

# «Management tools to enhance sustainable tourism in protected areas: Case study in Tzoumerka National Park»

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# National Park of Tzoumerka

ΦΟΡΕΙΣ ΔΙΑΧΕΙΡΙΣΗΣ  
ΠΡΟΣΤΑΤΕΥΟΜΕΝΩΝ ΠΕΡΙΟΧΩΝ

**Pr. Decree 49D/2009**

**Surface : 820 km<sup>2</sup>**

**3 Natura 2000 sites**

**L.4519/2018**

**Surface : 3.620 km<sup>2</sup>**

**13 Natura 2000 sites:**

# The idea of European charter for Sustainable Tourism in PAs

## 1993 “Loving them to death”

Report of EUROPARC Federation that demonstrated the important and sensitive relationship between tourism and protected areas.

## 1995 – set up of the Charter



<https://www.europarc.org/library/europarc-events-and-programmes/european-charter-for-sustainable-tourism/>

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# The European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas is:

- Management tool for managers of PAs
- Voluntary agreement /forum
- Methodology
- Certification (Diploma)

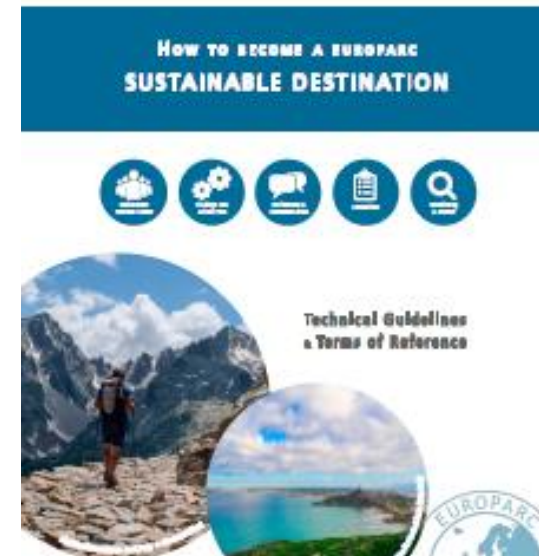
**Charter**      **Part I - Sustainable destination**  
**Part II – Partners**  
**Part III – Tour operators**

# parts in the process for PAs:

## Charter, Part I

- Management Authority (member of Europarc Federation)
- Definition of the PAs boundaries
- Forum / voluntary agreement
- Strategy & Action Plan for sustainable tourism
- Information material / leaflets
- Management plan
- Other cooperation in the area
- Evaluation of the PA
- Certification (5 years)

<https://www.europarc.org/sustainable-tourism/>





## Charter, Part II

- Sustainable Business Partners in the Charter Areas



## Charter, Part III

- Sustainable Tour Operators in Charter Areas



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# History .... in brief

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- 1986 L.1650/1986 (Gov. Gazette 160A): "Protection of the environment "
- 1999 L.2742/1999 (Gov. Gazette 207A): "Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development and other provisions" - CHAPTER E: "Administration and Management of Protected Areas"
- 2004 Signing of the contract for the compilation of the Study, among the Ministry of Env. & the Regions of Ipirus & Thessaly.
- 2009 It was founded in 2009, by Pr. Decree (Official Journal of the Hellenic Republic 49D/12.02.2009).
- 2009 Formation of the Board of Directors Gov. Gazette 415/16-09-09  
9 members
- 2012 2012 Staffed with 12 people - Operational Programme "Environment and Sustainable Development»
- 2016 Certification – Sustainable destination
- 2018 L.4519/2018 (Gov. Gazette 25A) "Management Authority of protected areas and related provisions "
- 2020 L.4685/2020 ....

# The Park's territory is divided in 4 different zones:



**Zone I:** Protection of Nature:

- A) Arachthos Gorge (**Ia**),
- B) Above department of Kalaritikou (**Ib**),
- C) Pachtouri – Athamania (**Ic**),
- D) Tsouma – Plastari – Koutsouro (**Id**)



