



## **EUROPARC FEDERATION Policy and Advocacy Strategy to 2030**

*Advocate and raise awareness for Protected Areas in Europe, bridging policy and practice for the benefit of nature and people.*

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EUROPARC represents the interest and ambitions of Protected Areas at different European political and technical levels. EUROPARC advocates and raises awareness for Protected Areas, to support policy development, to contribute to policy implementation across Europe, bridging policy and practice for the benefit of nature and people.

EUROPARC aims to ensure Protected Areas can contribute to relevant decision-making processes at local, national and European level. For this, EUROPARC will continue to work in close cooperation with the European Institutions, with the Council of Europe and, when relevant, at international level for example the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention for Biological Diversity amongst others.

EUROPARC will continue to promote constructive dialogue across sectors and themes, valuing good practices and ensuring an effective flow of information towards decision makers and EUROPARC's own internal network. Policy recommendations and positions addressed to European Institutions will be shared within the network (in particular with national levels and Sections) to support the development of coherent messages at local and national level.

Aligned with the EUROPARC overarching strategy, the Policy and Advocacy Strategy will guide policy action to 2030 with specific policy objectives,

core messages, target audience with targeted actions and outputs. The Directorate is responsible for its implementation and to regularly report to

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the Council. It is anticipated the strategy will be reviewed every 3 years. An accurate analysis of the EUROPARC internal resources and an adequate organization will be necessary in order to implement the Policy and Advocacy actions and reach the Lobby and Advocacy objectives. In order to ensure effective use of resources as well as sharing benefits from the strategy implementation to the members, a dedicated group to support implementation may be established. The Directorate will ensure adequate scientific knowledge is provided to support and inform policy decision making. For this the support of EUROPARC Commissions, Sections and members with scientific expertise will be considered.

With the premise that the outputs of the lobby and advocacy work can be difficult to evaluate using quantitative indicators, the Strategy is schematically detailed in the following way, describing **how the Lobby and Advocacy work will contribute to reach the Outcomes of each Theme of the EUROPARC Strategy Objectives and, for each EUROPARC Strategy Objectives, which are the Key messages to address to the audience:**

## EUROPARC FEDERATION Policy and Advocacy Strategy to 2030 Schematic

### EUROPARC STRATEGY OBJECTIVE

#### THEME

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| <b>EUROPARC<br/>2030<br/>STRATEGY<br/>OUTCOME</b> | <b>Policy and<br/>advocacy<br/>Strategy<br/>Objectives</b> | <b>Policy and advocacy Strategy actions<br/>and outputs</b> | <b>Interlocutors<br/>and actors (to<br/>be<br/>refined)</b> |
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**Lobby and advocacy**  
**Key messages\***

The messages and recommendations included in the Positions Papers produced by EUROPARC on different topics will be included in all Key messages <https://www.europarc.org/european-policy/europarc-policy-and-positions-papers/>.

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**EUROPARC STRATEGY OBJECTIVE 1 Strengthen and grow our network to deliver our vision**

**THEME: Increase the human and financial capacity of the network**

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| <p>BY 2030, The membership of EUROPARC has grown by at least 30% net, with more marine protected areas (MPAs) becoming members.</p> | <p>1.1 EUROPARC policy and advocacy work is visible and provides tangible benefits for the organisation and its members, raising the interest of new PAs to join the organisation.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy activities and outcomes are made visible for members and Sections (production, publication and dissemination of regular policy updates. Specific attention given to MPAs</li> <li>- Members and Sections have the opportunity to contribute to policy work: via consultations, sharing/presenting case studies; via EUROPARC Commissions, Task Forces; contributing to international event: Seminar Dialogue, Charter Awards, EP Public hearings... Specific opportunities given to MPAs</li> <li>- Attend relevant events in Brussels organized or involving Protected Areas. Target non EUROPARC members and contact them.</li> </ul> | <p>Targeted non member PAs and PAs' networks acting in at European levels.</p> <p>EUROPARC sections</p> |
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**THEME: Build the capacity of our organisation and its members**

