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European policies and the role of Protected Areas

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Organized in cooperation with DG ENV, with the participation of DG CLIMA

TUE, 15.11.2022 (16:00 – 20:00)

EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels

WEN, 16.11.2022, (09:00 – 16:00)

European Commission, Av. d'Auderghem 19, 1040 Brussels

Since 2017, EUROPARC and DG ENV have successfully organised the Seminar Dialogue. This year, on the 9th of November, **EUROPARC members will have a new chance to sit with the European Commission** to share their experience and needs for the effective management of Natura 2000. By bringing together representatives of the European Commission and Protected Areas' professionals, EUROPARC aims to **highlight the contribution of Protected Areas to the achievement of the European policy goals**, whilst giving the European Commission a clear insight into the challenges faced by professionals in the field. After 2 years online, the Seminar Dialogue 2022 will be in presence again.

The Seminar will count with interventions from EUROPARC members and from the different DGs, who will share the latest policy updates and funding opportunities. EUROPARC and the European Commission DG Environment have set up a programme focused on the following key areas:

- **The new Restoration law: the role of, and the impact on, Protected Areas**
- **Nature Conservation in the Climate change context**

The Seminar Dialogue is for EUROPARC members only. Places are limited, but we look forward to welcoming as many members as possible to Brussels. Participation is free of charge but registration is mandatory.

The event with the EC will be anticipated by an internal networking meeting only for EUROPARC members, on 15th of November between 16:00 and 20:00 at the EUROPARC Federation Brussels Office.

[Please register here](#)



Agenda

TUE, 15.11.2022 (*exclusive for EUROPARC members*)

EUROPARC Federation Office, Boulevard L. Schmidt 64, 1040 Brussels

16:00 – 18:00 Introduction of the event

- Registration of participants
- Welcome from EUROPARC Federation Brussels Office
- Short update about recent EUROPARC initiatives & Presentation of the EU institutions and the EUROPARC lobby and advocacy activities in Brussels *by Stefania Petrosillo*
- **Seminar's aims and participants' expectations**

18:00 – 20:00 Networking time

WED, 16.11.2022, European Commission

European Commission, Av. d'Auderghem 19, 1040 Brussels

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants

9:30 WELCOME

- **Welcome from DG Environment and quick update on the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**
By Luisa Samarelli, (Acting) Head of Unit, DG ENV
- **Introduction of the Seminar's aims and Agenda**
By Michael Hošek, President EUROPARC Federation

9:50 – 12:00 SESSION I. THE NEW RESTORATION LAW: THE ROLE OF, AND THE IMPACT ON, PROTECTED AREAS

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE

- **The Restoration law**
By Luisa Samarelli, DG ENV
- **The EU level PAF: Funding needs and opportunities for nature**
By Przemek Oginski, DG ENV

EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS

- **The outputs of the EUROPARC Siggen Seminar 2022 "Nature Restoration in Europe: What is the role of Protected Areas?"**
By João Cardoso de Melo, Cascais Ambiente (PT)



- **Case study. Identifying restoration priorities and actions: Finland's Parks experiences and lessons learnt.**

By Henrik Jansson, Metsähallitus - Parks & Wildlife Finland (FI)

INTERACTIVE DEBATE

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 15:30 SESSION II. NATURE CONSERVATION IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE CONTEXT

EXPERIENCES FROM PROTECTED AREAS

- **White paper: Protected Areas and the European strategies for climate change adaptation and biodiversity**
By Olivier De Sadeleer, EUROPARC Climate Change Task Force
- **Case study. Climate change adaptation into the management of natural heritage sites, regional parks and forest in Brussels (BE)**
By Etienne Aulotte, Bruxelles Environnement (BE)
- **How can the EUROPARC project 'NaturaConnect' contribute to the discussion?**
By Marit Schnepf, EUROPARC Federation

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE

- **Climate Policy Developments Relevant for Protected Areas**
By Peter Loffler, DG CLIMA
- **The upcoming Commission guidance on climate change and Natura 2000**
By Stefania Charisiadou, DG ENV

INTERACTIVE DEBATE

15:30 – 16:00 CONCLUSIONS

By Luisa Samarelli, (Acting) Head of Unit, DG ENV
By Michael Hošek, President EUROPARC Federation