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GRUNDTVIG Projects about Volunteering in Parks: Knowledge OFFERS & REQUESTS



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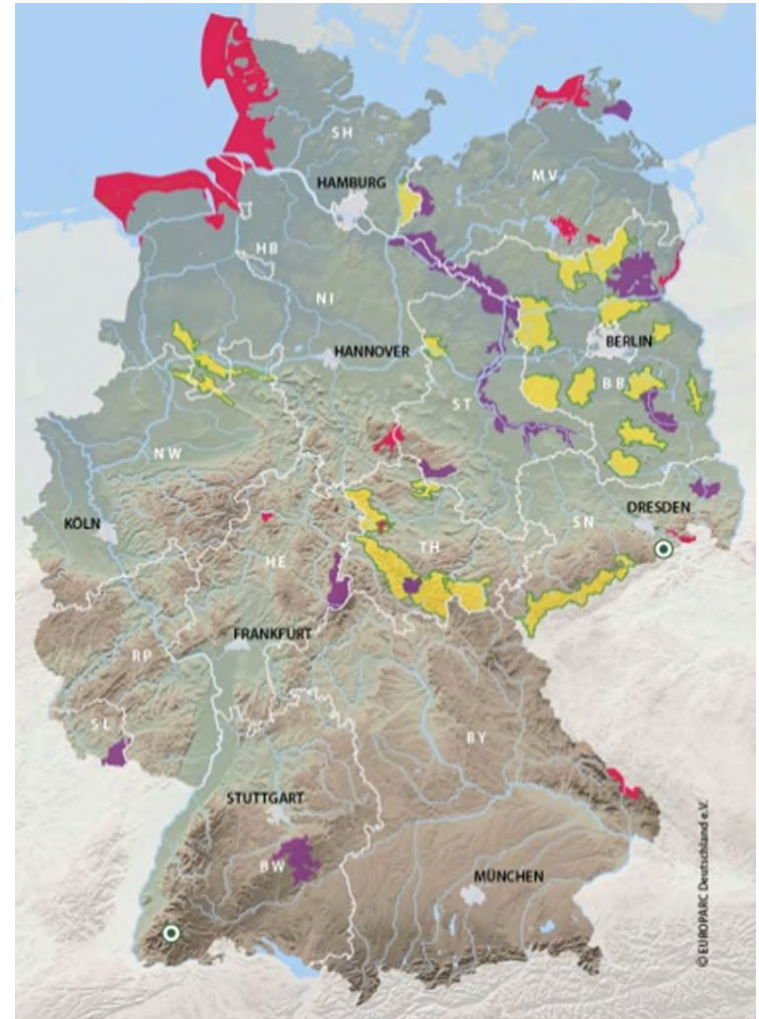
„Pride in Nature“ – Volunteers in Parks

Role models: USA and GB

- 2002** thesis/pilot phase
- 2003** Volunteers in Parks at EUROPARC
- 2008** GRUNDTVIG Learning Partnership
- 2011** GRUNDTVIG Multilateral Project
- 2013** 10 years Volunteers in Parks!

Today:

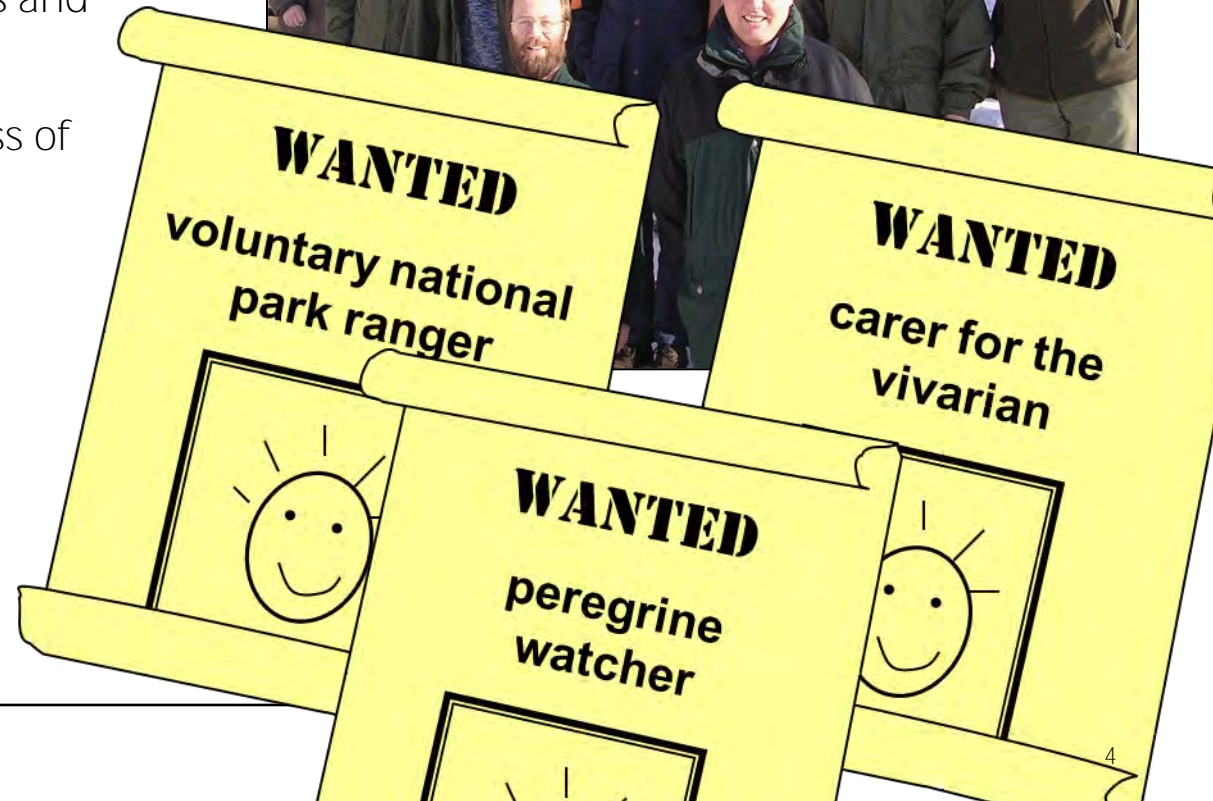
- ~**2.800** volunteers in parks
- ~**82.000** hrs of volunteering
- 33** PAs and park establishments
- 41** volunteer coordinators