| EUROPARC STRATEGY OUTCOME  | Objectives   | Activities and Outputs  | Interlocutors and/or actors   |
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| Networking, on and offline, across the membership remains integral to EUROPARC's work. | 1.2 Contribute to strengthen the network raising members' knowledge and capacity on policy | Networking events for members, connected to policy work will be organized, policy description provided at EUROPARC events such as webinars , as appropriate. : Specific events such as Seminar Dialogue, ECST awards, other events in Brussels for EUROPARC members | EUROPARC members with the involvement of representatives of EU institutions |

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| <p>The governance of our organisation is strengthened by developing the role and contribution of Sections and ensuring opportunities for direct member participation across the Federation's work</p> | <p>1.3 Through networking and capacity building, EUROPARC plays a central role to bridge policy and practice between members and European Institutions.</p> <p>1.4 EUROPARC contributes to raise, among members and Sections, the capacity and knowledge on relevant European policies.</p> | <p>See 1.2 and 1.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organisation of thematic policy learning for members and sections as policy webinar and /or policy descriptions/input provided at EUROPARC events such as webinars , as appropriate. - Integration of policy updates within relevant EUROPARC communication and networking activities</li> <li>- EUROPARC policy events as opportunities for policy learning and networking for members</li> <li>- Collect policy recommendations, perspectives, expectations and needs from members, with specific attention to non-EU and MPAs - Directly involve Council representatives, Sections, Commissions in policy activities</li> <li>- Create more opportunities for members to be in Brussels and be protagonists in EU events</li> </ul> | <p>Sections</p> <p>Commissions and Task forces</p> <p>Policy Group of Experts ( = members that already work in policy at their level) in EUROPARC network</p> |
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**EUROPARC STRATEGY OBJECTIVE 1 :**

**Strengthen and grow our network to deliver our vision**

**Lobby and advocacy Key messages:**

- EUROPARC is an essential actor to represent PAs
- Protected Areas are key drivers for the delivery and implementation of European strategies and policies for nature conservation and biodiversity.
- Protected areas are laboratories that contribute to sustainable development in Europe, by delivering ecosystem services and promoting sustainable activities in their territories.
- Investing in Protected Areas encourages alternative economy models and the positive experiences can be replicated outside the Protected Areas.

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**EUROPARC Strategic Objective 2: Strengthen the Status of Protected Areas for a Stronger, more Sustainable Nature**

