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Visibility of the EDPA and Awarded Areas



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European Diploma for Protected Areas



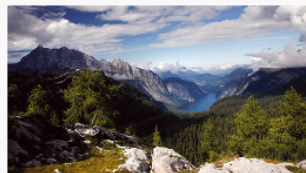
The European Diploma for Protected Areas is a prestigious international award granted since 1965 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It recognises natural and semi-natural areas and landscapes of exceptional European importance for the preservation of biological, geological and landscape diversity and which are managed in an exemplary way.

Protected areas may receive the diploma for their outstanding scientific, cultural or aesthetic qualities, but they must also be the subject of a suitable conservation scheme. Since its creation in 1965, 74 protected areas have been granted the European Diploma. They are located in 29 European countries, both member and non-member states of the Council of Europe.

The award of the European Diploma provides **an invaluable stimulus for the efficient protection and management of landscapes, reserves or natural monuments and sites** with special European significance. For the authorities responsible for protected areas, the award of the European Diploma represent an additional international tool which, under Council of Europe auspices, enhance their management and conservation efforts. The unique nature of the Diploma also lies in the fact that it is awarded for a limited duration; the threat that it may be withdrawn has a deterrent effect in respect of dangers liable to cause harm to the area and acts as a stimulus for the preservation and improvement of the site.



How it works



Diploma areas



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European Diploma areas



At present there are 74 protected areas awarded the European Diploma, spread across 29 countries.


The first areas to be awarded the European Diploma were the Hautes Fagnes Nature Reserve (Belgium), the Camargue National Reserve (France) and the Peak District National Park (United Kingdom). The European Diploma now covers a wide variety of geographical areas extending from the Fair Isle in the Shetlands north-east of Scotland to the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve in the Russian Caucasus and from the Portuguese Selvagens Islands from Madeira to the Kuşçenneti Bird Reserve in Turkey.

[List of areas holding the European Diploma for Protected Areas \(2015\)](#)





















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LIST OF AWARDED AREAS BY COUNTRIES



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Austria		Luxembourg	
Armenia		Netherlands	
Belarus		Poland	
Belgium		Portugal	
Bulgaria		Romania	
Czech Republic		Russian Federation	
Estonia		Slovak Republic	
Finland		Slovenia	
France		Spain	

HIGHLIGHTS

- T-PVS Bureau Meeting (1) - 22 March 2016, Strasbourg (France)
- Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas - 7 March 2016, Strasbourg (France)

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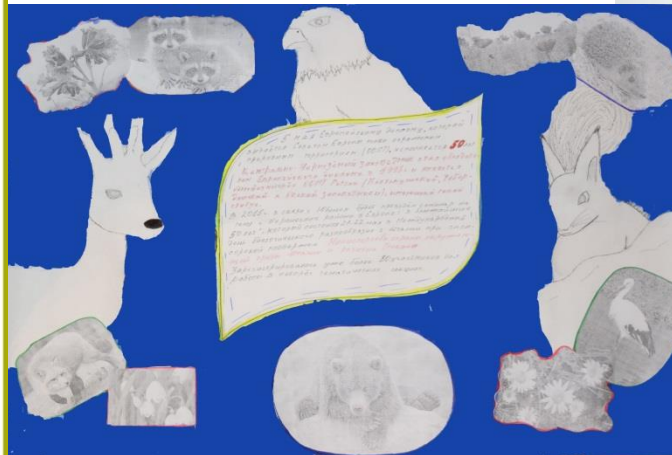


EDPA visibility: initiatives

- EDPA logo and flag on publications, posters, postcard, websites, in presentations, at the entrance to the areas and sign posts, but also on:
 - tourist cabins, **Muddus/Muttos NP (Sweden)**
 - at the airport and the pier, **Fair Isles National Scenic Area (UK)**
- Awareness-raising initiatives to mark the EDPA's 50th anniversary:
 - Workshop "Protected areas in Europe: the next 50 years," RP **Migliarino, San Rossore, Massaciucoli (Italy)**
 - "Bird House Contest," **Kuşçenneti NP (Turkey)**
 - Lecture "From the European Bisons to the Linum dolomiticum," **Szénás Hills PA (Hungary)**
 - Competition of EDPA posters, **Tsentral'no-Chernozemny Reserve (Russia)**



Competition of EDPA posters



Rewarding winners



EDPA visibility: challenges

“We have not used the EDPA logo in a sufficient amount.

There are two main reasons for this:

- 1. We did not receive the correct logo until November 2015.*
- 2. Many organisations are involved in the management of the park and almost all of them wish to have their logo on our websites and/or signs. This is a problem because it gets very crowded. A brief calculation gives at hand at least 8 different logos. But we will do a remake of our information signs in 2016 and 2017 and try to address this problem”*

Store Mosse NP (Sweden)



How to improve the EDPA visibility?

