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**Hard work and
lots of fun**

**Workshops
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**Cycling on
your behalf:**

**Your roaming
Workshop
reporter in
action**

A big thank-you to all who have made such a success out of today's workshops. It was fantastic to see everybody in action: helpers, workshop managers, presenters, participants and all those behind the scene.

There was the clever use of the flip chart...



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And the amazing use of hi-tec equipment in quick succession ...



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And with great results: these were some of the points mentioned.

- The Federation should be a power-house of exchange where we can find out about best practices on lots of topics.
- Explore the setting-up of a platform for European staff exchange on interpretation.
- Enhance the Federation's lobbying activities on the EU political level.
- Establish and promote information and expertise exchange.
- Collect evidence of the values and benefits of volunteering – sell it better.



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- Develop a common understanding of spiritual/intrinsic/non-material values, whilst putting nature into its cultural context, encouraging the use of words as appropriate for each language/culture.
- Encourage members to create an inventory of ecosystem services in their protected area.
- Adopt the Junior Ranger programme of EUROPARC Deutschland, promote it and expand it to the rest of the network.



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- Create a facility for social networking and consider a youth conference linked to the annual EUROPARC Conference.
- Linking values and benefits of the parks with international agreements and the programmes and policies of the EU.
- Ensure that effective social media and new technology are core elements of the internal and external communications strategy.
- Develop quality checks across Europe with examples of best practice.



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- We must try and see our protected areas from the visitor point of view. “Make the visitor happy”.
- Several groups mentioned monitoring as an important aspect of their work. They would like the Federation to help them with examples of best practice.
- Can the Federation help to promote the important role of PAs in the wider green infrastructure?
- The Federation should promote the value and benefits of ecosystem services within protected areas.





There were many more suggestions and all have been carefully noted. They will play an important role in the new strategy.

Many, many thanks to everybody.



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