**Zone II:** Maintenance of Landscape, Ecotopes & Species:

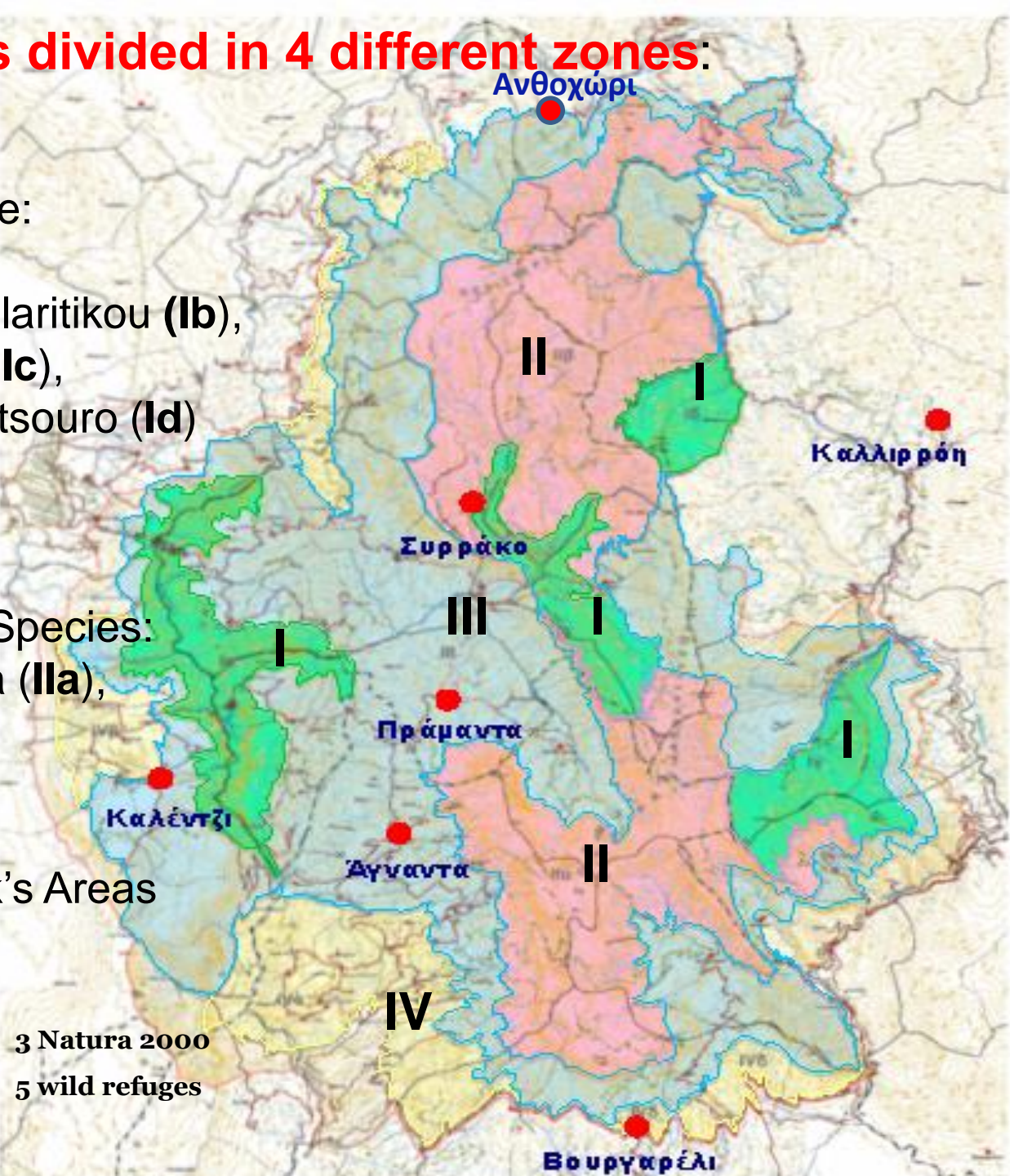
- A) Tzoumerka – Kakarditsa (**IIa**),
- B) Peristeri (**IIb**)



**Zone III:** The National Park's Areas



**Zone IV:** Buffer Zone





# Organizational Chart of the M.A.

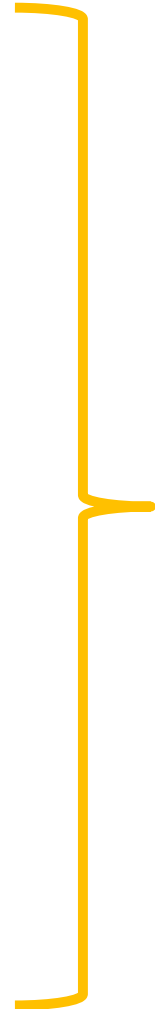
**Board of Directors - President**



**Coordinator- Director**



- **Department for the Protection & Conservation**
- **Department of Surveillance & Applications Management**
- **Department of Information, Publicity and Education**
  - **6 Information Centers**
- **Administrative and Financial Office**
- **Legal Support Office**



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# Priority axis

Staff : 12 people



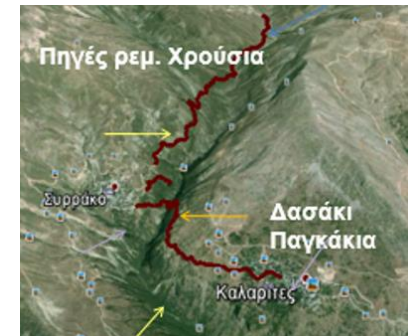
Monitoring species, Conservation programmes