Pride in Nature – Volunteers in Parks

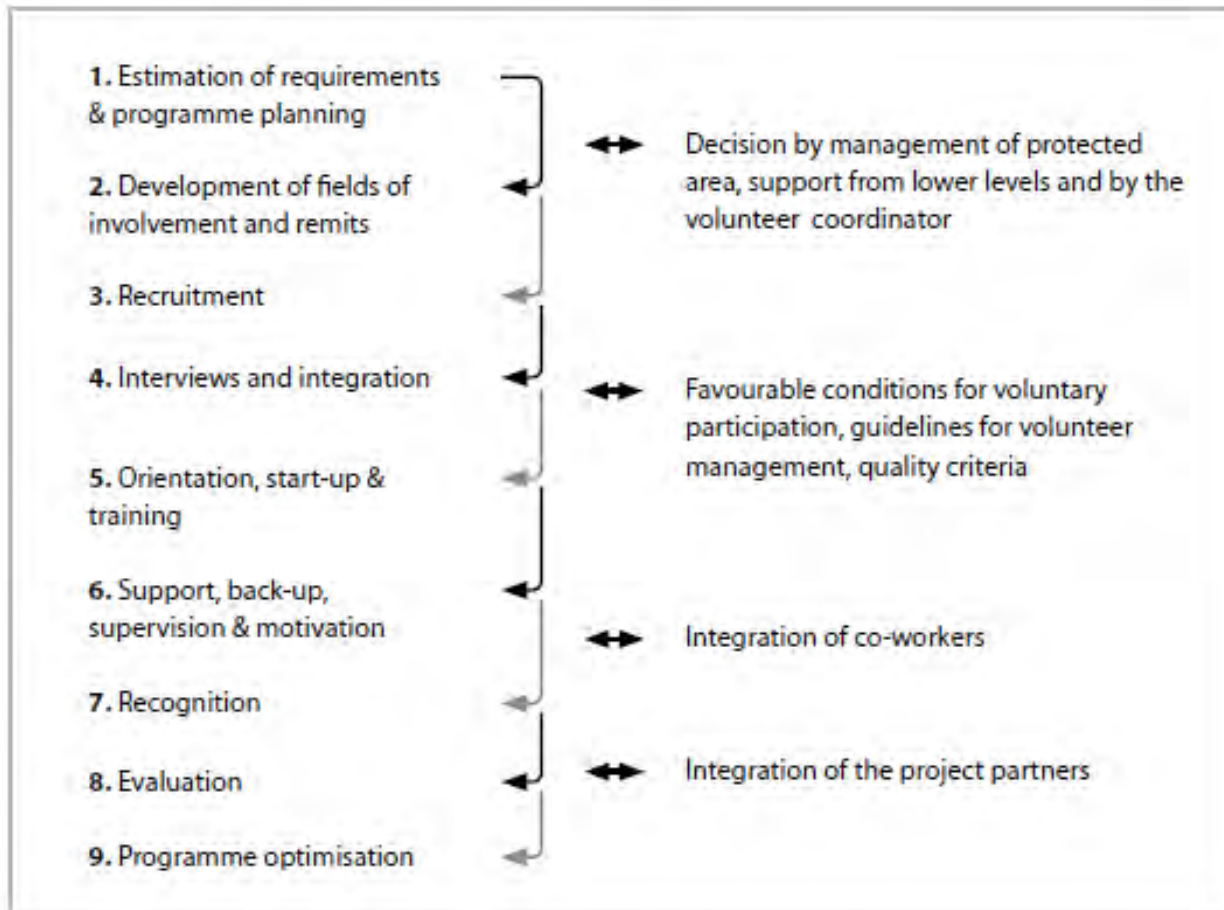
How it all began

- training volunteer coordinators
- developing job descriptions for volunteers
- defining clear workflows and responsibilities
- orientating at the process of volunteer management



The Process of Volunteer Management

by: Academy for Volunteering Germany



OFFERS:

- named **benefits** for parks & paid park staff
- experience in starting a **nationwide volunteer programme**
- various **form-sheets**
- first steps for **corporate volunteering**
- experiences in initiating and coordinating volunteer opportunities for **handicapped** people
- experiences in working with the **process of management**

training

6. Support, back-up,
supervision & motivation

7. Recognition

8. Evaluation

9. Programme optimisation

REQUESTS:

- Volunteer coordinators with experience in **corporate volunteering**
- Volunteer coordinators experienced with **handicapped volunteers**

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- 3 trainings for 26 volunteer coordinators
- short-term volunteering for 19 international volunteers
- project management, public relations, finances, press & media

Aiming these goals:

- raising profiles of participating parks locally and nationally
- creating conditions for volunteers which enable support and recognition
- improving efficiency of volunteer management
- raising awareness of parks offering informal lifelong learning



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REQUESTS:

- Are there other or similar checklists or lists of benefits?
- Were they of help? What should be changed/adapted?

OFFERS:

- Named benefits of international volunteering for hosting parks
sending parks
volunteers themselves
- Checklist of preparing workshops for volunteer management
- Checklist for hosting international volunteers

