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# “Partnerships, Governance, Capacity Development and Mobilisation of Resources”

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# Workshop 4A1: Engaging (and Empowering!) Youth in Conservation

**Key Recommendation 1:** Start acting now (fewer recommendations and more actions)!

**Action point 1:** Commitment to start a youth group in a school in Serbia.



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**Key Recommendation 2:** Change the paradigm of how adults view young people, switching to seeing them as real players. Do this by:

- Creating meaningful possibilities for youth to get involved in conservation.
- Including youth on decision-making bodies.
- Setting up mentoring programmes that provide job insights, skills and knowledge.
- Creating peer-to-peer education programmes.



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## Key Recommendation 2 (continued):

**Action point 1:** Commitment to set up a youth advisory board in a protected area in the Czech Republic.

**Action point 2:** Commitment to create a co-management area for youth to actively be involved in the management of a Croatian National Park.

**Action point 3:** IUCN to consider creating an internship/mentoring platform to connect young people to meaningful PA work.

**Action point 4:** Commitment from WWF Austria to share lessons learned on mentoring and youth empowerment.



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**Key Recommendation 3:** Reach out to different types of youth e.g. disadvantaged youth (migrants, refugees, low-income families), young professionals working in other sectors.

**Action point 1:** WWF Austria and River Jump commitment to involve youth from different sectors into their programmes by 2016.



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## Workshop 4A2: Transboundary Parks: not only to understand each other but to cooperate

**Key Recommendation 1:** Start connecting, even in the simplest of ways!

**Action point 1:** Start with small things such as a phone call or informal outings, and don't forget to have fun! This will most probably lead to further and more formal cooperation.



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## Workshop 4A2: Transboundary Parks: not only to understand each other but to cooperate

**Key Recommendation 2:** Develop an accessible methodology for evaluating transboundary cooperation.

**Action point 1:** WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group to create a new, non-expensive methodology based on existing methodologies.



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## Workshop 4A2: Transboundary Parks: not only to understand each other but to cooperate

**Key Recommendation 3:** Harmonize management plans and strategies...in writing.

**Action point 1:** Develop joint management plans or strategies, and do it in writing. Even if they are not official it is important to have the joint collaboration process.



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**Key Recommendation 4:** Ensure government involvement and support.

**Action point 1:** Talk to authorities and show them the benefits of transboundary cooperation e.g. Polish and Czech Ministers were invited to the signing of a new agreement and, therefore, got involved in the conservation of the transboundary protected area.



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## Workshop 4A3: Opportunities for Improving Tourism Sustainability in Protected Areas in Europe

**Key Recommendation 1:** Manage tourism within the framework of each site's conservation objectives.

**Action point 1:** Understand the types and amounts of tourism, including no-go areas for tourism.

**Action point 2:** Identify the rationale for tourism in a protected area (e.g. benefits for local communities, raising awareness of the site and conservation, generating revenues, etc.).

**Action point 3:** Monitor tourism impacts and benefits, as well as visitor satisfaction, to adjust tourism management.



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## Workshop 4A3: Opportunities for Improving Tourism Sustainability in Protected Areas in Europe

**Key Recommendation 2:** Plan and manage tourism using existing tools that promote sustainability.

**Action point 1:** Use the CBD guidelines on biodiversity and tourism, the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, and similar tools from international and regional organizations.

**Action point 2:** Provide appropriate green infrastructure for tourism, including facilities for disabled visitors.

**Action point 3:** Increase awareness of the value of conservation through strong interpretation services.



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## Workshop 4A3: Opportunities for Improving Tourism Sustainability in Protected Areas in Europe

**Key Recommendation 3:** Involve the tourism and other professional sectors, as well as local communities.

**Action point 1:** involve tourism professionals in tourism marketing and development.

**Action point 2:** use detailed professional analysis of tourism markets, products, etc.

**Action point 3:** provide training for tour operators on appropriate conduct of tourism at each site.



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### Key Recommendation 3 (continued):

**Action point 4:** Involve local communities in planning for tourism and conservation and ensure they receive benefits from both.

**Action point 5:** Foster good communication and cooperation between all public, private, community and civil society bodies involved in or affected by tourism.



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## Workshop 4B1: Opportunities to Improve PA Professionalization in Europe

**Key Recommendation 1:** Develop and promote protected area and professional standards, as well as investment in people through existing European frameworks.

**Action point 1:** Start by establishing minimum standards for management of PAs in Europe to define what constitutes adequate management and what it takes to not be a paper park.

**Action point 2:** Maximize the accessibility to professional programmes and/or promote practical training opportunities at the European and country level (using the EUROPARC / ProPark webpage).



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## Workshop 4B1: Opportunities to Improve PA Professionalization in Europe

### Key Recommendation 2:

Establish EU/European occupational standards for protected area work (specialist and ranger levels).

**Action point 1:** Set quality standards for PA professionals and register these occupational standards at the country level in EU and non-EU countries e.g. through the WCPA network.



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### Key Recommendation 3:

Improve the competencies and performance of protected area professionals.

**Action point 1:** Invest in PA experts, and improve competencies and performance, using existing European frameworks such as Natura 2000/Emerald network, LIFE, WH, IUCN, Europarc.



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**Key Recommendation 4:** Support and encourage protected area authorities to prioritize and institutionalize capacity development.

**Action point 1:** Develop performance review and professional assessment guidelines for Europe adapted to the country level.



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**Key Recommendation 5:** Help 'bridge the generation gap' to benefit both young professionals and protected areas.

**Action point 1:** For example, through pilot projects.

## Workshop 4B2: Diversification of Natura 2000 Governance

**Key Recommendation 1:** Adopt and enable a diverse range of governance types, shifting towards more participatory systems (which cover at least shared governance types).

**Action point 1:** Develop an appropriate legal and institutional framework.

**Action point 2:** Develop standards, guidelines and effectiveness assessment systems.



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## Workshop 4B2: Diversification of Natura 2000 Governance

**Key Recommendation 2:** Improve knowledge and understanding of governance types and issues.

**Action point 1:** Set up regional committees and stakeholder platforms to get institutions and individuals meaningfully involved in decision-making.

**Action point 2:** Showcase best practice examples of Natura 2000 governance types that include community-based sustainability.

## Cross-cutting Issues

### Partnerships

Start communicating at all levels and with all types of stakeholders...small steps can lead to much more!

### Governance

Diversify and increase understanding of governance types (especially participatory ones).

### Capacity Development

Invest in “effective people for effective protected areas”.

### Mobilisation of Resources

There are many resources and tools already available....use them!