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Innovative Models for Protected Areas: exChange and Transfer

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*Exploring new models to balance exploitation and conservation of protected areas*

## Welcome!

This bi-annual newsletter is dedicated to sharing news, events and updates from IMPACT project. Enjoy reading!

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### Partners overview

#### EUROPARC Federation

EUROPARC is the network for Europe's natural and cultural heritage. EUROPARC works to improve the management of Protected Areas in Europe through international cooperation,

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One of its most effective lines of work is the [European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas](#), through which Protected Areas achieve sustainable development of tourism activities in their area of influence. Recently, EUROPARC has promoted the [Youth Manifesto](#), which is a call for change in Rural Communities and Protected Areas to ensure the involvement and empowerment of young people as a measure to reduce rural depopulation.

EUROPARC Federation counts with its headquarters in Regensburg, Germany, and two additional offices in Brussels, Belgium, and Barcelona, Spain.

[Get further information about EUROPARC Federation](#)

## IMPACT work in progress



### Update on IMPACT project Action Plans

In April 2018, IMPACT project partners started the implementation of their Action Plans to promote the socio-economic development in Protected Areas. You can get further information on how the Action Plans are progressing in each of the partner regions at [IMPACT website](#).

[Download the IMPACT Action Plans Monitoring information.](#)

## IMPACT events



### IMPACT interregional meeting in Málaga

After the approval of the different action plans, IMPACT project has recently entered the second phase: partners have started to implement their action plans in their respective regions.

The two-day meeting was hosted in Málaga, Spain, between the 21st and 22nd of November of 2018 by the Lead Partner of IMPACT project - the Regional Government of Andalusia. In it, IMPACT partners discussed management procedures of the project's second phase and checked on the progress of the Action Plans implementation.

[Read the whole article](#)

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## Related news

### Economic impact of pilgrims on St. James Way

Interesting study collected by [Interreg Europe Green Pilgrimage](#) project on the economic impact of Pilgrims on St. James Way showing that pilgrims:

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- support the general economy;
- support employment;
- are curbing rural population decline;
- are welcomed by local people;
- support local produce;
- do not identify themselves as tourists.

[Read the whole article](#)



Digital solutions in the field of cultural heritage

## Digital Solutions for cultural & natural heritage

INTERREG Program has published the policy brief [Digital solutions in the field of cultural heritage](#).

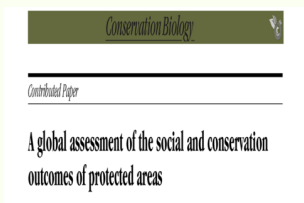
Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) revolutionize the way we travel and enjoy tourism. With regards to cultural tourism, ICT add economic value through tourism applications that provide quality information about heritage sites and enhance visitors' experience. In addition, harnessing innovation and digital solutions contributes to a more sustainable and responsible tourism sector.



## Natura 2000 branding products

Natura 2000 does not exclude human activities from the protected areas but rather gives priority to **sustainable use of the sites**. It therefore not only protects nature but also offers **socio-economic opportunities to its local communities**.

In the [website Natura 2000 branding](#) you can read stories about partnerships established to produce nature-friendly products and services to make Natura 2000 benefit all.



## A global assessment of the social and conservation outcomes of Protected Areas

In this publication, the authors have looked at how Protected Areas affect the well-being of local people, the factors associated with these impacts and, crucially, the relationship between Protected Areas' conservation and socioeconomic outcomes. The main results of the analysis showed that:

- Protected Areas associated with **positive socioeconomic outcomes** were more likely to report **positive conservation outcomes**;
- positive conservation and socioeconomic outcomes were more likely to occur when Protected Areas **adopted co-management regimes, empowered local people**, reduced economic inequalities and maintained cultural and livelihood benefits;
- whereas the strictest regimes of Protected Areas management attempted to exclude anthropogenic influences to achieve biological conservation objectives, Protected Areas that **explicitly integrated local people** as stakeholders tended to be **more effective** at achieving joint biological conservation and socioeconomic development outcomes;

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**synergistic** and highlight management strategies that increase the probability of maximizing both conservation performance and development outcomes of Protected Areas.

**Publication details:** *A global assessment of the social and conservation outcomes of protected areas*, *Conservation Biology*, Volume 30, No. 1, 133–141, DOI: 10.1111/cobi.12568

## Latest videos



### Controlled grazing in Protected Areas - a case study from Collserola Natural Park

In this video interview, the shepherd from Collserola Natural Park José Montoya explains the agreement reached between the park and local farmers to facilitate fire prevention through the creation of protection fringes by using sheep

flocks. The interview offers additional information to the case study [\*\*Enhance controlled grazing as a cost-effective and ecological tool for fire prevention in Collserola Natural Park through eco-grazing.\*\*](#)

You can find this and other case studies at [\*\*EUROPARC Knowledge Hub.\*\*](#)

[Watch the video on YouTube](#)

## About IMPACT Interreg Europe project

Innovative Models for Protected Areas: exChange and Transfer, or simply IMPACT, is an interregional cooperation project developed with the support of the EU European Regional Development Fund. Its objective is to introduce new management models in protected areas to promote socioeconomic activities that are respectful with nature.

During a four years process, the following six partners will be sharing best practices, designing Sustainable Development Plans for their respective protected areas and implementing them:

- Regional Government of Andalusia (Spain), as the Lead Partner.
- EUROPARC Federation (Germany), as the Advisory partner.
- EUCC Baltic office (Lithuania).
- Molise region (Italy).
- National Institute for Research and Development in Tourism (Romania).
- Espaces Naturels Régionaux (France).

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