

EUROPARC Federation

Youth empowerment

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EUROPARC Federation was founded in 1973 with the aim of supporting Protected Areas to fulfill their role as preservers of Europe's natural beauty.

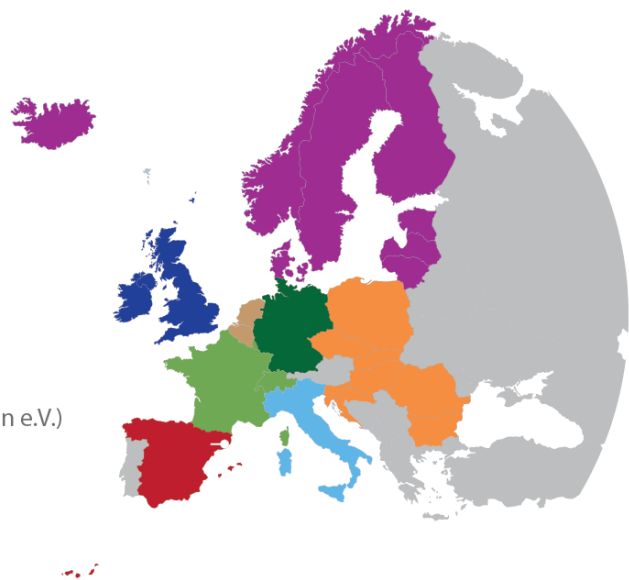


Our vision:

**Sustainable Nature;
Valued by People.**

EUROPARC Sections

- Nordic-Baltic
- Atlantic Isles
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Low Countries
- Germany (Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V.)
- Francophone
- Italy (Federparchi)
- Spain
- Members - no section



**+400 members
in 40 countries**



- Protected Areas
- National governmental organizations
- NGO's
- Regional Government Agencies
- Other official Agencies Associations
- Supporting organisations
- Honorary and individual members



Get to know them!

<https://www.europarc.org/about-us/network/members/>



EUROPARC Strategy 2030

Involve youth in the work of Protected Areas

- Youth are engaged in decision making and delivery across all areas of Protected Area work integral to our work.
- Youth+ and Junior Rangers are experienced ambassadors and advocates for biodiversity in protected areas, and for taking forward the youth manifesto, through taking part in on and offline capacity building networking and training.
- EUROPARC Youth have been given opportunities to represent their views at European policy and decision makers.



Youth

+



Capacity Building

=



Experienced Ambassadors



Youth Voice @ all levels

The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto is a source of ideas and inspiration for decision makers in Protected Areas and rural communities to ensure the involvement and empowerment of young people.

We need to create more self-sufficient, diverse and resilient rural communities across Europe.

This cannot be done unless young people are fully engaged into the work of Protected Areas, biodiversity and rural community development.

EUROPARC
Youth
Manifesto

A CALL FOR CHANGE
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
AND PROTECTED AREAS

CAIRNHOOPS NATIONAL PARK
SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM
SEPTEMBER 2016

**LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE
AND GIVE US THE CHANCE TO TAKE THE LEAD.**

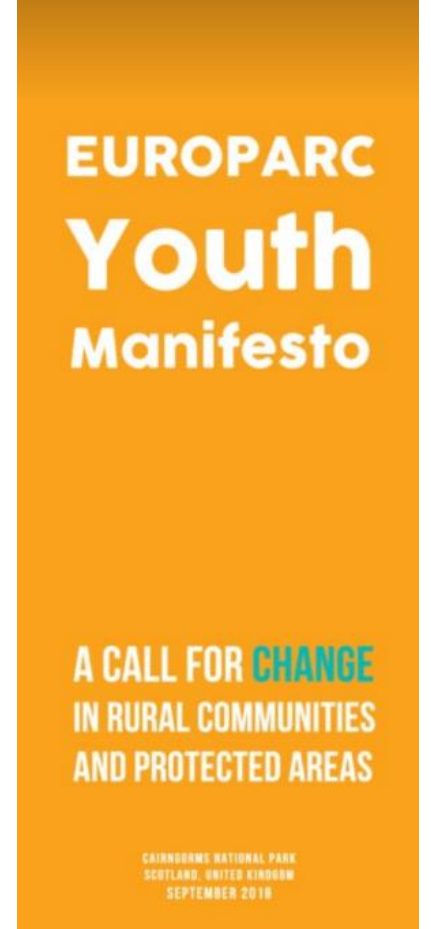
www.europarc.org/youth-manifesto



The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

- May 2018 – First workshop week (Cairngorms National Park)
 - Experience sharing, ideating and drafting
- June 2018 – Second workshop week (Kalajoki, FI)
 - Focus on youth governance, finalization of the Youth Manifesto and planning of the presentation
- September 2018 – EUROPARC Conference
 - Official launch of the Youth Manifesto and lobbying

The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto was created as an output of a transnational LEADER project.



Scottish Rural Development Programme





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**YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT**



2

LIVING



3

LEARNING



4

WORKING

The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

1. Youth empowerment

Young people care about sustaining rural landscapes but are under-represented in the decision-making process.

Some key things to do to address the problem:

- Establish youth councils to bring young people's ideas and needs to local and national decision makers
- Enable youth groups to share their achievements
- Create a youth project fund for projects planned, implemented and reported upon by young people

Young people want to be **heard** and **entrusted** with the opportunity for direct involvement in decision-making.