Surveillance & patrolling

Environmental Sensitization

Management Administration

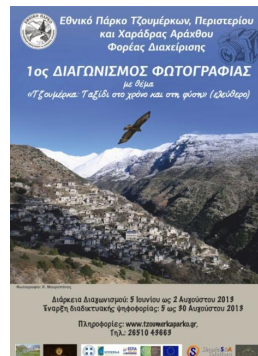
Financing  
Networking  
Collecting data



Field Guide to the Dragonflies of Britain and Europe

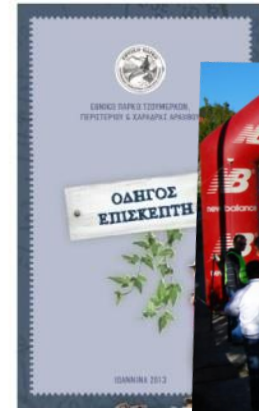
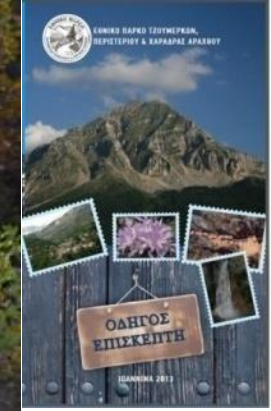


Klaus-Dieter B. Dijkstra  
Illustrated by Richard Lewington

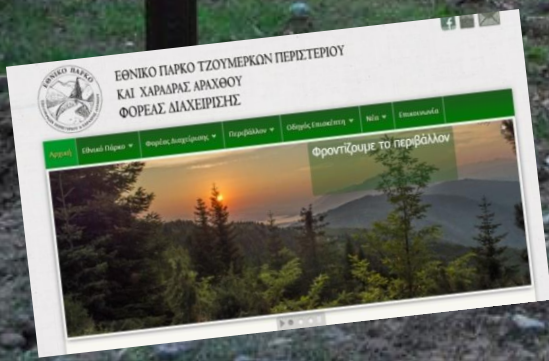




# Awareness – Environmental Sensitization



Διάρκεια Διαγωνισμού: 5 Ιουνίου ως 2 Αυγούστου 2015  
Έναρξη διαδικτυακής ψηφοφορίας: 5 ως 30 Αυγούστου 2015





# Gorge of Arachthos- Zone Ia

Alaka's Bridge



© Alpine zone

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# Zone II – View of the mountain Peristeri

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# Accommodation

- 25 - Mun. of Northern Tzoumerka
- 25 - Mun. Central Tzoumerka
- 2 - Mun. of Pyli
- 6 - ASPROPOTAMOS Mun. of Meteora
- 4 - Mun. of Metsovo
- 0 - Mun. of Arta & Ioannina