**THEME: Champion Values and Benefits of PAs in response to environmental and societal challenges**

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| <b>EUROPARC 2030<br/>STRATEGY OUTCOME</b> | <b>Strategy<br/>Objectives</b> | <b>Activities and Outputs</b> | <b>Interlocutors<br/>and/or actors</b> |
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| <p>The status of Protected Areas, ecosystems and biodiversity conservation is identifiably improved and strengthened through good governance, improved legal frameworks and political acceptance.</p> | <p>2.1 European strategies and policies relevant for PAs better integrate PAs perspectives and recommendations for biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>2.2 PAs actively contribute to implement European strategies and policies for biodiversity conservation.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy recommendations and position papers produced, vision and inputs shared with partner organisations and EU/International institutions.</li> <li>Policy and advocacy coordination with other European NGOs to inform and develop joint messages and initiatives: EHF, other PA networks (set dedicated platforms)</li> <li>- Develop and update positions on main European policies and strategies. (At EU level: Biodiversity Strategy, Nature Directives, CAP and Farm to Fork Strategy, policies and strategies for climate, marine).</li> <li>- At wider European level contribute to the Bern Convention work of the Council of Europe focusing on PAs.</li> <li>- Contribute to develop and implement main European policies and strategies for biodiversity and nature conservation (Nature Directives, EU Biodiversity Strategy, Bern Convention, EU Nature Restoration Regulation). In particular input on the review of MS Pledges for PA targets; input on national restoration plans - Inform policy work capitalizing results from internal Commissions, TF and projects. Organise Seminar Dialogue. - Engage in EU/CoE relevant platforms and expert groups. In particular: European Biodiversity Platform; Nature Directors</li> </ul> | <p>EU Institutions:<br/>EC (DG Env, DG Agri, DG Clima),<br/>EU<br/>Parliament, EU<br/>Presidency,<br/>Committee of<br/>Regions.</p> <p>Council of<br/>Europe: Bern<br/>Convention.</p> <p>Members:<br/>mainly<br/>National<br/>authorities and<br/>Sections</p> |
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|  |   | <p>meetings; EU platform for coexistence between people and Large Carnivores; EU Parliament commissions (Agri and Envi), Committee of the Regions; EU Parliament intergroups; Expert Group on PAs and Ecological Networks (COE).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop position and contribute to the approval and implementation of Nature Restoration law.</li> <li>- Disseminate policy results and updates among members and sections (website, social media, podcasts, webinars...). - Members' consultation targeting Marine PAs, focused on marine policies, management needs and priorities of Marine Protected Areas (MPA). Provide input to the MPA work of the EU Biodiversity Platform, relevant thematic subgroups and on Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminars. Strengthen cooperation with other MPA networks.</li> <li>- Monitor progresses and results</li> </ul> |   |
| <p>The visibility, functions and roles of Protected Areas has been highlighted to policy and decision makers, through enhanced advocacy, ensuring protected areas will have contributed to policy and implementation of international, EU or other regional, and national targets for Protected Areas.</p> | <p>2.3 European policy and decision makers understand and recognize role, opportunities and benefits PAs provide for biodiversity conservation.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordination with Communication team to develop specific communication messages and targeted initiatives;</li> <li>- Dedicated PAs events taking place in Bx and Strasbourg with involvement of European institutions: e.g. ECST awards, EDoP, TB, Youth...</li> <li>- Policy coordination and communication with relevant European NGOs and networks;</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council of Europe: Bern Convention</li> <li>- Other European relevant NGOs and networks.</li> <li>- EU Institutions: EC, EU Parliament, CoR</li> </ul> |



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| <p>Financial investment and management practices have been improved through considering, in particular, financing and implementation at both the</p> | <p>2.4 Relevant European funding programs encompass priorities and resources for</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inventory of main EU relevant funding accessible for PAs + funds for non-EU members, identification of needs and gaps. -</li> <li>Produce recommendations for funders with needs, opportunities and benefits of funding PAs.</li> <li>- Targeted meetings with decision makers.</li> <li>- Monitor progresses.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU funding programs (LIFE, Interreg, Erasmus...)</li> <li>- EU Institutions: EU Parliament, EC (DG Env, DG EAC,</li> </ul> |
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| <p>Protected Area and national Protected Area network levels</p> | <p>Protected Areas and nature conservation. - Funding are made accessible for PAs.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinate with communication actions to ensure regular updates for members on funding opportunities.</li> <li>- Contribute to Biodiversa+</li> <li>- Explore new and emerging policy areas and assess their impacts on Protected Areas, in particular Protected Area financing.</li> </ul> | <p>DG Clima, DG Grow), CoR, EC agencies (CINEA) - Council of Europe (?)</p> |
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**THEME: Develop and nurture cross-sectoral partnerships**

