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Dear Mr. Claudio Ferrari,

Reti di Riserve del Trentino
Award of European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

Following the official verification in your protected areas of the work under the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, I am pleased to inform you that the Evaluation Committee, at its recent meeting, examined carefully the thorough report which the appointed verifier prepared as a result of his visit to the areas.

Decision and recommendations:

It was unanimously agreed to award the Charter certificate to your protected area for a five-year period from 2017 to 2021.

The Evaluation Committee congratulates the Park on the involvement of the local community and the use of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas as a tool to bring tourism to less well-known parts of the region, allowing the park authorities to establish a new relationship with the territory and its inhabitants.

The Evaluation Committee praise the Park as a best practice example of the implementation of Natura 2000 at European level, giving coherence to the Natura 2000 network in increasing the economy of the territory. Moreover, thanks to the very advanced tourism area, the committee suggests that the park should start to move forward in implementing the Part II and III of the Charter.

We draw your attention to the other recommendations the verifier makes in his report which the Committee endorses.

The next five years

As you know, the award recognizes an on-going process of sustainable tourism development in cooperation with a wide range of local partners and stakeholders. It is awarded for an initial period of five years.



Because the award is part of that on-going process, the Evaluation Committee particularly emphasizes the need for networking with other protected areas over the next few years. This will be one of the aspects which verifiers evaluate at the time of the re-evaluation in 2021.

The Committee also strongly recommends the following:

- Please make sure that all the actions in the strategy and action plan are monitored on an annual basis.
- You need to ensure that the necessary funds for the re-evaluation in five years are included in your budget plans well before 2021, should you wish to continue as a Charter area.
- Towards the end of the current five-year period you will need to check that all the recommendations contained in the evaluation report have been considered and acted upon.

This year's Charter Awards will be celebrated in the **European Parliament on 7th December in Brussels**.

You are especially invited to be present to receive your award.

Due to the security requirements of the parliament, registration for the Charter Awards will be essential.

Please follow this [link](#) to complete the registration form if you are intending to be present to accept your award. You will need to fill in a form for each person attending.

We will send you specific details of the programme of the award ceremony soon.

We look forward to celebrate this achievement with you on 7th December in Brussels.

We should like to congratulate you once again on being awarded the Charter and hope that you will continue to work closely with other Charter areas.

With all good wishes for every success in your future activities,

Yours sincerely,

Ignace Schops
President
EUROPARC Federation