

Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas
Building Bridges-Seeking Solutions
VIIth European
Charter Network meeting
DONJI MILANOVAC - DJERDAP NATIONAL PARK

28th -1st July 2011

1. ORGANIZER :

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3. PLACE AND DATE:

VIIth European Charter Network Meeting will be held in Donji Milanovac, Serbia, from 28th June to 1st July 2011.

Main location: Donji Milanovac

4. PARTICIPANTS:

- Members of the Europarc Federation
- Directors and staff of charter protected areas
- Directors and staff of protected areas in Serbia and the region
- Tourism Organizations
- Associations and other community organizations

5. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION:

The official languages of the VIIth Meeting of the European Charter Network will be Serbian and English with simultaneous translation during plenary sessions.

The Workshop #1: Introduction to the European Charter Part I can be held simultaneously in English and Serbian depending on the registrations.

All documents and findings will be available in Serbian and English languages.

6. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:

Registration of participants will begin on Monday, April 4 and ends on Friday, June 17th

Please, send a completed registration form to the National Park's mail:

conference@npdjerdap.org

Registration formalities are free and include:

- Documentation,
- Lunches on the meeting days,
- Transportation from the airport or railway station in Belgrade to Donji Milanovac,
- Excursions

7. ACCOMODATION

Hotel accommodation is not covered and must be paid separately in advance. Due to a generous offer from the Hotel Lepenski Vir, all accommodation and meals from cocktails dinner on Tuesday 28th June to lunch on Friday 1st July are included for **ONLY 129 €**.

For additional nights out with the conference dates, rooms can be booked on per night basis for 43 €.

Hotel Lepenski Vir is located on the slopes above Donji Milanovac 161 meters above sea level. It has the capacity of 450 beds in single, double rooms and apartments, restaurant with 500 seats, bar, National restaurant, salon, congressional hall. The hotel also has a swimming pool with all of the additional contents such as gym, sauna, etc.

For more information about the hotel, please go to <http://www.hotellepenskivir.co.rs>

8. HOW TO GET TO DJERDAP NATIONAL PARK

We strongly urge you to make your travel plans in order to **ARRIVE in Belgrade by 3pm on Tuesday 28th** and to **DEPART after 3pm on Friday 1st**, as this will optimise your time at conference and allow for more efficient transfers and shuttles to and from the National Park. The transfer time to the national park is approximately **3 hours**. Morning departures on Friday 1st will require VERY EARLY transfer times.



Management office of Djerdap National Park is located in Donji Milanovac. Donji Milanovac is situated in the Majdanpek municipality. It is located on the right bank of Lake Djerdap on the River Danube. Since its founding, Donji Milanovac has moved 3 times.

In 1691 the whole settlement moved to the Danube island of Porec, a place that kept inhabitants out of reach of the Turkish army.

In 1832 the settlement moved back to mainland. The new formed town was the first in Serbia to be built by plans, which were the work of Stefan Stefanovic Tenka, President of Serbian Government. The name Porec was changed to Milanovac in honour of Prince Milan Obrenovic.

The final move to another place occurred in 1971. Donji Milanovac was moved 3 km up the river due to building of a hydroelectric power plant "Djerdap I" and rising of the River Danube level caused by that.

Nowadays, Donji Milanovac, settled in the middle of Djerdap National Park, is a great tourist destination, especially for those who enjoy beauties of nature.

One main road pass through the Majdanpek municipality M 25-1 (Požarevac – Veliko Gradište – Golubac – Donji Milanovac) linking it with the E 75 (highway Belgrade – Niš). Donji Milanovac is 197 km far away from Belgrade.

9. DJERDAP NATIONAL PARK

Djerdap National Park is located in the southeastern part of Europe, in the southeast of Serbia, on the border with Romania. The total area of the National Park is 63.608ha. The main attraction of this area is the grandiose Djerdap gorge through which river Danube flows and is the home of the famous Iron Gates over the Danube for which the park is named. The park stretches about 100 km of the Danube from Golubac to Kladovo and includes a narrow wooden strip, the width of 2-8 km along the Danube River, which rises from 50-800 m above sea level. A specific local historic development, a favorable climate, a complex network of cliffs and canyons, distinguish Djerdap as a unique European reservation of tertiary flora and fauna.

