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Updates from the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

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Dear readers,

We have started 2024 full of hope and good news.

We are very happy to announce that our **13th ECST network meeting** will take place this year in October in Westport, Ireland. The meeting will focus on the opportunities and challenges sustainable tourism brings when it comes to nature conservation. Let's find some solutions together!

Furthermore, we have launched the applications for the third edition of the Star Awards! With the biannual **STAR Awards**, EUROPARC seeks to celebrate, champion and acknowledge the effort and investments made by tourism businesses to be more sustainable and help to protect their natural and cultural heritage.

Apply now & spread the word amongst your partners!

We can congratulate ourselves that one year more, 14 Protected Areas candidates were awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas. We especially welcome the three new Protected Areas joining the network!

Finally, it is with great sadness that EUROPARC was informed of the sudden passing of Wilf Fenten, member of the ECST Evaluation Committee, last year. EUROPARC will always be grateful for his contribution to the development of the ECST methodology over the past years. We truly appreciate his hard work and dedication.

We wish you a cheerful reading,
Your EUROPARC ECST Team

13th ECST Meeting: Save the New Date!

The ECST network meeting that will take place in Westport, Ireland, has been postponed - but with good reason!