



# European Parks' Academy

A unique educational offer for executives in Protected Areas

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## Detailed information

Please find online further information on contents, key-note speakers, registration and scholarship application requirements.

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## Deadline...

... for registration: 30.05.2016  
... for scholarships application: 15.05.2016

## Scholarships

Individual scholarships available. Apply now!

## Target group

Executives and professionals in the management of protected areas.

## Programme coordination

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## Cooperation:

EPA is set up in cooperation of different academic institutions and the World Commission on Protected Areas.

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## European Parks' Academy (EPA)...

... offers outstanding intercultural learning experiences to executives and professionals in the management of protected areas. The establishment of EPA is a direct outcome of the World Parks Congress 2014 in Sydney and the European follow-up Little Sydney in Hainburg (Austria, 2015).

EPA is a summer school, situated at the attractive and inspiring facilities of the Klagenfurt Lakeside Campus (Austria). The concept is elaborated in close co-operation with the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA/IUCN) and is supported by the Austrian Ministry of Environment.

*Learn,  
exchange,  
enjoy in an  
inspiring environment*

EPA is a unique opportunity to learn more about burning issues, emerging trends as well as new approaches and technologies in protected areas. The seminars of EPA focus on new international and European standards, policies and guidelines and their implementation in protected areas, such as policies of IUCN, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, UNESCO or Convention on Biodiversity.

### Intensive one-week workshops

Interactive seminars on selected topics are facilitated by outstanding lecturers and trainers of international organizations, universities and private sector partners. All teaching is research-based, but practical tools and relevant best practice play an important role.

### Small groups – intensive exchange with lecturers

The workshops are characterized by highly interactive learning, teaching and training formats and will be based on showcases brought by the participants. At the end of the week successful participants will be awarded with a certificate, indicating topic, lecturers and individual show case.

## Seminar offers 2016

### Seminar 2016-1

#### *Effective financial management of Protected Areas*

- Venue / date: July, 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Lakeside Campus Klagenfurt
- Costs: € 1.920.- (incl. all materials;  
excl. board and lodging)

The seminar provides strategies and tools to *increase incomes, improve financial flows and optimize expenses*. The participants will be enabled to analyze the situation of their parks, identify improvements and sketch realistic plans for concrete steps. *Principles of financing, financial planning and controlling* as well as new tools such as *crowd funding* are presented in the practical context of a park. The show cases, as brought in by each participant, provide the frame for the application of particular tools and techniques.

### Seminar 2016-2

#### *New challenges in the governance of Protected Areas*

- Venue / date: July, 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Lakeside Campus Klagenfurt
- Costs: € 1.920.- (incl. all materials;  
excl. board and lodging)

The seminar focuses on meeting the challenge of governance of protected areas and its *implications, benefits and challenges for individual protected areas*. It provides strategies and practical tools to optimize the governance of protected areas and to meet *the challenge of migration and refugees*. Furthermore, it focuses on old and new ways of *designing public involvement (e.g. Citizen Science)* and *decision-making processes*. The participants will be enabled to analyze the situation of their parks and to develop concrete measures and plans for implementation.



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