Here you can see lynx, wolf, jackal ...The basic feature of the Djerdap National Park is a large forested area, about 64% of the territory is covered with forests. The permanent presence of humans in this region is witnessed by numerous archaeological sites and cultural-historical monuments, such as Lepenski Vir, Tabula Traiana, Golubacki grad, Diana, etc..

10. EXCURSIONS

1.Option: Veliki Strbac

The total track length: 9km

The special landscape feature of the Veliki and Mali Strbac is one of the scientifically most interesting and most attractive touristic places in the Djerdap National Park. Rarely found in areas where a relatively small area combines so many natural values as well as cultural and historical sites.

In this area of special natural value there are more interesting views, among which are the most important peaks of the Veliki (768 m. above sea level) and Mali Strbac (626 m. above sea level).

Duration of tour in bus: 2 hours

Hiking: 6 hours

Level of difficulty: demanding

Recommendation: Take field clothes and water.

2.Option: Kovilovo-Rajko's cave

Kovilovo is one of the most attractive places of the National Park Đerdap. From here there is a view over the Donji Milanovac.

Rajko's cave is located 2.5 km from the center of Majdanpek.

It was named after Rajko which according to the legend, robbed a treasure of the Turkish caravans and hid it in a cave. The total length of the cave is 2,304 m. The cave is rich in stalactites, stalagmites, and cave pillars.

Duration of tour in bus: 2 hours

Hiking: 1.5 hours

Level of difficulty: easy

Recommendation: Take field clothes and water.

3.Option: Vratna-Rajačke pinnice

Vratna village was named for its natural stone bridges which are located in a rural district, also the name of the river flowing under them, as well as the Monastery, which dates from the 14th century.

The first records of settlements are found in the Turkish census from 1530. Rajačke pinnice is a unique attraction, that is a small city of wine. Once Rajačke pinnice produced more than 400 wagons of grape. This place is known for its high quality wines and nice ambience.

Duration of tour in bus: 2 hours

Hiking: 1.5 hours

Level of difficulty: easy

Recommendation: Take field clothes and water.

