



**EUROPARC**  
Sustainable Tourism  
in Protected Areas



Terras do Priolo, Azores, Portugal

# Charter Award Ceremony 2017

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European Parliament

**7<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 - 15:00**

**Brussels, European Parliament**

Celebrating the work of Protected Areas  
towards the implementation of the **European  
Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas**



Event kindly hosted by **MEP Alyn Smith**,  
Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, European Parliament

European Parliament, Place de Luxembourg, Brussels

## 08:30 Registrations of participants

Meeting at the entrance Altiero Spinelli - European Parliament

## 09:30 Welcome and introduction

MEP Alyn Smith, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance  
Ignace Schops, President of EUROPARC Federation

## 09:45 The International Year of Sustainable Tourism 2017 and the European Parliament

MEP Claudia Tapardel, Co-Chair of the INTERGROUP  
"European Tourism Development, Cultural Heritage, Ways of St. James and other European Cultural Routes"

## 10:00 Awards to new Charter Parks

Moderated by Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer of EUROPARC Federation

**Spain** Parcs del Garraf, d'Olèrdola i del Foix (Spain)

### Italy

- AMP Penisola del Sinis – Isola di Mal di Ventre
- Parco Nazionale del Gargano
- Parco Nazionale del Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga

## 10:20 Investing in Nature: priceless returns

Andrew Bianco, Cabinet of Commissioner Vella,  
Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

## 10:35 Awards to new Charter Parks

### Italy

- Parco Nazionale dell'Aspromonte
- Reti di Riserve del Trentino

**Sweden** Kullabergs Naturreservat

## 10:50 The CoR's key role within the European policies on nature protection and sustainable development

Roby Biwer, Vice President of the CoR Bureau, Committee of the Regions

## 11:05 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

**Italy** Riserva Naturale Monte Rufeno

### France

- Parc naturel régional du Verdon
- Parc naturel régional de Camargue

**Spain** Parc Natural del Delta de l'Ebre

**Portugal** Terras do Priolo

## 11:25 Tourism in Natura 2000, to protect the Azores Bullfinch and promote the territory

Azucena de la Cruz, Charter coordinator, Lands of Priolo, Portugal

## 11:40 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

**Finland** Syötteen kansallispuisto

### France

- Parc national des Cévennes
- Parc naturel régional du Haut-Languedoc
- Parc naturel régional du Queyras

**United Kingdom** Cairngorms National Park

## 12:05 Working in Partnership with Business & Communities

Brian Wood, Deputy Convenor, and Heather Trench, Sustainable Tourism Officer, Cairngorms National Park Authority, Scotland, UK

## 12:20 Awards to Charter Parks re-evaluated

### Italy and France

- Parco naturale Alpi Marittime – Parc National du Mercantour

**Latvia** Ķemeru nacionālais parks

**France** Parc naturel régional du Vexin français

**Spain** Parque Regional de Sierra Espuña

## 12:40 Conclusions

Carol Ritchie, Executive Director of EUROPARC Federation

## 12:50 End of Ceremony and official Picture

## 13:00 - 15:00 Networking cocktail

at the EP Visitor Centre PARLAMENTARIUM and optional visit to the Visitor Centre – recommended



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