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| <p><b>EUROPARC STRATEGY OUTCOME</b></p> | <p><b>Strategy Objectives</b></p> | <p><b>Actions and Outputs</b></p> | <p><b>Interlocutors and/or actors</b></p> |
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| <p>There will be more alliances and cooperation on management, in particular in transboundary areas across geopolitical boundaries.</p> | <p>2.5 To enlarge the visibility and the contribution of TB PAs in European debates and policies implementations</p> <p>2.6 To increase the knowledge of EUROPARC TB programme among decisions makers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dialogue with European Institutions and international organizations (IUCN, Green Belt, MOT, others) Increased</li> <li>- Direct contacts with relevant actors/audience</li> <li>- Participation and organization of events to present TB programme, written contributions and other possible collaborations. - Attend and contribute to relevant dialogue platforms eg biogeographical seminars, active participation in the WCPA IUCN Transboundary Conservation Experts Group</li> <li>- Explore synergies with MOT (Mission Operationnelle Transfrontaliere ), European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation - EGTC and other EU programmes, active participation to the Borders Forum events</li> <li>-Explore possible involvement in the European Cross-Border Citizens' Alliance and other networks</li> <li>- Invite EC and EP representatives to the TransParcNet meetings and webinars</li> <li>- Working Group on crossborder management of N2000 involving DG ENV active</li> <li>-Candidature of the TransParcNet to the European Citizen Award</li> </ul> | <p>EC DG REGIO, DR NEAR, DG ENV, DG</p> <p>ECHO EP</p> <p>CoR</p> <p>Sections</p> <p>TB Task Force</p> <p>COE</p> |
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| <p>Partnerships with key land and marine sectors will be built and enhanced.</p> | <p>2.7 To reinforce and establish partnerships with actors representing land and marine sectors at European level</p> | <p>Good and profitable partnerships with actors representing land and marine sectors at European level</p> <p>Active participation in platforms, such as EHF and Biodiversity Platform</p> <p>Active participation in platforms on marine subjects relevant to Protected Areas</p> | <p>NGOs networks</p> <p>Networks of enterprises of the sectors</p> <p>EC DG ENV, DG GROW, DG</p> |
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| Protected Areas will have an enhanced role in supporting sustainable agricultural policies and practice | 2.8 To reinforce the visibility among decisions makers and other actors of the work on sustainable farming and partnership in PAs | <p>PAs are recognised as key actors in sustainable agriculture policies (CAP, Farm to fork)</p> <p>Active participation to NGOs platforms as EU FPC (food policy coalition) , CAP NGOs Working group</p> <p>PAs progress with adoption and implementation of strategic practices for sustainable agriculture, providing benefits also for surrounding areas.</p> | <p>NGOs</p> <p>networks</p> <p>ELO</p> <p>COPACOGECA</p> <p>Other networks of enterprises of the sectors (as youth farmers?)</p> <p>EUROPARC Agri Commission</p> <p>EC DG ENV, DG AGRI, DG CLIMA</p> |

**EUROPARC STRATEGY OBJECTIVE 2 : Strengthen the Status of Protected Areas for a Stronger, more Sustainable**

**Nature Lobby and advocacy Key messages:**

- Ensure the protection of nature and biodiversity, promote nature restoration, both on land and sea, supporting the work of Protected Areas across Europe.
- The European land and sea surface currently protected is insufficient: a coherent network of PA should be developed, reaching 30% of surface protected, including 10% under strict protection
- Protected Areas are key drivers for the implementation of European/national/ regional strategies and policies for nature conservation and biodiversity
- Protected Areas are living laboratories for nature conservation, sustainable development and coexistence between nature and humans.
- Investing in Protected Areas pays back and supports alternative economy models with benefits outside of PA borders. - Adequate resources should be allocated to support the implementation of the biodiversity and restoration priorities at European and national level.
- The development of a dedicated European fund for Nature should be explored
- The crossborder work is essential for nature protection and sustainable development.
- The TB Programme is a concrete contribution to the EU policies. The TransParcNet is an important ally of EU and CoE to build Europe
- Protection of marine and land are strictly connected and PAs have an important role in promoting this connection - Nature conservation and sustainable fishing should be allied: good and healthy food needs healthy environment. - Nature conservation and sustainable farming should be allied: good and healthy food needs healthy environment, and sustainable farming can help the natural resources protection and to maintain healthy habitats. This is what PAs promote.

### EUROPARC Strategic Objective 3: Enhance the status of nature on land and sea, and people's connection to it

Theme: improve PA governance, planning and management effectiveness.