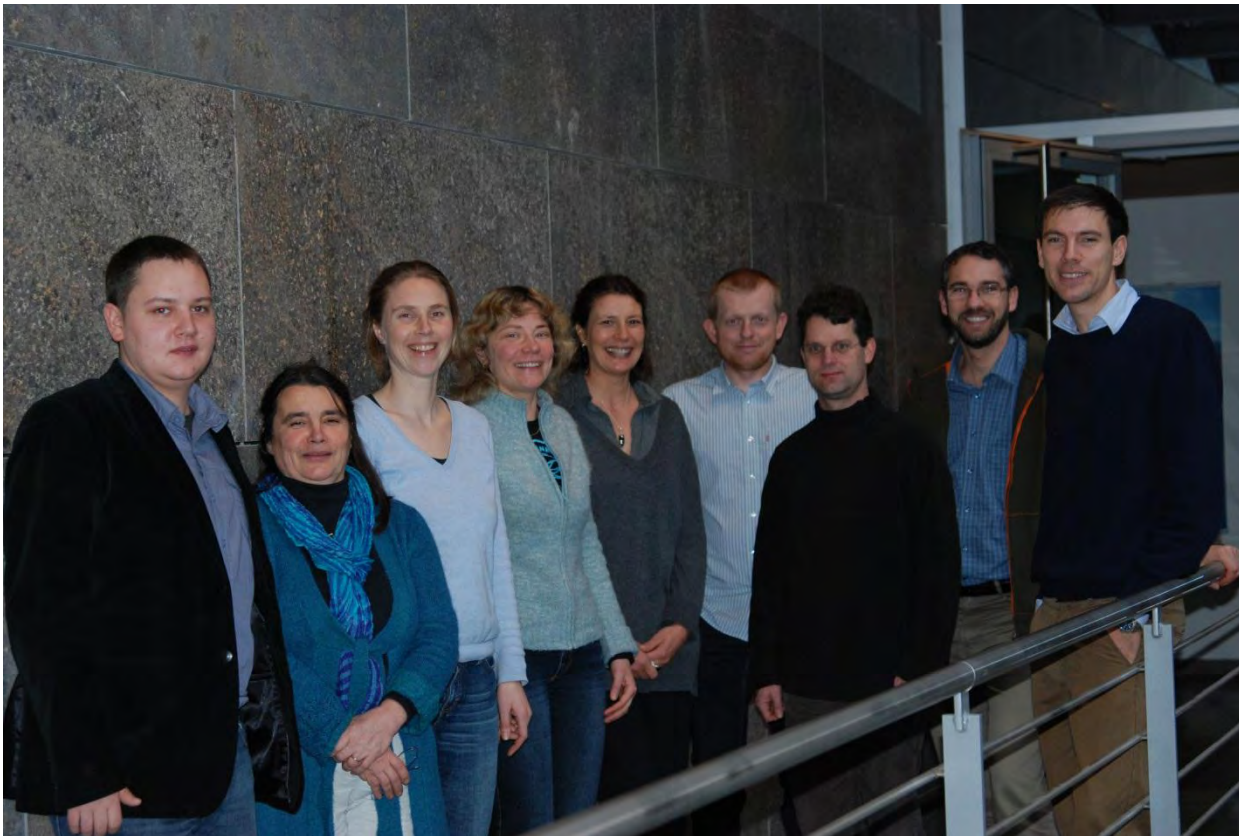


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Volunteer Management in European Parks

Project Partners:



EUROPARC Atlantic Isles
BTCV (UK)

Rodna Mountains NLP (RO)

EUROPARC España (E)

EUROPARC Deutschland (D)

Federparchi-EUROPARC Italia (I)

The Association of Lithuanian state
parks and reserves (LT)

Nature Conservation Agency of
Latvia (LV)

EUROPARC Federation (D)

The Environment Agency of
Iceland (IS)

Volunteer Management in European Parks

Goals of the Project I

highly skilled volunteer coordinators in European PAs providing

learning opportunities for people
to volunteer in PAs

sustainable high quality and
efficient volunteer management
in PAs



Volunteer Management in European Parks

Goals of the Project II

learning opportunities for volunteers, park staff and hosting PAs enhancing

practical and vocational skills

communication

inter-personal and project organization skills

opportunities for volunteers and park staff to broaden their horizons in educational and cultural terms



Volunteer Management in European Parks

Goals of the Project III

promotion of a **culture of active citizenship**

increasing public awareness
of the **value of volunteering**

higher quality and enhanced
acceptance of **informal lifelong
learning** through volunteering



Work package 1: Project Management

EUROPARC Germany & all project coordinators

Kick-off meeting, 2 days, Germany

Mid-term meeting, 2 days, Italy

Final meeting, 2 days, Latvia



Work package 1: Project Management

EUROPARC

OFFERS:

Coordinators

Kick-off

Mid-term

Final meeting

- international contacts
- help in coordinating international volunteering
- insight into EU-programmes



Work package 2: Training of volunteer coordinators

BTCV (UK) & EUROPARC Germany

Workshop I, 4 days, RO
(basic volunteer management)

Workshop II, 4 days, UK
(train-the-trainer)

Workshop III, 4 days, E
(train-the-trainer)



Work package 2: Training of volunteer coordinators

BTCV (UK) & EUROPARC Germany

Workshop 2

OFFERS:

- material for basic trainings for volunteer coordinators
- soon: experiences in using the methods learnt in daily work



Work package 3: Tutoring in foreign parks

The Environment Agency of Iceland & specialists, single parks, project coordinators in all countries

in total: 18 specialists

5-21 days per exchange



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REQUESTS:

- We need tutoring offers & requests!

