



# EUROPARC

Sustainable Tourism  
in Protected Areas

## ECST AWARDS CEREMONY 2025



Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps - Photo: Marco Di Lenardo

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

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Wednesday

**19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

9:30 - 13:30

European Parliament,  
Brussels

Room SPAAK 07C50



## PROGRAMME

**Wednesday, 19.11.2025. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**

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- 8:30 Accreditation centre – SPINELLI building, rue Wiertz 60 / Wiertzstraat 60, 1050 Brussels, Belgium (access via the esplanade Agora Simone VEIL)**
- 9:00 – 9:15 Meeting point to enter the Parliament: Main entrance of the Altiero SPINELLI (ASP) building**
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### **9:30 Opening & Welcome**

**Welcome from the European Parliament.**

*By **MEP Giuseppe Antoci**, The Left group in the European Parliament – GUE/NGL*

**Welcome from EUROPARC**

*By **Alberto Arroyo Schnell**, Director, EUROPARC Federation*

**Sustainable tourism and nature conservation: challenges and opportunities**

*By **Andrea Vettori**, Head of the Nature Conservation Unit - European Commission, DG Environment*

**Towards a new EU Strategy for Sustainable Tourism**

*By **Ramune Genzbigelyte-Venturi**, Policy officer for Tourism European Commission, DG Move*

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### **ECST Awards Ceremony**

**10:20 – 11:15 ECST Awards to (\*):**

- 1. Doñana National and Natural Park, Spain**
- 2. Sierras de Cazorla; Segura y Las Villas Nature Park, Spain**
- 3. Emilia Centrale Parks, Italy**
- 4. Magic Mountains, Portugal**

***Developing and managing the GR60 – Magic Mountains Long-Distance Trail***

*By **João Carlos Pinho**, Executive Coordinator, ADRIMAG/ Montanhas Mágicas (EUROPARC Federation member)*

- 5. Lahemaa National Park, Estonia**
- 6. Matsalu National Park, Estonia**
- 7. Soomaa National Park, Estonia**

*Creating a Unified Visual Identity for Soomaa National Park Charter area*  
By **Aino Viinapuu**, Board member, Green Riverland Partnership  
(EUROPARC Federation member)

**11:15 Family Picture**

**11:20 – 11:50 NETWORKING COFFEE**

**11:50 – 13:25 ECST Awards to (\*):**

**8. Weerribben-Wieden National Park, The Netherlands**

*Implementing Sustainable Mobility with Shared E-Bikes in Weerribben-Wieden National Park*

By **Sharon Jagt**, Project manager Sustainability and Economy,  
Weerribben-Wieden National Park (EUROPARC Federation member)

**9. Gauja National Park, Latvia**

**10. Serralada Litoral Park, Spain**

**11. Emilia Western Parks, Italy**

**12. Antola Regional Natural Park, Italy**

**13. Monti Lucretili Natural Regional Park, Italy**

**14. TB - Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps: Triglav National Park and Prealpi Giulie Nature Park, Slovenia and Italy**

*ECST Forum as main tool for the integration of sustainable tourism in the management of the Julian Alps TB MaB UNESCO Biosphere*

By **Stefano Santi**, Director of Prealpi Giulie Nature Park and  
by **Tit Potočnik**, Director of Triglav National Park (EUROPARC  
Federation members)

**15. Asinara National Park, Italy**

**16. Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve, Spain**

**17. Cap de Creus Nature Park, Spain**

**18. Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna National Park, Italy**

*Park and Operators: Building a Sustainable Future Together*

By **Franco Locatelli**, ECST responsible – Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna National Park (EUROPARC Federation member)

**19. Monti Sibillini National Park, Italy**

**20. Coastal Dunes from Torre Canne to Torre S. Leonardo Nature Regional Park, Italy**

**21. Cabañeros National Park, Spain**

**22. Torre del Cerrano Marine Protected Area, Italy**

**23. Montaña Palentina Nature Park, Spain**

**24. Hoces del Río Riaza Nature Park, Spain**

**13:25 Closing**

**13:30 End of Ceremony**

*(\*) Order can change*

This ceremony will be kindly hosted by MEP Giuseppe Antoci, from The Left group in the European Parliament – GUE/NGL and facilitated by the EUROPARC Federation Team (Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Federico Minozzi and Filipa Lima), registered in the EU Transparency register (ID: 01380772294-53). All contributions by member organisations are presented in their capacity as EUROPARC members within the framework of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (ECST). --