**Call for participants**

**Study trip
“Accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities
in protected areas”**

**Eifel National Park, Germany
19 – 22 of March, 2017**

This three-day study trip to the Eifel National Park offers colleagues from foreign protected areas an **intensive exchange of experience and know-how** in the field of **inclusion of people with disabilities and accessibility of protected areas.** It also regardsaspects of volunteer management. If you – **as a member of staff or a volunteer in a protected area** – are working in inclusion or accessibility, we cordially invite you to apply for taking part in this study trip. The study trip has been devised for specialist staff rather than for park directors.

Together with approximately six participants from across Europe you will be guided through the Eifel National Park (North Rhine-Westphalia). The hosting park is keen to show you their **successful partnerships, projects and working practices** in accessibility and the inclusion of people with disabilities. **Field trips, lectures and workshops with experts and practitioners on-site** (see detailed programme) will give you insights into best-practice solutions of the Eifel National Park, support peer learning and joint processing of new strategies for your home park.

Please note:

**Basic English** skills are required to take part.

We expect a **summary of “lessons learned”**, approx. 3-5 pages plus photos, from each participant within two months after the study trip.

Participants need to pay the **costs for their journey** to/from Germany, as well as for **board and lodging**. Costs for lodging (including breakfast)in a single bedroom will amount to approx.
**150, -** **Euro** in total. Lunch and dinner can be individually chosen and will cost approx. 8 to 12 Euro per meal. Costs for transport, entrance fees, speakers etc. will be covered by EUROPARC Germany’s project fund. Participants need to arrange their own **liability, health and accident insurance**.

**Deadline for application: 31 January 2017**

We will inform you by 15 February 2017, if you have been selected as a participant.

Please submit the completed questionnaire by 31 January 2017 via e-mail to:

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We look forward to receiving your application.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Schierenberg.

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The study trip is part of the **project “International exchange of competences of players in protected areas”** (ANNIKA),run by EUROPARC Germany. The project supports the international exchange of know-how, experiences, and working practices between European protected areas. Therewith it aims to increase the expertise of German and European park staff in the fields of park management and nature conservation. At large, the intention is to strengthen the co-operation between the participating European parks and to support long-term relationships.

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Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

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1. **Personal details**

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| Name       |
| Address (full-time staff: official address, volunteers: private address)        |
| E-mail address      Phone number       |
| Date of birth       |
| Professional qualification       |
| Other relevant know-how, experience etc. (participation in training programmes etc.)       |
| English language skills [ ]  Basic [ ]  Intermediate [ ]  Proficient |
| Do you have liability insurance that covers the activity? [ ]  Yes Do you have accident insurance that covers the activity? [ ]  YesDo you have health insurance that covers the activity? [ ]  Yes |

1. **General information about your position and role**

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| Name of the park you are working for       |
| Your position      Employed or volunteering since       |
| Please describe your key tasks and responsibilities in the protected area.      |

1. **Reference to the topic of the study trip**

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| What role does accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities play in your protected area? How do you adopt or implement accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in your daily work or what plans exist in that field?      |
| What role does volunteer management play in your protected area and if applicable in your daily work?      |
| What can other protected area staff learn from you and your work regarding to this topic?       |
| Why do you want to take part in this study trip? Which personal benefit do you expect from it?      |
| How could this study trip have a positive effect on your work? What would you need to learn in order to benefit in the long-term from it? In which aspects would you need further expertise? To what extent could you apply newly gained expertise to your work?      |
| Further recommendations/ questions etc.      |

1. **Statement of your protected area’s director (filled in by the director, please)**

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| Your personal and professional recommendation of your employee/volunteer.      |
| How can your park benefit from the participation of the employee/volunteer in the study trip?      |
| To what extent are you interested or able (financially, personnel) to build up long-term relationships and cooperation with German parks?       |
| Further recommendations/questions etc.      |

Place, Date Signature Employee/Volunteer

Place, Date Signature Protected Area’s Director