4.Option: Cruising down the Danube through Kazan to Trajan's Plaque

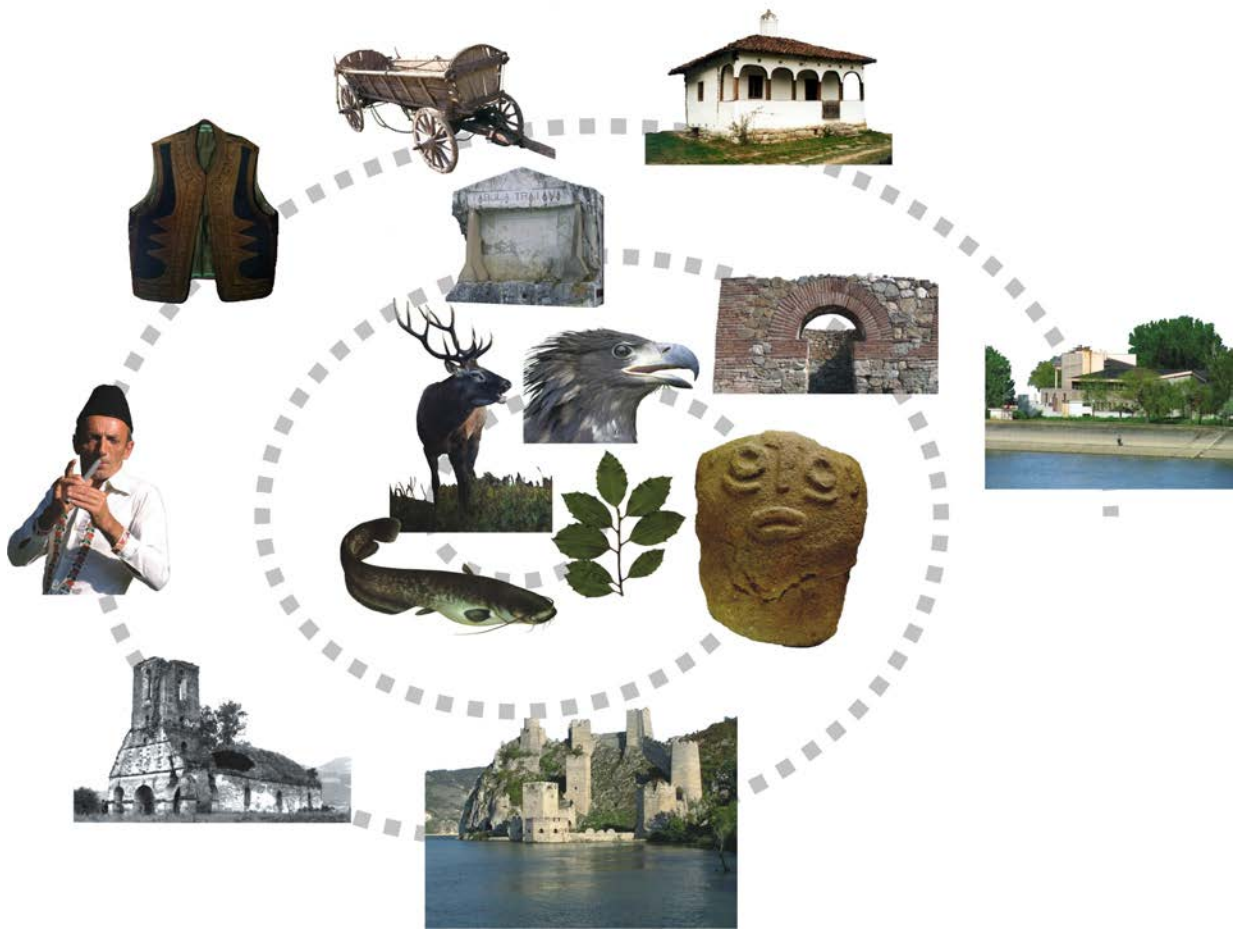
This part of the Danube, many consider the most attractive throughout its course. Here, the Danube is the deepest and narrowest. Trajan's Plaque can be seen only from the water. This monument dates from the year 100, from the time of Trajan's expedition against the Dacians. The monument is made of vertical boards carved in stone. Its length is 3.20 m high and 1.80 m wide. It is decorated with two dolphins, six petals roses and an eagle with outstretched wings. On the Romanian coast you can see the King Decebal, which was carved in the rock. This sculpture is 40 feet high and is the largest sculpture in the rock in Europe.

Cruising: 2 hours

Level of difficulty: easy

11. IMPORTANT Reminders for Field Trips

- Remember to bring:
- field clothes,
- comfortable shoes for walking,
- water,
- camera
- sunscreen



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Tuesday, 28th June

- Arrival of the participants during the day
Checking in the Hotel Lepenski Vir
Registration of the participants Hotel Lepenski Vir
- **20:00** - Welcome Cocktail and light dinner -Hotel Lepenski Vir
- Presentation of a proposal for a EUROPARC Serbian section

