

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2018)6
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas to the National Park of Ordesa and Monte Perdido (Spain)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 4 July 2018
at the 1321th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹*

Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

Annual report for the year 2024

Annual reports should describe the changes that have taken place since the previous year in dynamic terms of management and function and not be limited to basic data. Any new text or map introducing a change in the situation of the area should be attached to the annual report.

State: Spain

Name of the area: Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park (Parque Nacional de Ordesa y Monte Perdido).

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas: Year in which the diploma was conceded, 1988. Year in which it was renewed, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008 and 2018 (renovation until June 13th. 2028). Number of years since the last renewal, 2.

Central authority concerned:

Name: Name: Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge. General Directorate of Biodiversity, Forests and Desertification. National Parks Autonomous Agency (Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y Reto Demográfico. Dirección General de Biodiversidad, Bosques y Desertización. Organismo Autónomo Parques Nacionales).

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¹ As amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2014)2 on 2 July 2014 at the 1204th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.
Internet : <http://www.coe.int/cm>

1. Conditions: List here all conditions which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain either how the conditions have been totally complied with or detail the progress in complying with the conditions. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

N/A

2. Recommendations: List here all recommendations which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain either how the recommendations have been totally complied with or detail the progress in complying with the recommendations. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

1. The objective of maintaining the management of the park has continued in accordance with the Territorial Planning and Management Plan (PRUG) approved in 2015, Law 30/2014, of December 3, on National Parks and Royal Decree 389/2016, of October 22, approving the Master Plan for the Network of National Parks. Actions have continued to regulate public access to the National Park with the improvement of access works for visitors in the Pineta Valley with the construction of a new bridge over the Cinca River. The aforementioned bridge provides access to the new car park, designed with the delimitation of spaces for vehicles and buses. The aforementioned car park is located near the Pineta baths, which have been equipped with a new wastewater treatment plant. The works on the new Escalona visitor centre have been carried out normally and the three buildings already built and planned for administration, information and audiovisual functions can be seen. The groundwork for the construction of a new information point in Escuaín with a car park and toilets has begun. As regards the improvement of coordination and collaboration with the French Pyrenees National Park (France), we can highlight the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between both National Parks on 13 September.

2. The effort to inform about the regulations regarding the access of dogs to the Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park has continued, as well as to make visitors aware of the importance of complying with the regulations. Signage has been reinforced at all information points indicating that access with dogs to the French National Park is prohibited, even if they are on a leash. In addition, the presence of livestock in the Ordesa Valley has been marked, to inform visitors and try to avoid as far as possible any interaction between livestock and dogs.

3. Currently, work is being done on a Sustainable Mobility Plan for the National Park and on the review of the reception capacity in each of the valleys of the National Park with the aim of making public use and the conservation of the natural environment compatible. The main objective of the Sustainable Mobility Plan for the Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park is to regulate access to the National Park, improving the experience and satisfaction of both visitors and the local population. A series of comprehensive and sectoral alternatives will be proposed, which aim to make visitor access to the PNOMP safer, more efficient, sustainable and satisfactory. The Sustainable Mobility Plan has an approximate duration of 2 years. The start date was April 2023 and the expected completion date is April 2025. To date, within the Sustainable Mobility Plan, the citizen participation process framed within the Sustainable Mobility Plan of the PNOMP has been completed. The citizen participation process was intended to publicise the project, collect the proposals in the diagnostic phase of the Plan, involving the general public and the territory in particular.

The participatory process has been carried out in three phases throughout 2024. Face-to-face workshops were held in the four sectors of the National Park and also online workshops. In total, 8 face-to-face meetings and 2 online meetings were held in 2 rounds of 4+1. The first round of workshops took place in February and March and the second round in May.

The objective of the first round of workshops was to present the Sustainable Mobility Plan of the PNOMP and make it known to the public, share the objectives of the Sustainable Mobility Plan and collect the specific needs and proposals of the agents involved in each sector.

The objective of the second round was to debate and delve deeper into some proposals included in the first phase that could generate greater social debate and analyse different alternatives.

On November 27, the return session was held at the Sobrarbe Region Headquarters in Boltaña, which concluded the participatory process of the Sustainable Mobility Plan of the PNOMP. In this session, a summary was presented of which proposals have a place in the PMS and which do not.

