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CEETO - Central Europe Eco-Tourism: tools for nature protection

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Partners overview



Federparchi - EUROPARC Italy

Federparchi, or the Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves, represents an original experience of association among the protected areas management bodies willing to work together for nature conservation. This Federation also conforms the Italian section of EUROPARC, and its aim is to coordinate activities and to create a system including Parks & Natural Reserves at land and sea.

It is conformed by 160 members including managing bodies of National and Regional Parks, Nature Reserves, Marine Protected Areas, various Natural Reserves and

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Federparchi provides services and expertise, promotes nature conservation actions also through system projects for the Alps, the Apennines, the coast and islands. It enhances applied scientific research activities, the definition of adequate instruments for environmental safeguard and the involvement of local population for its sustainable development.

Federparchi develops EU projects with several partners particularly focusing on sustainable tourism. It is also engaged in the elaboration of cooperation initiatives for developing countries. Thus, Federparchi collaborates with management bodies in administrative and technical organisation, research, territorial planning and promotion activities. It also contributes to national and local policies with proposals, programmes, projects and initiatives aimed at developing a general action of territorial and environmental management compatible with conservation and sustainable development.

[More information.](#)



EUROPARC Federation

EUROPARC Federation is an association registered in Germany, counts with 8 sections and represents hundreds of responsible authorities and thousands of Protected Areas in 40 countries of Europe. It is recognised around the world as a professional network of European Protected Areas providing a forum to share professional experience, collaborate on technical projects and progress common aims. Under the emblem “nature knows no boundaries”, EUROPARC

Federation facilitates international co-operation in all aspects of Protected Area management to improve and conserve our shared natural and cultural heritage.

Composed by 15 staff members, the Federation’s headquarters are located in Regensburg, Germany, and it counts with one additional office in Brussels (Belgium), dedicated to policy and representation of the network interests at European level, and one technical office in Collserola Nature Park, Barcelona (Spain).

EUROPARC is responsible for the creation and implementation of 3 main programmes in Europe:

- the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, a practical management tool that enables Protected Areas to develop tourism sustainably and that counts with more than one hundred destinations adhered to the network;
- the Junior Ranger and Youth+ programme, aiming to involve youngsters of Europe in Protected Area management and put them at the centre of decision making on nature conservation;
- the Transboundary Parks Programme, which seeks to support a process of mutual understanding and develop management tools to enable cross border cooperation between Parks separated by political boundaries.

Apart from the permanent programmes, EUROPARC is currently developing specific projects to: build capacity of Protected Area and Natura 2000 managers, create innovative models that empower Protected Areas to become catalysts of a sustainable rural development and core actors in climate change mitigation and adaptation. In addition, EUROPARC Federation counts with different expert commissions conformed by members that work together to address different needs on a variety of topics such as Natura 2000 network, Agriculture in Protected Areas, Health and Protected Areas, Climate Change and Periurban Parks, among others.

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[Rural Youth meets the Biosphere - Protected Areas Open Day at the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau](#)

May 25th, Austria - the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau celebrated the Protected Areas Open Day on the 5th anniversary of the Rural Youth St. Michael at the Mur island in St. Michael.



[Protected Areas Open Day at the Po Delta Regional Park](#)

May 22nd, Italy - During the Protected Areas Open Day, free guided tours were offered to the Dunes of Massenzatica and the mouth of the Bevano Torrent in order to promote this less known destinations.



[Sölktaier Nature Park celebrates its Protected Areas Open Day](#)

May 11th, Austria - Sölktaier Nature Park opened its doors to visitors to celebrate the Protected Areas Open Day in an event focused on gardens and the influence of Climate Change effects.



[CEETO Protected Areas Open Day celebrated at the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast-Rügen](#)

April 29th, Germany - The Open Day celebrated in the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast-Rügen hosted the re-opening of the Biosphere Reserve's exhibition in the visitors information centre by the Environmental Minister Dr. Till Backhaus.



[Stakeholder Workshop for action planning in the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau](#)

April 11th, Austria - The Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau organises the 3rd stakeholder workshop within the framework of CEETO project at Biohof Sauschneider in St. Margarethen in Lungau.



[Stakeholders meeting takes place in Nature Park Medvednica](#)

April 10th, Croatia - The Park managing authority hosted a meeting with local Stakeholders in order to present CEETO project Action Plan and encourage them to participate in its design and implementation.