Wednesday, 29th June

- **9:00** - Late registration of the participants - Hotel Lepenski Vir
- **9:30-10:30** - Opening Session – Moderator –Carol Ritchie, Director EUROPARC Federation
 - Minister of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning, Government of Serbia
 - Minister of Economy and Regional Development
 - President of the EUROPARC Federation
 - Director of the Institute for Nature Protection of Serbia
 - Director of the National Park Djerdap
 - President of the municipality
- **10:30-11:00** - Coffee Break and opening of the exhibition “Water-From Dreams to Hope“
- **11:00-13.30** - Plenary Session - Keynote Speeches
 - Sustainable Tourism – Building Bridges** - Seeking Solutions – Dr Xavier Font, Centre for Responsible Tourism, Leeds University, United Kingdom
 - Delivering Sustainable Tourism with the EUROPARC Charter** – EUROPARC Councillor, Paulo Castro;
 - European Charter for Sustainable Tourism promotes Social cohesion** - La Garroxta Nature Park, Catalonia, Spain
 - The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism-- - Good for Business**– Adamello Brenta Natural Park, Italy
 - Sustainable Tourism across Borders** – Le Mercantour National Park, France, and Alpi Marittime Regional Park, Italy
 - Sustainable Tourism Destinations...**European Commission – DG Enterprise, Francesca Tudini , Head of Tourism Unit
- **13.30-15.00** – Lunch
- **15:00-15.30** – Boulevard of Experiences- Expo of Serbian Network of Protected Areas with contributions from the Charter Park network also will be open throughout the conference.
- 15.30-18.30** - WORKSHOPS (simultaneous and in various locations)
Workshops be led by experienced Charter for Sustainable Tourism participants both form protected area management and community and business interests. Practical examples and

case studies will be presented in the workshops from across Europe, with opportunity for discussion and questions.

Workshop 1: Introduction to the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

How to become a Charter member? What is involved and what benefits does it bring? What to do and how to plan the work? When to start and who should be involved?

Target participants: Protected areas interested in becoming Charter members

Led by Richard Partington (UK), EUROPARC Consulting and Wilf Fenton, EUROPARC Consulting, (UK)

Two workshops on this topic may be run according to demand and English/Serbian translation provided.

Workshop 2: Organizing tourism inside the Protected Area and in the Charter Network.

What needs to be done in order that local businesses can benefit from the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism? How is the sustainable tourism strategy developed with all interested parties? What is the importance of marketing and communicating the Charter values and the Charter Park as a Sustainable Tourism Destination?

Led by Patrizia Rossi (IT), EUROPARC Charter Evaluation committee Chair and Alpi Marittime Natural Park (I)

Workshop 3: Sustainable Tourism working in Partnership

Protected areas working in partnership with local businesses. How to prepare an award certification process of the Charter, the methodology to be used, the procedure, documents and stakeholders to be involved.

Led by Josep Maria Prats, La Garroxta Nature Park (S), verifier and member of EUROPARC Evaluation committee

Workshop 4: Reinforcing Social Cohesion with the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism

Building a good partnership. The importance of maintaining community engagement. How working towards common Charter goals can bring a community together.

Led by Paulo Castro (P) EUROPARC Councillor

Workshop 5: Economic Benefits and Branding of Tourism products

What's in it for me? What motivates local tourism entrepreneurs to work with the protected area. Perspectives on benefits to business that the Charter brings. Issues and solutions to creating a charter park brand.

Led by Lasse Loven, EUROPARC sustainable tourism working group

• **20:00-21:30** – Dinner

- **21:30** - Concert by the River! Celebration of DANUBE DAY! With music and more.....

Thursday, 30th June

9:00-18:00 - Excursions

- 1.Option: Veliki Strbac
- 2.Option: Kovilovo-Rajko's cave
- 3.Option: Door-Rajacke pinnice
- 4.Option: Cruising down the Danube through Kazan to Trajan plaque

19:30-21:00 - Dinner

21:00 Local music and dance

Friday, 1st July

9:30-10:30 Conference conclusions

Feedback from workshops and Discussion on the future of the Charter for Sustainable Tourism.

Closing remarks – Paulo Castro, EUROPARC Councillor

10:30-11.00 - Coffee Break

11:00-11.45 - Closing Session

- Representative of Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning, Government of Serbia
- Director of the National Park Djerdap
- President of the EUROPARC Federation

12.00 - Lunch

Departure

Packed lunches will be available for those travelling.