OFFERS:

- pool of experts with international experience
- network of parks (project partners) who can set up tutoring offers & requests

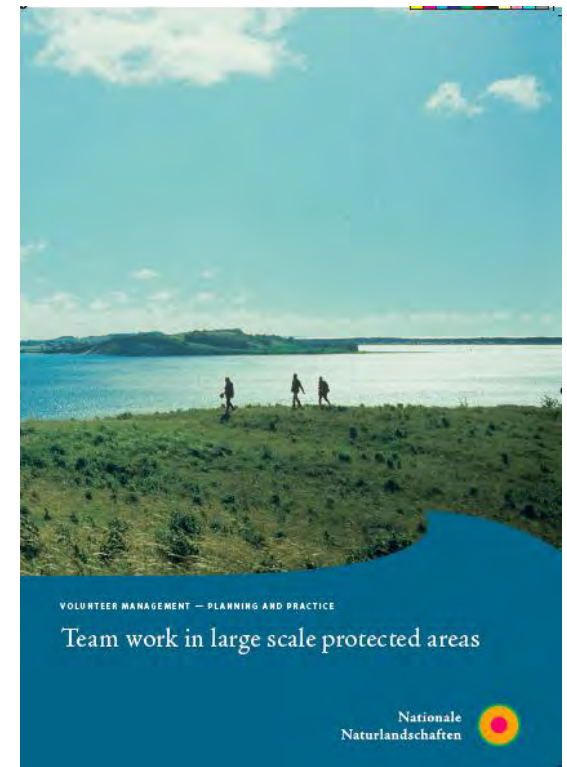


Work package 4: Learning material for volunteer coordinators

BTCV (UK)

Collection and comparison of existing
volunteer management learning material
and methods in European PAs

Compilation in a guidebook



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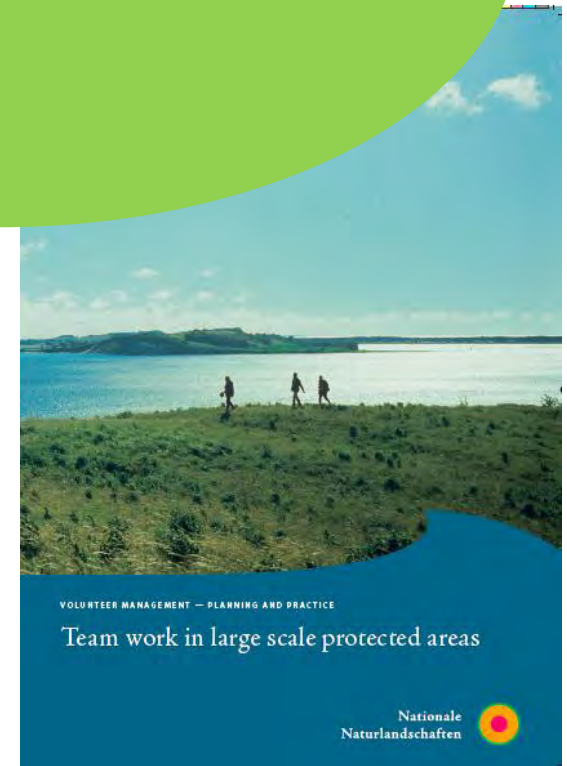
REQUESTS:

- What guidelines and check-lists are needed?

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Work package 5: Quality standards for volunteer management in European PAs

Rodna Mountains NLP (RO)

Research on existing quality standards for volunteer management
in European parks

Defining common quality standards

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REQUEST:

- Contact us if you have any kind of experience in using quality standards for volunteer management!

Work package 6: Communication & Dissemination

EUROPARC Federation & all project coordinators

Public relation work on
national and European level

Relaunch of
www.volunteers-in-parks.eu

European conference on
21. November 2011, Brussels:
participants of international
organisations thinktank
and volunteer

Volunteers in parks

Nationale
Naturlandschaften

Suchen

EUROPARC
DEUTSCHLAND

- Home
- Current activities
- Tutoring in parks
- Login for partners
- Contact

European Year of Volunteering 2011

GRUNDTVIG Multilateral Project "Volunteer Management in European Parks"

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Education and Culture DG
Lifelong Learning Programme

The partners are:

