

**EUROPARC FEDERATION
NORDIC - BALTIC
SECTION**

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Beginning

- **January 2003, in Vantaa, Finland, where 16 members signed the Charter of Foundation**
- **formally established in April 2003 by a decision of the EUROPARC Council**



Beginning

- The main goal of the Section is to promote exchange of information and expertise between the members of the Section, in order to improve the management of protected areas in the Nordic and Baltic countries.



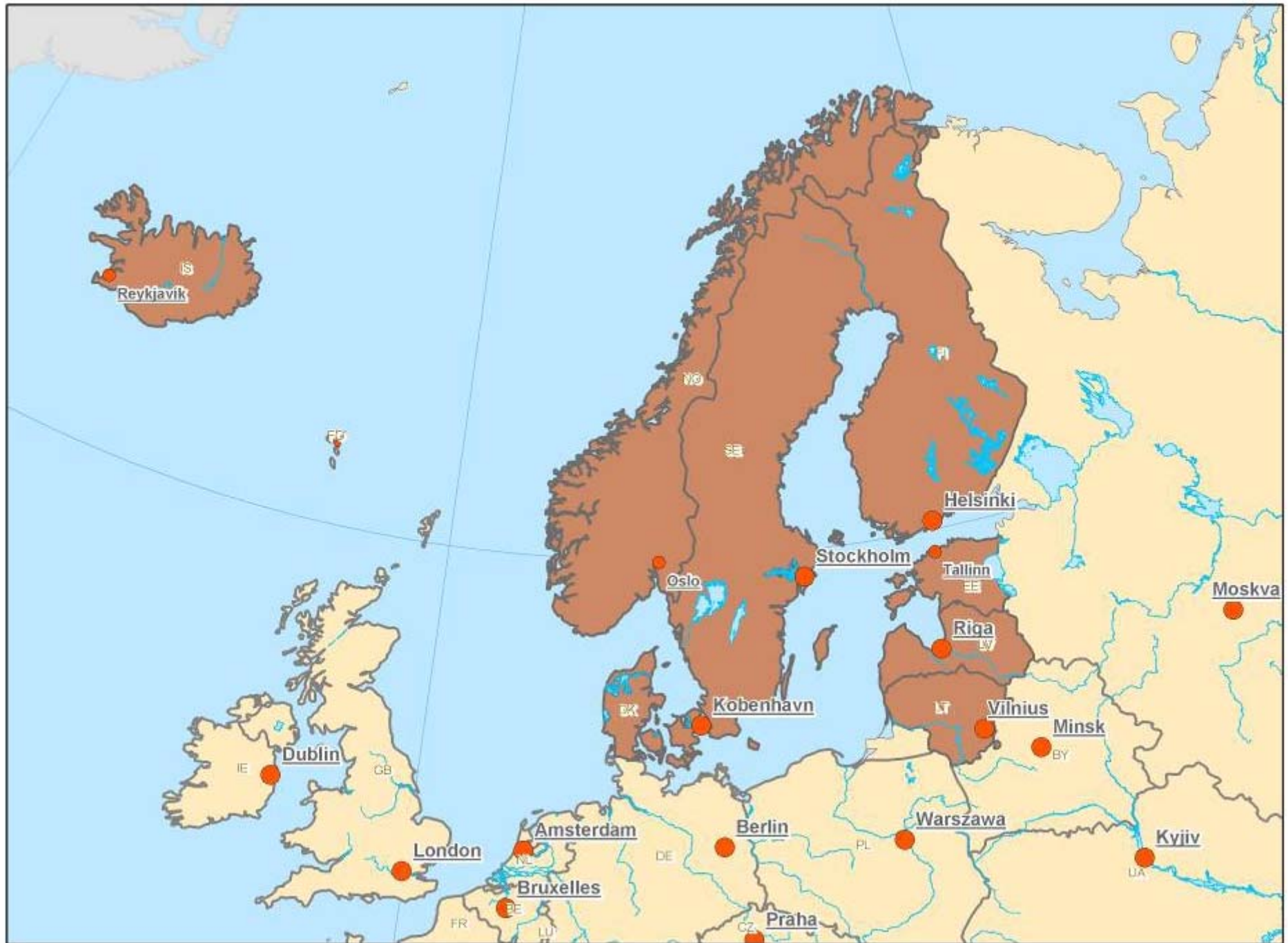
Beginning

- In December 2003, a work programme of the Section was finalized.
- The work programme outlines the scope of the activities of the section.



