Terms of Reference

Name of Group – EUROPARC Health Working Group	

Purpose
Why is this group being formed
	This WG can ensure ownership and contribution to the implementation of the Healthy Parks Healthy People objectives and policy priorities, including:
	
	- Provide a platform for and promote EUROPARC's leadership on the health-PAs interface.
	- Build the capacity in members to
	  ○ support the improvement of public health and well-being for all, while reducing health inequalities; and
	  ○ increase public support and action through the delivery of this work for protecting, restoring and investing in biodiversity & responding to the climate emergency.
	
	In the next twelve months, the focus will be to:
	● Extend the network of members within EUROPARC to implement HPHPe in practice
	● Revise the HPHPe toolkit
	● Develop proposals apply for (project) funding to capitalise on the results of IE GREENHEALTH project
	● Contribute to the work of the IUCN Health and Wellbeing Specialist Group and the development of its input to the World Park Conference in Panama (Sept 2027)
	● Contribute to the programme of the 2027 EUROPARC Conference in Finland
	● Explore possible synergies with other EF WGs (e.g. PU Working Group, Sustainable Tourism), Youth Council and/or initiatives
	● Continue to build relationships with health sector network bodies and projects at the European level
	
	If a successful project bid can be made, we see the work of this group being integrated into project arrangements.

Links to Strategy What specific area of the strategy this work is linked to?	This Working Group would strongly contribute to EF Strategy's Strategic Goal 4 - Promote sustainable development tools and approaches for people and nature. Strengthen the role of Protected Areas in delivering health and wellbeing. → *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*.

	Furthermore, EF can play a leadership role on the issue of health in Protected Areas, not only at European but also at global level, with a potential important role for EF during the upcoming WPC in Panama.
Term What is the foreseen duration?	2026 – 2029
Outcomes/Results What are the intended results of the WG?	• An expanded HPHPe network of EUROPARC members • A revised HPHPe toolkit At least one successful project application that will allow this work to be better embedded and resourced and capitalising on the results of Interreg Europe GREENHEALTH
Outline workplan What do you plan to do and achieve for the period to 2028	• Development of successful project proposals (x 2) • Revision of the HPHPe toolkit • Input to the EF conference 2027 • Contribution for the World Park Congress in Panama • Input to other thematic conferences (as required) Increase of the EUROPARC members active in HPHPe
Working methods Meetings frequency How will the group be managed?	Meet five times a year. Every two months with holiday season breaks. Ideally, four times yearly online and once a year in presence, with sufficient dedicated discussion time. If required, smaller groups can additionally meet for specific topics.
Reporting How will the group report its work, when and by whom.	The group will report to the Council through one of the Council Representatives. The Directorate Liaison will provide updates to the Directorate as need be (e.g. Annual Report) Organise webinars, publish case studies and guest articles.
Review How and when will the work of the group be reviewed	• Progress and next steps to be reviewed in the last meeting of the year November/December 2026