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- BTCV
- Environment Agency of Iceland
- EUROPARC Atlantic Isles
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- EUROPARC Germany
- EUROPARC Spain
- Federparchi - EUROPARC Italy
- Nature Conservation Agency, Latvia
- Rodna Mountains National Park Administration, Romania

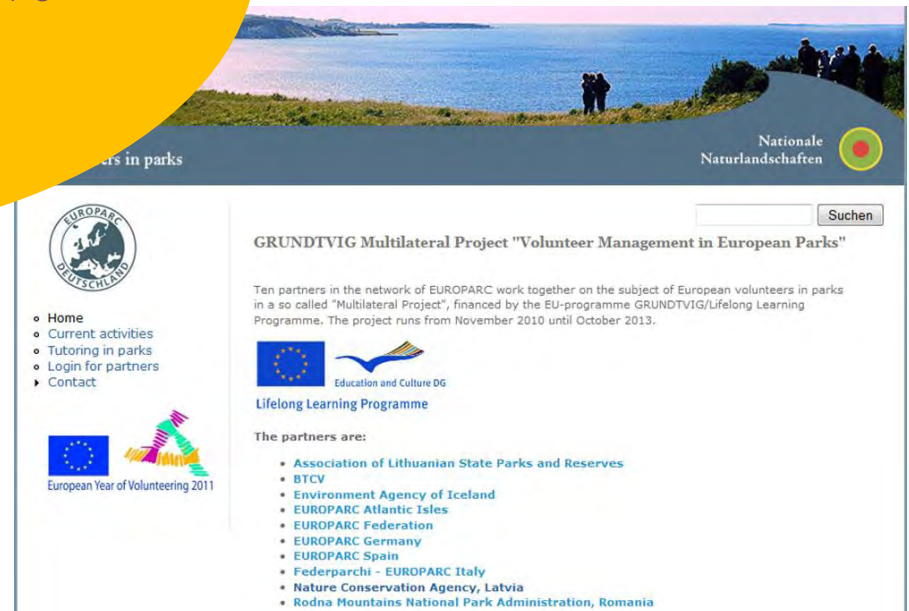
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OFFERS:

- Follow our offers at www.volunteers-in-parks.eu
- Get the EUROPARC Federation e-news

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The screenshot shows the website for 'Volunteers in Parks'. At the top, there is a banner image of a coastal landscape with people walking on a path. Below the banner, the text 'Volunteers in Parks' is visible. On the right side, there is a search bar with the text 'Suchen' and a logo for 'Nationale Naturlandschaften'. The main content area features the EUROPARC Deutschland logo and a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Current activities, Tutoring in parks, Login for partners, and Contact. Below the menu is the European Year of Volunteering 2011 logo. The main heading is 'GRUNDVIG Multilateral Project "Volunteer Management in European Parks"'. The text below states: 'Ten partners in the network of EUROPARC work together on the subject of European volunteers in parks in a so called "Multilateral Project", financed by the EU-programme GRUNDTVIG/Lifelong Learning Programme. The project runs from November 2010 until October 2013.' Below this text are the logos for the European Union and the Education and Culture DG. The 'Lifelong Learning Programme' logo is also present. The 'The partners are:' section lists the following partners: Association of Lithuanian State Parks and Reserves, BTCV, Environment Agency of Iceland, EUROPARC Atlantic Isles, EUROPARC Federation, EUROPARC Germany, EUROPARC Spain, Federparchi - EUROPARC Italy, Nature Conservation Agency, Latvia, and Rodna Mountains National Park Administration, Romania.

Work package 7:

Research on impact of volunteering in European
PAs

EUROPARC Federation & subcontractors & representative parks

assessing the impact of volunteering in PAs on volunteers themselves (contribution to lifelong learning) and on local communities

Summary of the results in a report: on the basis of scientific literature, interviews with volunteers, park staff and representatives of local communities (administration, NGOs etc.) in representative parks in at least eight different European countries

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OFFERS (soon):

Scientific report about the impact of volunteering in regard to lifelong learning

Work package 8: European Year of Volunteering 2011

Latvia & one park from every participating country

One event in each country in 2011 promoting volunteer management in PAs



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OFFERS:

- Soon: A pool of national specialists in Lifelong Learning & Green Volunteers



European Year of Volunteering 2011

Thank you for your attention!

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