Total - 60



# Identification of the players for the PA



## Common themes & problems

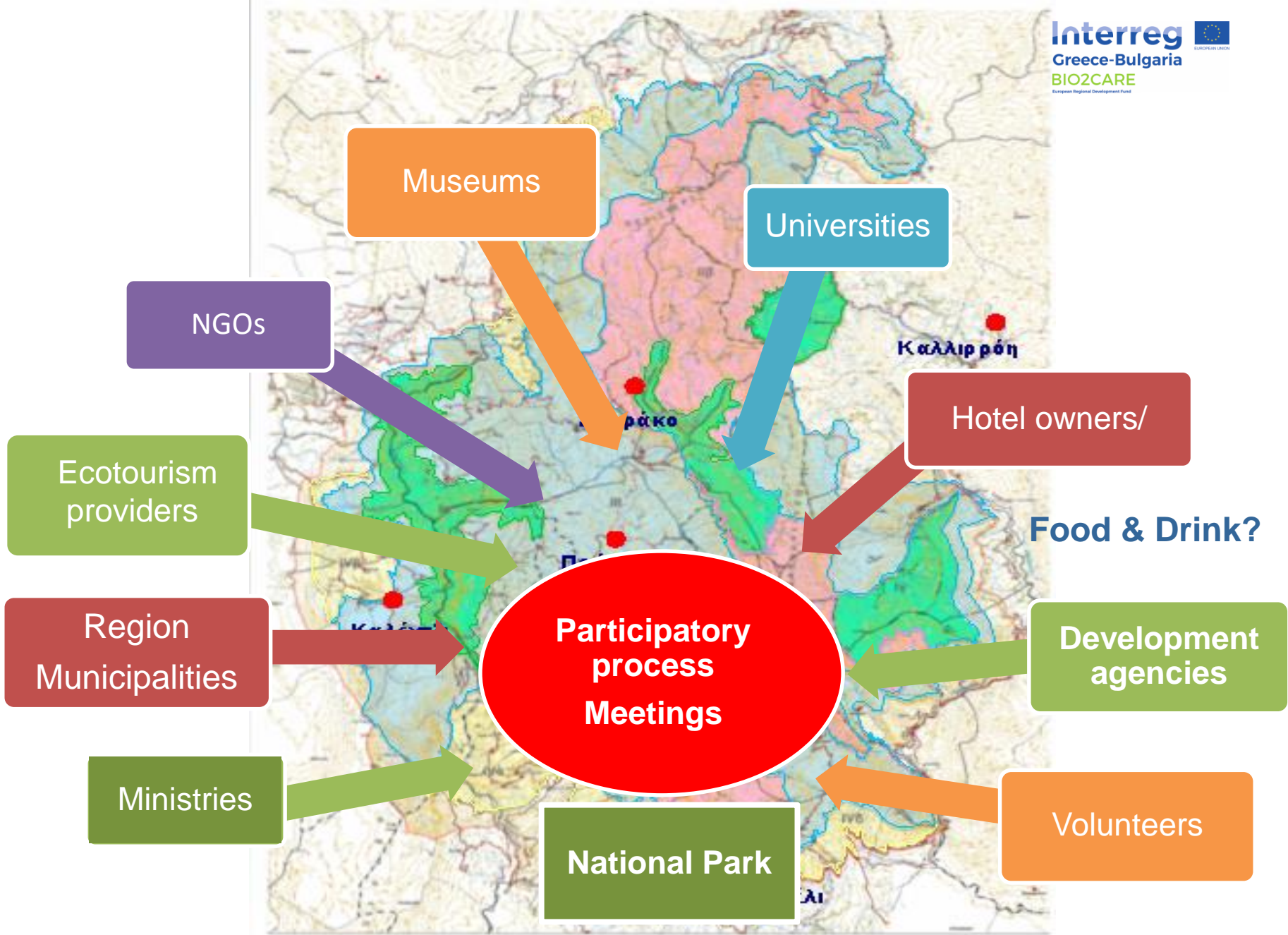
- Promotion of the area designed as National Park
- Improve the tourist product
- Certification of local products
- Respect the needs of residents, local businesses & visitors.
- Creating benefits from tourism for the local economy



## How to work together with stakeholders?

**Proper use of natural resources**

**Conservation of natural environment & culture**





# Procedure

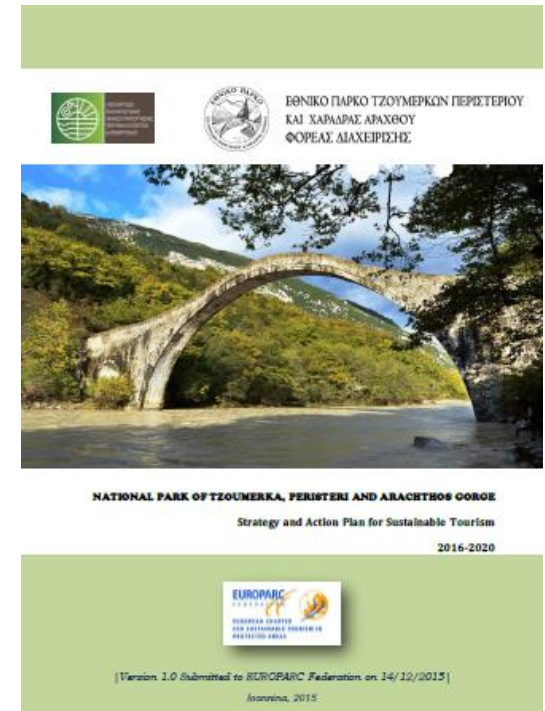
December 2015

**Submission of a candidacy file & Strategy for Sustainable Tourism Project entitled "Environmental Parks (EPA)",**  
Territorial Cooperation program Greece - Italy 2007-2013  
with the support of the Region of Epirus

April 2016, - Evaluation

December 2016 - Award ceremony

**European Charter for  
Sustainable Tourism in PAs**



# Actions

- Amelioration of the information provided at the websites
- Environmental interpretation (signs, maps, information about species)
- Certification of paths - leaflets
- Hunt of cultural treasures
- Guided tour with busses – EnviParks
- Location for Camper van
- Otter's route
- Arachthos by moonlight
- The postman's route
- Tzoumerka marathon bike
- Explore caves – canyoning
- Visit on the watermill and grain milling

## Weaknesses:

Financial sustainability

Un stable governance of the NP



**Thank you!**



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