Membership

- *Denmark - 2*
- *Estonia - 2*
- *Finland - 9*
- *Iceland - 1*
- *Latvia - 4*
- *Lithuania - 5*
- *Norway - 3*
- *Sweden - 6*
- Totally - 32*





Who we are

- **Government agencies**
- **National Parks**
- **Nature Parks**
- **Nature Reserves**
- **Associations of PA**
- **Individual members**



Management

- **Presidency**
Finland, Metsähallitus, 2003-2005
- **President**
**Dr. Rauno Väisänen, Director of the
Natural Heritage Services of Metsähallitus,
member of the EUROPARC Federation
Council**
- **Coordinator**
**Mr. Bo Storränk, responsible for the daily
work of the Section**



Management

- **Presidency**
Latvia, Nature Protection Board,
2006-2008
- **President**
Mr. Rolands Auziņš, Director of the
Nature Protection Board
- **Coordinator**
Ms. Laura Jukāme, responsible for
the daily work of the Section



Management

- **Presidency**
Sweden, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, 2009-2011
- **President**
- **Coordinator**



Management

President and coordinator provide (I):

- **communication within the Section, with HQ and other Sections**
- **increase membership**
- **organize seminars, meetings and Member's Assembly**
- **prepare project applications**
- **maintain the website**



Management

President and coordinator provide (II):

- **information about seminars and conferences in Europe**
- **information about cooperation possibilities**
- **reminders about events and deadlines**
- **attending EUROPARC Presidents and Directors Meetings**
- **work report of the Section to the HQ**



Languages

- 8 countries = 8 different languages
- English = working language



Funding

- No membership fee
- 2003-2005 Nordic Council of Ministries & Metsähallitus (Finland)
- 2006-2008 Metsähallitus & Swedish Environmental Protection Agency & Nature Protection Board (Latvia)



Work

- The members of the Section meet regularly at section meetings organized back-to-back with workshops, seminars, Member's Assembly or EUROPARC Federation Conferences



Work Programme

- The work programme describes the main working modes of the Section.
- Three priority areas of cooperation have been identified:
 - Priority area I - Management of Protected Areas and the Natura 2000 network
 - II - Transboundary cooperation
 - III - Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas



NBS activities

- Promotion of Junior Ranger Programme (Lithuania, Latvia)
- The European Day of Parks (all member's countries)
- Networking (emails & visits)
- EUROPARC Natura 2000 group (Arto Ahokumpu)



NBS activities

- **European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas
(Syote NP and Koli NP, Finland)**
- **Transboundary Parks - Following nature's Design
(Oulanka NP, Finland - Panajarvi NP, Russia, Lassi Karivalo, Finland)**



NBS activities

- **Workshops, seminars (I):**
Section meetings, Latvia, 2003, Iceland, 2005
EUROPARC conferences 2003-2007
Monitoring of Habitats and Species, Lithuania, 2004
Visitor Information Needs and Monitoring Methods, Finland, 2004
Natura 2000 and Management Planning, Sweden, 2005



NBS activities

- **Workshops, seminars (II):**
Protected Areas and Sustainable Rural Development, Estonia, 2005
Trans-boundary Cooperation, Finland, 2006
Junior Rangers in Nordic and Baltic Countries, Latvia, 2006
Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas of Nordic and Baltic Countries, Sweden, 2007



NBS activities

- **Workshops, seminars (III):**
Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas of Nordic and Baltic Countries, Sweden, 2007
Infrastructure for Disable People in Protected Areas, Latvia, 2007
Member's Assembly, Latvia, 2008
Public Health and Experience of Nature - the Role of Protected Areas, Denmark, 2008



NBS activities

- Workshops, seminars (IV):

Attended by Section` Member countries and Germany, Spain, Austria, Russia, England, the Netherlands.

















Next

- **Seminar on Local Participation in the Management of Protected Areas - "How Can Protected Areas Become a Resource to the Local Society?", Dovrefjell-Sunndalsfjella National Park, Norway from August 18 to 21, 2008**



Next

- **EUROPARC Annual Conference and General Assembly, Poiana Brasov, Romania from 24-28 September**
- **EUROPARC Annual Conference and General Assembly, Stromstad, Sweden, 08-13 September**



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*If we've got something to save
Why don't we save it
George Michael*

Dabas aizsardzības pārvalde
The Nature Protection Board of Latvia has presidency of the EUROPARC Nordic-Baltic Section for period 2006 - 2008

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Seminar on "Public Health and Experience of Nature - the Role of Protected Areas"

The seminar will take place in Naturpark Mariboerne, Denmark, from May 27 to 30, 2008. From May 29 to June 1, there will be 35 optional site visiting tours organized.

Done Internet



Website

- **Basic information**
- **Our events**
- **Member list**
- **Area in focus**
- **Projects carried out by members**
- **Other information**



Benefits of membership (I)

- Access to network of people and organizations
- Partners/participants in European projects
- Identity as EUROPARC member
- Program with global partners, global recognition, engaging in protected area work outside Europe



Benefits of membership (II)

- **Common cause, voice for protected areas and established clear role of parks in Europe**
- **Accessing and sharing expertise and experience**
- **Capacity building**
- **Joint efforts to make friends**



Benefits of membership (III)

- **Conferences, seminars**
- **Resources - information, publications, financial support**
- **Opportunities for study visits**
- **Provide standards, certification and evaluation system**



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