

Webinar: Hosting Large Events in Periurban Parks

Q&A session - unanswered questions

1. Where can I find management guidelines for Periurban parks e.g. IUCN etc?

Here you can find the Periurban Parks toolkit:

https://www.europarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Toolkit_Periurban-Parks_Planning-and-Managing_2021-compressed.pdf

2. Are there any regulations for discgolf events in these parks?

This activity was not mentioned during the semi-structured interview with park managers. Thus, we can not report any regulations on it.

3. What is in general the attitude of visitors and event organisers to eco-friendlier activities, are people willing to improve their activities to become more eco-friendly or is there resistance by the event organisers for example?

According to several feedback from park managers, both visitors and organisers understand the need for more responsible events regarding nature conservation. Above all, the cooperation with the event organisers is crucial for promoting environmentally responsible events, as they play a key role in providing the necessary infrastructure and facilitating communication that encourages mindful behaviour. We do not have clear statistics on it. In most of the study cases, park managers have already refused some events that did not suit the requirements for nature preservation, even though it would have represented a financial benefit. On the other hand, there are also examples of event organisers that made significant efforts to mitigate their impact on the parks (e.g. [WE LOVE GREEN](#)).

4. Are there any adjustments needed for organizers of festivals? Are there any reasons considered before festivals regarding birds mating.

Yes, definitely. In the cases presented, regulations concerning sound levels, lighting guidelines, limits on public attendance, the timeframe for concerts and related logistical activities, as well as transport through the paths to avoid damaging grassy areas, all require significant adjustments from festival organisers. There may also be a transfer of responsibilities related to awareness campaigns towards the public for waste sorting, site maintenance, and post-event nature restoration. For instance, Grand Parc Miribel Jonage requests a financial contribution for renaturation projects to the festival organisers, which corresponds to a percentage of ticket sales. Bird mating is an important concern, but defining specific months for restrictions is challenging, as mating periods vary by species.

5. Does any park have experience with renewable energy communities to share?

During the benchmark study, we did not identify this practice within a park, but we were not specifically searching for this aspect either. There is one initiative in Valencia regarding cemeteries:

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2024/05/31/this-spanish-city-plans-to-turn-its-cemeteries-into-the-countrys-largest-urban-solar-farm>