



EUROPARC NORDIC-BALTIC SECTION ACTIVITY PLAN 2018-2020

The EUROPARC Federation is the network for Europe's natural and cultural heritage. The Federation works to improve the management of protected areas in Europe through international cooperation, exchange of ideas and experience, and by influencing policy.

The EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section is one of eight regional and national units which have been established to make the work of the EUROPARC Federation more effective. It represents member organisations from the eight Nordic and Baltic countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden.

The main goal of the section is to promote exchange of information and expertise and encourage cooperation between the members, in order to improve the management of protected areas. The Section follows the key aims of the EUROPARC Federation and maintains active connections between the Section members and the EUROPARC Federation.

Coordination 2018-2020

Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland is the Nordic-Baltic Section coordinator for 2018-2020. The coordination team include:

- **Mr. Stig Johansson** is the president. He works as Director of International Affairs within Parks & Wildlife Finland.
Contact: stig.johansson@metsa.fi, tel. +358 40 578 4328
- **Ms. Sanna-Kaisa Juvonen** is the coordinator. She works as Senior Advisor with protected areas and historical sites in the Coastal and Metropolitan Area of Parks & Wildlife Finland.
Contact: sanna-kaisa.juvonen@metsa.fi, tel. +358 40 774 3933
- **Ms. Carina Wennström** is the communicator. She works as Senior Advisor in the Coastal and Metropolitan Area of Parks & Wildlife Finland as part of a team of experts on sustainability and management of recreation and tourism.
Contact: carina.wennstrom@metsa.fi, tel. +358 40 179 8035
- **Ms. Liisa Nikula** is our liaison with EUROPARC Federation. She works as Senior Advisor in International Cooperation in Parks & Wildlife Finland.
Contact: liisa.nikula@metsa.fi, tel. +358 40 528 8467



ACTIVITY PLAN 2018-2020

- Sharing of information on upcoming events of interest to the Section members;
- Arranging of thematic seminars in cooperation with member organisations;
- Supporting and facilitating exchange of member organisation staff for capacity building and information exchange;
- Providing the members with help in finding project partners for projects within the Nordic-Baltic member countries and in relation with EUROPARC Federation and other EUROPARC sections;
- Actively seeking project funding possibilities for joint projects within the Section region;
- Maintaining and strengthening the links between the Nordic-Baltic Section, the EUROPARC Federation and its other sections;
- Participation in EUROPARC work through Commissions, TransParcNet,
- Strengthening of cooperation with other Nordic-Baltic networks in nature conservation, such as the Nordic-Baltic Initiative (NorBalWet) of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.



ACTIVITY PLAN 2018

Member activities

- A questionnaire will be sent to all members to find out what type of activities members would like to have
- Members are asked to update their contact information in the EUROPARC member database by informing the Directorate which is the official controller of personal data according to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Member meetings and seminars

- Members Assembly and Seminar “Young People – Secret for Park Future”, 11-12 April, Finnish Nature Centre Haltia, Nuuksio National Park, Finland
- Members meeting during the EUROPARC Conference 2018, themed “European Parks: Inspired by the Next Generation”, Cairngorms National Park, Scotland, 18-21 September

Participation in EUROPARC activities

- The Section is involved in the work and activities of the EUROPARC Federation
 - o Participation in Commission work
 - Agriculture and Protected Areas Commission
 - Fedenatur/Periurban Commission
 - Health and Protected Areas Commission
 - Natura 2000 Commission
 - o Participation in Transboundary Network
 - o Participation in the annual Sections Meeting
- Nele Sõber from Estonia works as Councillor in the EUROPARC Council.
- The Section president and/or coordinator will participate, if possible, in meetings with the Federation and its sections and other meetings/seminars that are organised by the Nordic-Baltic Section members.

Participation in the EUROPARC Conference 2018

- Workshop “Nature education – protected areas as learning places“, organised by Nele Sõber (Estonia), participation by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, 19 September 14:00-18:00
- Workshop “People for nature: developing citizen science programmes in protected areas“, organised by Nordic-Baltic Section coordination, Federparchi and Ecopotential Project

The European Charter of Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas Part II

- Revision of the Guidelines for Implementing Part II of the Charter (working with tourism business partners) within the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section

Communication activities

- Information will be sent via e-mail and/or posted on the Section website. If information is posted to the website, message with links to the site will be e-mailed to members.
- Maintenance and updating of the website contents will be carried out
- Information will be shared on the Section Facebook page
- All members will be asked to update description of protected areas and related information on the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section web site
- Members are encouraged to send relevant information about their activities and protected areas to be posted on the web site or on Facebook page
- Web site: www.europarc-nb.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/EuroparcNordicBalticSection/

Important dates in 2018

February		
2	World Wetlands Day 2018: Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future	
March		
18-21	Siggen Seminar: Interpreting natural heritage, as part of our cultural identity in Europe's Protected Areas, in partnership with Interpret Europe	Gut Siggen, Germany
23-26	Interpret Europe Annual Conference "Heritage and Identity"	Kőszeg, Hungary
April		
26	Wildfire webinar: Rising from the ashes – wildfire conversation, research and prevention in the UK and beyond	EUROPARC webinar: http://www.europarc.org/tools-and-training/europarc-webinars/
May		
4	Deadline for Alfred Toepfer Natural Heritage Scholarships	
4	Wildfire webinar: Adding fuel to the fire: the pivotal role of Fire Operations Groups (FOGs) in wildfire fighting	EUROPARC webinar: http://www.europarc.org/tools-and-training/europarc-webinars/
24	European Day of Parks 2018: Cultural Heritage- It's in Our Nature!	
June		
5-8	TransParcNet 2018: "Bridges over troubled water – Nature protection of river landscapes"	Podyjí National Park, Czech Republic and Thayatal National Park, Austria
September		
2	Nordic Wetlands Day 2018	
18-21	EUROPARC Conference 2018, themed "European Parks: Inspired by the Next Generation"	Cairngorms National Park, Scotland
	Section meeting during the EUROPARC Conference	