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| <p>Protected Areas on land and sea are better managed, have adaptive management plans and monitoring tools in place that support measurement of management effectiveness.</p> | <p>3.1 Advance PA governance and management effectiveness across European institutions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share outcomes of internal Management Effectiveness Commission work with EC, COE and members.</li> <li>- Present and promote EUROPARC learning / capacity building material for PA in relevant European platforms, to EC, CoE and MS</li> <li>- Contribute and influence the EU/Bern Convention debate and implementation towards effective management - Provide updates to National authorities members and Sections.</li> </ul> | <p>EC – DG Env – EEA<br/>National Authorities<br/>Bern Convention</p> |
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### THEME Involve youth in the work of Protected Areas.

| <p><b>EUROPARC STRATEGY OUTCOME</b></p>   | <p><b>Lobby and advocacy Strategy Objectives</b></p>   | <p><b>Lobby and advocacy Strategy Outputs</b></p>  | <p><b>Interlocutors and/or actors</b></p>                                |
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| <p>Youth are engaged in decision making and delivery across all areas of Protected Area work integral to our work</p> | <p>3.2 Youth perspective from PAs being heard at European level (EU CoE) and start to be integrated in relevant policies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create opportunities for youth from PAs to represent their perspective to EU/CoE</li> <li>- Share perspective with EC/CoE on youth engagement in PAs: needs, expectations, opportunities.</li> <li>- Develop core policy messages from the Youth Manifesto</li> <li>- Identify opportunities to influence policy development and integrate youth components: EC guidelines for PAs - Establish cooperation with DG EAC</li> <li>- Identify potential partner organisations for joint policy work</li> </ul> | <p>EU/CoE policy makers: DG EAC, DG Env, CoE<br/>Expert Group on PAs</p> |

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| <p>Youth are engaged in decision making and delivery across all areas of Protected Area work integral to our work</p> | <p>The youth perspective is incorporated into EUROPARC's policy decision</p> <p>Protected Areas are encouraged through relevant policies to</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EUROPARC policy team consult with the youth community for their input on any position papers</li> <li>- Identify opportunities to influence policy development at all relevant levels and integrate youth as key stakeholders</li> </ul> | <p>EUROPARC Youth Community</p> <p>EU/CoE policy makers: DG EAC, DG Env, CoE</p> |
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|  | <p>include youth perspectives into their decision making processes</p> |  | <p>Expert Group on PAs</p> <p>Local authorities where relevant</p> |
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| <p>Youth+ and Junior Rangers are experienced ambassadors and advocates for biodiversity in Protected Areas and for taking forward the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto, through taking part in on- and offline capacity building, networking and training</p> | <p>Youth perspective from PAs being heard at European level (EU-CoE) and start to be integrated in relevant policies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share perspective with EC/CoE on youth engagement in PAs: needs, expectations, opportunities.</li> <li>- Identify opportunities to influence policy development and integrate youth components: EC guidelines for Pas</li> <li>- Establish cooperation with DG EAC</li> <li>- Explore cooperation with the European Rural Parliament</li> <li>- Identify potential partner organizations for joint policy work</li> </ul> | <p>EU/CoE policy makers: DG EAC, DG Env, CoE Expert Group on PAs</p> <p>ELARD, European Rural Parliament</p> <p>Youth Environmental organisations (YEE, GCE, European youth forum, Rewilding youth Europe)</p> |
| <p>EUROPARC Youth have been given opportunities to represent their views at European policy and decision-makers</p>   | <p>The EUROPARC youth community is included and invited to EU events and programmes</p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular youth participation in annual events such as EU Green Week, EU Regions Week, European Youth Parliament (EYE) in Strasbourg</li> <li>- EUROPARC Youth Community made aware of opportunities such as the EU Climate Pact Ambassadors and DiscoverEU programmes</li> </ul>   | <p>Youth Environmental organisations (YEE, GCE, European</p>   |

