



Grán Paradisó National Park (IT) - Luca Giordano Alberto Olivero



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FINAL PROGRAM

2ND OF DECEMBER 2022, H. 09-16:30

ROOM ANTALL 6Q2 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, PLACE DU LUXEMBOURG, BRUSSELS

We are proud to invite you to the **ECST and STAR Award Ceremony**, our high-level event hosted in Brussels, to recognise the work of Protected Areas and Tourism Business towards achieving sustainability in tourism.

This edition is a very special one.

After two years, the European Parliament opens its doors to us again.

We have so much to celebrate!

- **20 years** of the **European Charter for Sustainable Tourism** in Protected Areas
- The successful applications of **48 EUROPARC Sustainable Destinations** from years **2020, 2021 and 2022**
- The winners of the **EUROPARC Star Awards**, a prize to champion **Tourism Businesses** working sustainably with our Sustainable Destinations across Europe.

This ceremony will be facilitated by the EUROPARC Federation Team:
Carol Ritchie, Federico Minozzi, Stefania Petrosillo, Teresa Pastor, Olivier de Sadeleer and Sandra Grego

09:00 Meeting point Altiero Spinelli entrance - EP Esplanade - Place de Luxembourg

09:00 - 09:30 Registration of participants

09:00 - 10:00 Welcome coffee

10:00 - 10:35 **Opening**

- **Welcome from the European Parliament**
By MEP Marie Toussaint, Greens/European Free Alliance
 - **Celebrating 20 years of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas**
By Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation
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PART I – From the oldest to the youngest Sustainable Destinations

10:35 - 11:15 **CERTIFICATES CEREMONY***

Oldest Sustainable Destinations

ES - Zona Volcànica de la Garrotxa Nature Park – 20 yrs ECST
ES - Delta de l'Ebre Nature Park – 15 yrs ECST

Catalan Government managed Sustainable Destinations

ES - Montgrí, les Illes Medes i el Baix Ter
ES - Montsant Natural Park
ES - Cap de Creus Natural Park

New Sustainable Destinations 2022

ES - Els Ports Nature Park
ES - Sierra de Santo Domingo Protected Landscape
IT - Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli Regional Park
IT - Gran Paradiso National Park
IT - Sirente Velino Nature Regional Park
GR - Kefalonia-Ithaca UNESCO Global Geopark

Greek Sustainable Destination

GR – Chelmos Vouraikos National Park

11:15 - 11:45 - **COFFEE BREAK**



PART 2 – A success of cooperation and stakeholder involvement.

11:45 – 12:45 CERTIFICATES CEREMONY*

Sustainable Destinations with successful cooperation experiences

IT - Asinara National Park
IT - Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park
IT - Tuscan Archipelago National Park
IT - Emilia Centrale Parks

EST - Matsalu National Park

EST - Soomaa National Park
SER - Gornje Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve
ES - Montseny Nature Park and Biosphere Reserve
ES - Sant Llorenç del Munt i l'Obac Nature Park
ES - Sierra Espuña Regional Park

PART 3 – STAR Awards CEREMONY

12: 45 – 13:00 Open Dialogue with EC DG GROW

By Ramune Genzbigelyte-Venturi, Policy officer-Tourism

13:00 – 13:30 Winners of the categories*

1. Contribution to Conservation
2. Reducing impact on the Environment
3. Communicating the Values of my Park and my Business
4. Building my Community

Special categories

- Innovation
- Overall winner

13:30- 14:30 - LUNCH

PART 4 – Protecting landscape and supporting conservation

14:30 -15:10 CERTIFICATES CEREMONY*

Sustainable Destinations with successful nature conservation actions

PT - Terras do Lince
PT - Alto Minho Intermunicipal Community

IT - Cilento National Park
IT - Po Delta Biosphere Reserve

ES - Valle Iruelas Nature Reserve
ES - Sierra de Gredos Regional Park
ES - Montaña Palentina Nature Park
ES - Hoces del Río Riaza Nature Park
ES - Las Batuecas – Sierra de Francia Nature Park

PART 5 – Towards Sustainable Mobility and Tourism 4 All

15:10 – 15:55 CERTIFICATES CEREMONY*

Sustainable Destinations with successful Sustainable Mobility and/or Tourism 4 All actions

TB - Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps:
SLO -Triglav National Park and IT- Prealpi Giulie Nature Park
HR - Medvednica Nature Park
ES - Sierras Subbéticas Nature Park

SWE - Söderåsen National Park

IT - Colli Euganei Regional Park
IT - Gargano National Park and Isole Tremiti Marine Protected Area
IT - Pantelleria Island National Park

PART 6 – Managing visitors

15:55 – 16:15 CERTIFICATES CEREMONY *

Sustainable Destinations with successful visitors' management actions

IT - Torre Guaceto Marine Protected Area
IT - Cinque Terre National Park
IT - Ligurian Alps Regional Nature Park
SWE - Kullaberg Nature Reserve

16:15 – 16:30 Conclusions

Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation

(* Order can be changed)

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-- End of Ceremony --

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