[The Nirano's Mud Volcanoes - a Pilot Area for CEETO Project](#)

March 19th, Italy - A visitor behaviour study will be carried out in order to identify actions that ensure sustainable accessibility and the protection of its natural values.

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In Protected Areas

March 7th - A dedicated webinar to CEETO project was presented by EUROPARC Federation, in which different methodologies for monitoring and managing tourist flows in Protected Areas, with examples on the ground were presented.



CEETO project presented at the "Protected Areas In-Sight 2018" journal

January 14th - The Protected Areas In-Sight is the annual journal of EUROPARC Federation that compiles up-to-date information on different topics related to Protected Areas in Europe. This journal is distributed to EUROPARC members and available online for the general public.



International Premiere of the film "A Sustainable Journey" at the European Parliament

November 29th, Belgium - At the same time of its online release, the film "A Sustainable Journey" premiere was presented at the European Parliament during the Charter Award Ceremony, which grants recognition to the new Protected Areas that adhere to the European Charter for Protected Areas network.



CEETO Pilot Area Teasers are online!

November 29th - The CEETO teasers are a video-presentation of the main features, touristic offer and challenges regarding tourism management of the CEETO project's selected Pilot Protected Areas.

Events



Summer University European Parks Academy

Date: 15 to 20 July (early bird until 30 March 2019)

Place: Klagenfurt -Austria

An advanced training for decision makers and persons responsible for protected areas, hosted by E.C.O. in cooperation with the World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN/WCPA). This year, EUROPARC will present two seminars:

- The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected areas;
- The Transboundary Program for cross-border collaborations among Protected Areas.

Get further information at <https://e-c-o.at/trainings-en.html>

Sustainable Tourism Workshop at EUROPARC Conference 2019

Date: 24 to 27 September (early bird 30 June 2019)

Place: Ķemeri National Park, Latvia

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Protected Area professionals and brings together over 300 participants from across Europe. This year, the workshop on sustainable tourism [“What cost- effective and low-impact models are possible for businesses and protected areas to manage sustainable tourism”](#) will be held on September 25th.

The next EUROPARC Conference takes place in Latvia, between the 24-27th September 2019. Registrations are now open! Further information at the [Conference 2019 website](#).



CEETO project Technical Meeting

Date: 22 to 23 September 2019

Place: Hotel Belvedere, Izola, Slovenia

Organised by the Regional Development Centre Koper, this CEETO technical meeting (D.T3.3.1) will explore the potential socio-economic benefits in applying a sustainable tourism approach to Protected Areas. The main objective of the meeting will be to discuss the positive aspects and criticalities encountered in the [Testing Phase](#) (T2) of the management monitoring tools of CEETO project. Further information will follow at [CEETO website](#).

Related news

May 22nd - [A two days debate on the added value of the ECST at the Metalliferous Hills, Italy](#)

May 3rd - [A Sustainable Journey – Best Movie Promoting Sustainability at Terres Travel Festival - Films & Creativity, Spain](#)

April 16th - [Emilia Centrale Parks Managing Authority towards the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas](#)

March 30th - [Medvednica Nature Park at the EU funds Fair, Croatia](#)

March 20th - [Conference "The safety of visitors and the role of protected areas" in Rome, Italy](#)

March 12th - [Affluence, frequentation and characterization of visitors at Collserola Nature Park, Spain](#)

February 23rd - [Dialogue on Overtourism and Responsible Tourism in Pontremoli, Italy](#)

February 14th - [Visitor Flow surveys at its highest peak of activity at Nature Park Medvednica, Croatia](#)

January 5th to 6th - [Nature Park Medvednica hosts the Audi FIS Ski World Cup “Snow Queen Trophy” 2019](#)

December 17th - [New Landscape Park in the Coastal-Karst region, Slovenia](#)

November 29th - [First Annual CROSTO Observatory Conference held in Zagreb, Croatia](#)

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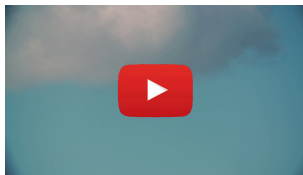


A Sustainable Journey - the CEETO film

Produced in the framework of the CEETO project in order to raise awareness among travellers and local communities on the importance of sustainable tourism, this film portrays the story of a traveller seeking to escape the pressures of everyday life to a different kind of tourism that is good for nature and good for him too. [Watch it online.](#)