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|  |  | <p>- EUROPARC Youth Community made aware of opportunities such as the EU Climate Pact Ambassadors and DiscoverEU programmes</p> <p>- EUROPARC supports the EUROPARC youth community ideas for representing their views at the EUROPARC policy and decision-makers</p> | <p>EUROPARC youth community</p> <p>DG EAC, DG ENVI, DG CLIMA, DG MARE</p> |
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**EUROPARC STRATEGY OBJECTIVE 3 : Enhance the status of nature on land and sea, and people's connection to it**

**Lobby and advocacy Key messages:**

- Effective management of all PAs is essential, also to achieve other targets for biodiversity conservation
  - PA Management Effectiveness should consider: clear decision making processes, accurate planning and result monitoring/assessment, adequate capacity and staffing, funding and resources, effective communication, community and stakeholders engagement, youth empowerment, and recognition of the role of women, minorities and indigenous peoples -
- Young people empowerment is essential for the future of PAs

**EUROPARC Strategic Objective 4: Promote sustainable development tool and approaches for people**



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**THEME: Strengthen the role of Protected Areas in delivering health and well-being**

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| <p>Better health outcomes for society and better investment in parks that help deliver it, by connecting with the health sector through the Healthy Parks Healthy People Europe network</p> | <p>4.1 Increase awareness of HPHPe programme across European institutions</p> <p>4.2 Establish alliances and partnerships on Health , Well being and Nature , relevant to Protected Areas</p> | <p>European institutions aware and supportive</p> <p>Partnerships established (and possible Memorandum of Understanding signed) with European NGOs and networks of health sector</p> <p>Participation to events</p> <p>Direct contacts with relevant actors/audience</p> | <p>DG SANTE</p> <p>Other DGs (such as DG CLIMA, working on climate change and health)</p> <p>European NGOs and networks of health sector</p> <p>Commission Health and Protected Areas</p> |
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**THEME: Protected Areas role in climate change mitigation and adaptation**

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| <p>The role of Protected Areas in climate change mitigation and adaptation has been demonstrated and promoted, with new tools, models and approaches to support managers created.</p> | <p>4.3 To make decision makers more aware of the role of Protected Areas in climate change mitigation and adaptation</p> | <p>The role of Protected Areas in climate change mitigation and adaptation has been promoted towards EU institutions and NGOs</p> <p>New tools, models and approaches have been promoted to European institution and other Europeans organisations.</p> <p>Dissemination of the Natura Adapt White Paper and follow up on the recommendations</p> <p>Present opportunities and challenges of Climate adaptation processes and practices in PAs</p> | <p>EC: DG Clima, DG ENV</p> <p>EP<br/>CoR</p> <p>Council of Europe</p> <p>NGOs</p> |

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|  |   | <p>Direct contacts with relevant actors/audience</p> <p>Contributions in relevant related events</p>   |   |
| <p>Parks are able to create a carbon budget and adopt model sustainable practices in their own management that have contributed to further implementation of SDGs and EU Green</p> | <p>4.4 To raise awareness about the role of Protected Areas in climate change for further implementation of SDGs and EU</p> | <p>The results of these practices to decision makers have been shared with EU institutions and NGOs</p> <p>Direct contacts with relevant actors/audience</p> <p>Contributions in relevant related events</p> | <p>EC: DG Clima, DG ENV</p> <p>EP<br/>CoR</p> <p>Council of Europe<br/>NGOs</p> |

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### THEME Improve visitor management and sustainable tourism

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| Sustainable Tourism is thriving as a result of new strategies, guidance and processes developed and implemented through the Charter of Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas. | <p>4.5 To reinforce the visibility of the role of parks in sustainable tourism</p> <p>4.6 To increase the visibility of the ECST among decisions makers</p> <p>4.7 To seek the ECST to be recognised by the European Commission</p> | <p>ECST recognised as model of best practise for sustainable tourism in protected areas by European commission.</p> <p>ECST more known and referenced by decision makers</p> <p>EUROPARC active in the EU Transition Pathway for Tourism and other relevant EC initiatives</p> <p>Relevant initiatives for business shared with the ECST network ECST Award ceremony</p> | <p>EC: DG GROW, DG ENV</p> <p>EP</p> <p>CoR</p> <p>NGOs</p> <p>Relevant Networks, as Necstour</p> |

