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Alpi Marittime



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ENTE GESTIONE AREE PROTETTE DELLE ALPI MARITTIME ANNUAL REPORT 2018

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1
on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008 at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹

¹ As amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2014)2 on 2 July 2014 at the 1204th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.
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ENTE GESTIONE AREE PROTETTE DELLE ALPI MARITTIME**Annual report for the year 2018**

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: **ITALY**

Name of the area: **ENTE GESTIONE AREE PROTETTE ALPI MARITTIME**

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:

Parco Alpi Marittime was awarded the European Diploma with Parc National du Mercantour in 1993. Parco Alpi Marittime had its Diploma renewed in 2008. The an-the-spot appraisal visit took place on 27 and 28 June 2017 and the European Diploma was renewed in 2018.

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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.

1. secure an adequate annual budget and ensure a reasonable increase in the management and administration staff to be able to carry out all the necessary work related to maintenance, conservation and sustainable tourism;

There was no increase in resources in 2018 for the ordinary management of the Park Authority. Piedmont Region allocated € 545,000.00 for ordinary management and the sum of € 3,275,000.00 for personnel costs. Over the course of the year, the Park has also been able to take on three new permanent staff members, one in Administration, one in Communications and one in the Technical Sector. To date, there are 54 employees. During the year several projects were approved that brought resources to the organisation. The first was approved within the ALCOTRA programme and is "Alpimed" an Integrated Territorial Project. This project sees as the lead partner the "European Maritime Mercantour Park" EGTC. The plan is composed of 5 sub-projects: Coordination, Innovation, Natural Heritage, Mobility and Climate. The total amount of the Integrated Project amounts to around 9 million euros. The Natural Heritage project has actions which develop Sustainable Tourism. In November, the European Commission approved the Concept Note of a new LIFE project on the Wolf. The total amounts to over 10 million euros and involves Italy, France, Austria and Slovenia. Other small projects have been financed under the Rural Development Plan with actions in favour of Biodiversity. Unfortunately, the problem remains of having considerable resources for projects with few resources from Piedmont Region for the day to day running costs.

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. explore the feasibility of officially recognising the two Maritime and Marguareis Nature Parks as one national park;

In 2018, the two Parks, Maritime Alps and Marguareis are managed by the Protected Areas of the Maritime Alps Authority. The National Framework Law on Protected Areas provides for the Maritime Alps and the Marguareis area to become a National Park in the future. The Administration of the Parks Authority has recently requested a meeting with the Minister of the Environment to solicit the establishment of the National Park.

2. explore the extent to which small, scattered reserves (Ciciu del Villar, Benevagienna, Crava Morozzo, Sorgenti del Belbo and Grotte di Bossea) which have very different characteristics, can be managed at a local level by municipal or provincial authorities;

These areas are still managed by the Authority. During the year, however, various agreements were defined to ease the Authority's commitment to the management of the Reserves. For Benevagienna Reserve, the Authority has transferred the management of the hospitality structure in the Reserve and the educational activities to the Municipality. For Crava Morozzo Reserve, the Authority has left management of information for the public to the Italian Bird Protection League. This month, management of the Sorgenti del Belbo Visitor Center has been contracted out and the structure will host an economic activity that will relieve the Park from managing the building. The management of the Bossea Caves continues to be coordinated by the Municipality of Frabosa Soprana. However, at present the provisions of the Regional Law which entrust management of the various reserves to the Authority remain.

3. ascertain that the amendment of the Law L.R.19 29/06/2009 does not jeopardise any of the park conservation regulations;

The Regional Law 19 of 29/06/2009 was not modified in 2018. The Regulations for the use of Protected Areas managed by the Authority are still being approved. The Authority has started to draw up the Management Plans for the Special Areas of Conservation that coincide with the Maritime and Marguareis Parks. These management plans will make it possible to reinforce conservation and sustainable management in the parks.

4. pursue the co-operation and the trans-boundary work with the Mercantour National Park and further explore the setting-up of an Alpi Marittime-Mercantour International Park, to be agreed between the authorities of Italy and France; continue working towards increasing integration.

The Parks continued their close collaboration throughout 2018. The collaboration took shape through the work of the "Maritime Mercantour European Park" EGTC. The EGTC recruited the first technical representative for the management of the "Alpimed" Integrated Territorial project previously mentioned. The collaboration has allowed two new projects to be set up, one relating to the Schools Internship Programme, or the employment of young students in work placement activities during the school term. This project is the first example of collaboration between the EGTC and the EEIG "The Alps of the Sea". A second project will allow work on the "Mediterranean Alps" tourist destination as a sub destination of the "Southern Alps" on the French side. The work carried out in relation to the UNESCO World Heritage Application Dossier of the "Mediterranean Alps" is very important. The application dossier was presented in February. The Dossier has passed a first examination by UNESCO and has been transferred to IUCN for the technical evaluation. The IUCN experts' visit took place in September and by the end of the year there will be a first report on the application submitted. A summary of the candidature dossier submitted is attached, and the complete candidature dossier will be sent via WETRANSFER.

3 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.

No changes since the last annual report.

4 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.

No changes have been made to the boundaries since the last annual report.

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

No specific information to mention.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Summary of the candidature dossier