

CBD COP17 Blue Zone Side Event

Title: Advancing Protected Area Management in Armenia through the EUROPARC Network

Organized by: “SOLUTION” LLC

Date: 19 October 2026

Time: 16:30 - 17:30

Venue: Vayk - Side Event Room 3, COP17 Blue Zone

Overview

Protected areas play a critical role in conserving biodiversity while supporting resilient communities, sustainable local economies and climate action. This side event will introduce the EUROPARC Federation and explore how its network can contribute to strengthening protected area management in Armenia.

The event will highlight Dilijan National Park’s experience, current challenges and opportunities for cooperation, and will discuss how EUROPARC membership can facilitate peer learning, professional capacity development, international partnerships and access to European experience and initiatives. The session will also provide an opportunity to identify practical areas for future cooperation between Dilijan National Park and EUROPARC members.

Agenda

Time	Session	Speaker
16:30-16:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks	SOLUTION LLC; EUROPARC Federation
16:35-16:50	EUROPARC: Connecting Protected Areas for Nature, People and Resilient Landscapes Introduction to the EUROPARC Federation, its network, priorities and opportunities for cooperation and peer learning	EUROPARC Federation Representative

16:50-17:00	Armenia and the EUROPARC Network: Opportunities for Strengthening Protected Area Management Presentation of the relevance of EUROPARC membership for Armenia's protected areas and prospects for international cooperation	SOLUTON LLC Representative
17:00-17:15	Dilijan National Park: Current Challenges, Opportunities and the Path towards International Cooperation Presentation of the Park's conservation priorities, management challenges, development opportunities and expectations from EUROPARC membership	Representative from the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia (tbc)
17:15-17:25	From Membership to Partnership: Opportunities for Cooperation and Knowledge Exchange Discussion on potential areas of collaboration, including protected area management, biodiversity monitoring, ecosystem restoration, sustainable tourism, environmental education, community engagement, staff capacity development and joint initiatives	Facilitated Discussion
17:25-17:30	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	SOLUTON LLC Representative