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|  | <p>as instrument for parks and N2000</p> <p>4.8 To Follow and take part in the EU Transition Pathway for Tourism</p> | <p>Send pledge for the EU Transition Pathway for Tourism and after that continue to be active according to the needed actions</p> <p>Seek active participation in the EU Tourism Expert Panel.</p>                     | <p>Sections</p> <p>EUROPARC Task Force of the ECST</p>             |
| <p>Recreation and Sport in Protected Areas is well managed and communication through collaborative work with relevant organisations</p>  | <p>4.8 To increase the visibility of the role of PAs in the management of outdoor sports.</p>                        | <p>Working with partners in ENOS to deliver key messages to policy and decision makers at relevant governance levels.</p> <p>Direct contacts with relevant actors/audience</p> <p>Participation to relevant events</p> | <p>EC : DG EAC .CoR. ENOS</p>                                      |
| <p>Visitor management and biodiversity carrying capacity, particular in periurban parks is better understood with management practice and tools devised to support managers.</p> | <p>4.9 To increase the visibility of the role of PAs in this topic</p>   | <p>Visibility increased amongst cities of the value of periurban parks, Direct contacts with relevant actors/audience . Links to European periurban organisations</p> <p>Participation to relevant events</p>          | <p>EC : DG GROW, DG ENV</p> <p>CoR</p> <p>Periurban commission</p> |

### THEME Strengthen the role of Protected Areas in the transition to a green economy

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| <p>New thinking and practices developed about the role that Protected Areas play in providing jobs and sustaining healthy and resilient communities across Europe have been developed and implemented.</p> | <p>4.10 To participate in debates with decision makers presenting the role of PAs in providing jobs and sustaining healthy and resilient communities</p> | <p>Take part in relevant events.</p>   | <p>EC: DG Grow, DG ENV</p> <p>EP<br/>CoR</p> <p>EECS<br/>(European Economic and Social Committee)</p> <p>NGOs</p> |
| <p>Natural capital accounting by Protected Areas as a means to better capture the value of the ecosystems services they provide has been utilised.</p>   | <p>4.11 To advance new financing models that highlight the value and role of Protected Areas in delivering ecosystem services</p>                        | <p>Liaise and develop partnership with relevant organisations in this field.</p> | <p>EC: DG Grow, DG ENV</p> <p>EP<br/>CoR</p> <p>NGOs</p>  |

#### **EUROPARC Strategic Objective 4: Promote sustainable development tool and approaches for people and nature**

##### **Lobby and advocacy Key messages:**

- Protected Areas should be involved in spatial planning and climate change adaptation strategies at multiple levels of governance to ensure and promote integrated, long-term and large-scale environment management. It is necessary to assess risks, costs and benefits of climate change impacts on socio-ecosystems in Protected Areas.
- It is crucial to ensure concrete and coherent integration of biodiversity and climate change priorities in EU policies. - Protected Areas should have access to financing dedicated to climate change adaptation as well as means to further involve local communities and their political representatives.
- Partnership with private is crucial for tourism. The ECST is a great instrument for that.
- Tourism is part of the local rural development.
- Tourism and agriculture are strongly connected in many PAs.

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- Europe's PAs can contribute to key policy priorities on improving public health and well-being for all and reducing health inequalities, protecting, restoring and investing in biodiversity, as well as by responding to the climate emergency
- Policy, practice and partnerships are needed to maximise the potential of Europe's parks and protected areas as key assets for improving public health and well-being and reducing health inequalities
- A good management of Recreation and Sport in Protected Areas is essential, in particular in periurban parks
- PAs are experimenting interesting instrument of Visitor management and biodiversity carrying capacity, in particular in periurban parks,
- PAs provide green job and contribute to have healthy and resilient communities
- PAs are elaborating methodologies to evaluate ecosystems services

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