Transboundary Parks Certificate at the **EUROPARC Conference** in **September/October**.

To help you with your application and guide you through the process, we prepared a Manual that you will receive after registration. Once you have all the necessary documents together, you can hand in your application. Our independent verifiers evaluate it and visit your protected area to see how your cooperation works in practice.

If you fulfil a defined minimum of standards for good transboundary cooperation, you can be awarded as “EUROPARC Transboundary Area” and receive your certificate at the annual EUROPARC Conference in autumn. The certificate is valid for five years before a re-evaluation of the Transboundary Area takes place.

For more information about the programme and its benefits for you, please see the document “The Certification Programme of EUROPARC in a nutshell”.

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