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SKILLED RANGERS / MENTORS

15 Protected Areas in 11 Countries

Age: 18 – 30 years old

Participants: Mostly local (rural) youth

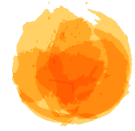
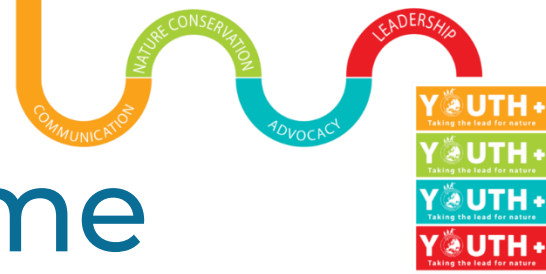
Requested through youth action.

Aims to provide guidance and support to Protected Areas for the successful engagement of young people.

Enables youth to be ambassadors of their local Protected Areas.



Pillars of the Youth+ Programme



Communication

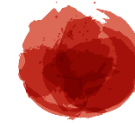


Nature Conservation



Advocacy

- Ambassadors for Protected Areas
- Raising awareness about local and European campaigns
- Contributing towards policy at all levels



Leadership

- Assisting with JR programme
- Leading own initiatives
- Having a role in the Protected Area governance



Youth empowerment in action

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park



→ Youth Committee

Italian Julian Alps Biosphere Reserve



→ Youth Advisory Board

Yorkshire Dales National Park



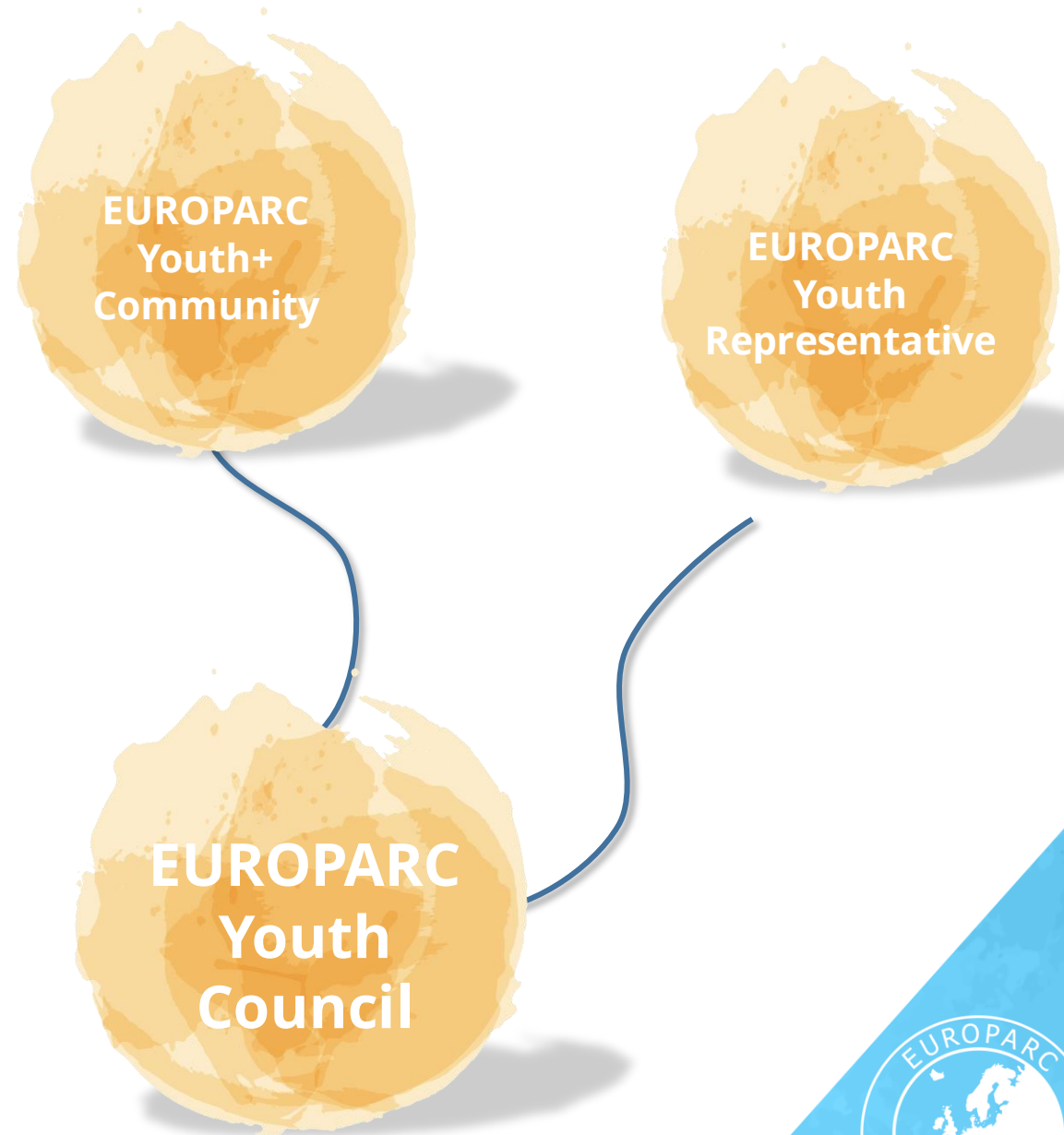
→ Internal Youth Forum



EUROPARC Youth Council

The EUROPARC Youth Council is a step forward to promote youth engagement in decision making as requested in the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto.

Aim: to strengthen the voice of youth in EUROPARC by sharing youth input on topics across EUROPARC's programmes.



Just a little tangent...

We want to learn about the perspectives of young people regarding natural protected areas.

The survey will take no more than five minutes to answer, and you will help us prioritise topics to work on.

We will then be able to amplify your voices and bring them to the EUROPARC Council.



EUROPARC Youth Manifesto

Get
your
copy!



The Youth Manifesto is also available in: German, French, Dutch, Welsh and Russian

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Thank you for attention!