CEETO Teasers

These video-presentations have been produced in the framework of CEETO project. They portray the main features and touristic offer that the Pilot Protected Areas have and their foremost challenges for tourism management that they will tackle through the CEETO project implementation:



[Regional Park of the Po Delta, Italy](#)

The park protects the largest complex of wetlands in Italy, and one of the most important wildlife sanctuaries in Europe as regards a multitude of nesting, migratory and wintering water birds... [Watch teaser online.](#)



[Alto Appennino Modenese Regional Park, Italy](#)

The park protects the whole Apennine crest of the area around Modena, with its imposing ridges and peaks of over 2.000 m, which culminate with Mount Cimone (2.165 m), the highest of the Northern Apennines... [Watch teaser online.](#)



[Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park, Italy](#)

The vast protected area between Emilia and Tuscany covers most of Reggio's mountains and includes the imposing ranges of Prado, Cusna and Alpe di Succiso that are over 2,000 m high... [Watch teaser online.](#)



[Sölktaier Nature Park, Austria](#)

Sölkpass is the highest pass in the province of Styria with 1788m. Through the pass road the area around the Sölkpass is easily accessible. The attractive landscape with mountain lakes... [Watch teaser online.](#)



[UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau, Austria](#)

This southernmost district of Salzburg province, in partnership with the Nockberge region of Carinthia, is since 2012 known as UNESCO Biosphere Park Salzburger Lungau & Kärntner Nockberge... [Watch teaser online.](#)

[UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast Rügen, Germany](#)

The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Southeast Rügen was created in 1990 and was integrated into the UNESCO MAB

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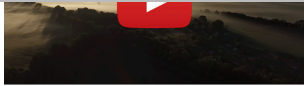
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[Nature Park Medvednica, Croatia](#)

Nature Park Medvednica stretches over 17938 ha and is located in the immediate vicinity of the capital city of Croatia – Zagreb. The basic phenomenon of the Park are natural and well preserved forests which cover 81% of the Park's area...

[Watch teaser online.](#)



[Strunjan Landscape Park, Slovenia](#)

The Strunjan Peninsula is strewn thick with hidden gems of natural and cultural heritage. A healthy environment, authentic traditions, marvellous views and the diversity of the fauna and flora offer countless possibilities for actively enjoying the outdoor life...

[Watch teaser online.](#)

European Natura 2000 Award 2020 Opens for Applications!

Now in its fifth year, the high-profile EU Natura 2000 Award is again open for applications. If you have been working hard for Natura 2000, be it through active conservation work, awareness raising or other successful activities related to Natura 2000, this award is for you! It provides an excellent opportunity to promote your work, network and exchange experiences with EU policy makers and other applicants.

The Natura 2000 Award recognises good practice in Natura 2000 sites in six different categories:

- **Communication;**
- **Socio-Economic Benefits;**
- **Conservation;**
- **Reconciling Interests / Perceptions;**
- **Cross-Border Cooperation and Networking**

Additionally, the **European Citizens' Award** provides the public with an opportunity to vote for its favourite achievement. The application receiving the highest number of public votes will win the prestigious European Citizens' Award.

Apply before 30 September 2019 and get the recognition you deserve!

Further information on [European Natura 2000 Award website.](#)

Natura 2000 Award Secretariat contact: n2000awards@adelphi.de

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APPLY NOW!

Get the recognition you deserve,
apply for the Natura 2000 Award



ABOUT CEETO

CEETO, or *Central Europe Eco-Tourism: tools for nature protection* is an interregional cooperation project developed with the support of the EU European Regional Development Fund and composed by 11 project partners:

- Emilia-Romagna Region – Protected Areas, Forestry and Mountains Development Department, Italy.
- EUROPARC Federation, Germany.
- UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Salzburger Lungau, Austria.
- Soelktaeler Nature Park, Austria.
- NIMFEA Environment and Nature Conservation Association, Hungary.
- Authority for the Biosphere Reserve South East Ruegen, Germany.
- Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves - EUROPARC Italy, Italy.
- Regional Development Centre Koper, Slovenia.
- Public Institution Nature Park Medvenica, Croatia.
- Public Institute Landscape ParkStrunjan, Slovenia.
- WWF ADRIA - Association for Nature Protection and Biodiversity, Croatia.

Additionally, the project counts with six Advisory partners and aims to protect and enhance the natural heritage of Protected Areas and Natura 2000 Network by promoting an innovative sustainable tourism planning model.

For extended information, please visit [CEETO project website](#).

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