All the complete information generated in the citizen participation process of the Sustainable Mobility Plan of the Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park is available for consultation on the Government of Aragon LAAAB – Aragon Open Government Laboratory page:

<https://gobiernoabierto.aragon.es/agoab/participacion/procesos/232478109250>

The citizen participation process has allowed an important exchange of opinions and proposals between those attending the conference (different administrations and associations, residents, businessmen, etc.) and the National Park. In total, 174 people participated in the first and second round of workshops and 212 proposals were collected, of which:

o 112 were accepted.

o 91 were partially accepted because the general idea fits into the Sustainable Mobility Plan but not some of its parts.

o 9 proposals were not accepted.

The proposals were classified into 5 groups or lines of work:

- 1- Access, access management and security (42 proposals).
- 2- Alternatives to private vehicles (57 proposals).
- 3- Parking management (50 proposals).
- 4- Information management (55 proposals).
- 5- Other proposals (36 proposals).

All proposals, whether fully or partially accepted, are related to the satisfaction of the local and visiting population, and to the principles of CONSERVATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK and SECURITY, which are the main priorities of the Sustainable Mobility Plan and the Emergency and Self-Protection Plan of the PNOMP.

It is necessary to modify the Emergency and Self-Protection Plan of the PNOMP to include all communication routes and/or accesses to the PNOMP as escape routes and to ensure the proper functioning of communications in the PNOMP environment to guarantee the safety of visitors as far as possible and to deal with the management of an emergency.

Both projects, the Sustainable Mobility Plan and the Emergency and Self-Protection Plan, are closely related and many of the measures they contain complement each other and are aimed at ensuring the safety of the local and visiting population.

Site Management: List here any changes to the European Diploma holding site management, in relation to both terrestrial and aquatic environments (as appropriate), and in relation to staff and finances, since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

During 2024, the funds of the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan have been managed with 3,714,800 euros in investments and 2,390,000 in subsidies for town councils and associations.

The completion of the works on the Góriz refuge, managed by the Aragonese Mountaineering Federation, located in the heart of the National Park and which serves visitors on high mountain treks or tours, deserves special mention.

3. Boundaries: Give details of any changes to the boundaries of the European Diploma holding site since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. If there are any changes, please attach an appropriate map to this report. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

4. Other information: List here any other information about the European Diploma holding site which you consider should be provided to the Council of Europe.

The following sections of the form should only be filled in if your area is in the year before a renewal of its European Diploma for Protected Areas, i.e. year 4 after the award of the European Diploma or year 9 after its renewal.

6. Natural heritage (general abiotic description: geomorphology, geology and hydrogeology, habitats, flora, fauna, landscape) – State of conservation

- 6.1. Environment: changes or deterioration in the environment, of natural or anthropic origin, accidental or permanent, actual or anticipated
- 6.2. Flora and vegetation: changes in the plant population and in the vegetational cover; presumed causes
- 6.3. Fauna: changes in the sedentary or migratory populations; congregating, egg-laying and breeding grounds

7. Cultural heritage and socio-economic context

- 7.1. Cultural heritage
 - 7.1.1. Changes concerning cultural heritage
- 7.2. Socio-economic context
 - 7.2.1. Changes concerning the socio-economic context

8. Education and scientific interest

- 8.1. Visitors – Information policy
 - 8.1.1. Arrangements for receiving and informing the public (building, booklets, maps, cards, etc.)
 - 8.1.2. Frequentation by visitors and behavior (number, distribution in time and space)
 - 8.1.3. Special visits (distinguished persons, groups, etc.)
- 8.2. Scientific research
 - 8.2.1. Current or completed research (observation, experimentation, etc.; identification or inventory of the species listed in the appendices to the Bern Convention, etc.)
 - 8.2.2. Scientific publications

9. Site description (vulnerability, protection status, ownership, documentation)

- 9.1. Changes in legislation or regulations
- 9.2. Changes in ownership title (conversion to public property, rentals, etc.)
- 9.3. Extension or transfer, new uses (for example, conversion into total reserve)

10. Site management (management plans, budget and personnel)

- 10.1. Improvements made
 - 10.1.1. Ecological action affecting the flora and biotopes; controls of fauna
 - 10.1.2. Protection against the elements (fire, water regime)
 - 10.1.3. Approaches and thoroughfares (paths, roads, car parks, signposting, fencing, etc.)
 - 10.1.4. Field equipment (hides and study facilities)
 - 10.1.5. Waste management
 - 10.1.6. Use of renewable energy systems
- 10.2. Management
 - 10.2.1. Administrative department: changes made
 - 10.2.2. Wardens' department: changes made
 - 10.2.3. Internal policing measures
 - 10.2.4. Infringement of regulations and damage; legal action

11. Influence of the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas

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