



ERA European Ramblers' Association

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FERP Fédération Européenne de la Randonnée Pédestre

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Headlines from the presidium

The ERA presidium meeting was held in Vršac (RS) from 9-11 May 2018. The presidium:

- approved the budgets for 2018 and 2019
- discussed the partnership arrangements
- worked on the final version of E-paths assessment and strategy to be presented at the ERA conference in Echternach (LUX)
- worked on the final version of ERA strategy for the future work to be presented at the know-how session in Echternach (LUX)
- accepted a list of know-how sessions in Echternach (LUX)
- approved a new logo of LQT
- discussed the production and distribution of E-path signs
- approved the validity of E-paths certificates for the large public audience
- evaluated the ERA facebook and twitter accounts and agreed to create the ERA facebook group
- decided new steps for the future host of EURORANDO 2021
- accepted preparations for the 49th ERA conference in Echternach (LUX)
- discussed the preparations for the ERA conference and 50th ERA anniversary in 2019 in Bad Urach (D)
- approved the partnership with the World Trail Network
- approved the process of ERA archiving

ERA conference 2018

The 49th ERA conference will be held from 27–30 September 2018 in Echternach (LUX). The organisers, the Ministry for the Economy – Directorate General Tourism and the Regional Tourist Office of the Mullerthal Region – Luxembourg's Little Switzerland, have prepared the meeting of walkers at the crossing of the E2 and the E3 and a walk on the Mullerthal Trail - the Leading Quality Trail-Best of Europe. First step



towards the new ERA strategy and many interesting know-

how sessions are planned. The online registration and further information is available on the ERA website or directly at: www.mullerthal.lu/en/home/era-meeting-2018

Delegates can choose one of 3 price-packages, depending on the type of accommodation required.

The deadline for the registration and the payment is on 31 July 2018.

European Week of Sport

The European Week of Sports Key Players' Seminar took place in Riga from 22-23 May.

The awards competition for the 2018, called #BeActive

Awards was launched. The entries can be sent until 31 July 2018. A representative of each finalist will be invited to attend the Awards Gala in Sofia. The award categories are:

- the #BeActive Education Award
- the #BeActive Workplace Award
- the #BeActive Local Hero Award

More information is available here: <http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week>



Den Norske Turistforening

DNT (N) celebrates its 150th anniversary from 7-10 June 2018 in Oslo.

Congratulations!

DNT is Norway's biggest outdoor activities organisation. For some 140 years, it has been working to promote trekking and improving conditions for all who enjoy the country's large range of outdoor attractions. DNT offers more than 500 cabins throughout Norway, to which one DNT-key fits. Each year, more than 4,000 tours, courses and other activities draw more than 100,000 participants. In 1999, DNT founded the Children's Trekking Club to attract children to outdoor activities early in life. Today, the Club has more than 16,000 members, 12 years old and younger. The membership of DNT Youth passed 40,000 and became the country's largest organization of this sort. DNT Youth is for people 13-26 years old.

www.dnt.no



Planinska Zveza Slovenije

PZS (SLO) organises a traditional hike along the European long distance path E6. The hike will take place on 25-26 May 2018 and will go from Jevnica to Županova jama. An opening of nature educational trail „Po sledeh vodomca“ („Kingfisher trail“), enriching the nature, will follow. For more information see: <http://eupoti.com>

Bulgarski Turisticheski Soyuz

BTS (BG) is organising a representative ascent of Cherni Vrah (2,290 m - the highest peak of Vitosha Mountain) on 30 June 2018, by women representatives of the EU countries, dedicated to the end of the Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council and its symbolic transfer to Austria. The detailed programme is available on the ERA website:

www.era-ewv-ferp.com/frontpage/

The event is also dedicated to the 145th anniversary of the birth of A. Konstantinov – founder and patron of the club, and to the election of Sofia as the Sports Capital of Europe for 2018. The organisers will be happy to see a woman from your country, participating on behalf of mountaineering and other organisations involved in sports!



News from LQT

A new booklet for 2018 with the certified Leading Quality Trails is available now as a PDF file. The printed version was proudly presented by Lutz Bormann at the ITB fair in Berlin in March 2018. It's embedded in the annual German magazine "Wanderbares Deutschland" and additionally available as a single booklet. The booklet in PDF form in English and German is available on request in the ERA office.

The 4th LQT network meeting will be held on 5-6 November 2018. More information will follow later.

KullaledenLQT (S)

The non-profit organisation, Friends of Kullaleden is going all out as during the first weekend of June 2018. They will organize a walking festival with two different directions: Culture and Adventure! The walking festival at Kullaberg and walking the Kullaleden path give a unique opportunity to experience nature and culture together in a group. All the offered walks are led by a local guide. It is possible to travel by bus from Copenhagen or Trelleborg from where there are ferries to and from Germany. Please consider combining this walk with further travel in Scandinavia. For more information write to: info@kullaleden.se or book at: scandorama.se/vandring



Andros Route LQT (GR) – 1st Andros on Foot Festival & 2nd Greek Trails Meeting

In 2015 Andros was the first island in Europe to receive the European Leading Quality Trails-Best of Europe certification for the 100 kms long Andros Route. Today, 170 kms of the island's hiking network has been restored and waymarked to European standards. As the 3rd anniversary of certification is reached a recertification inspection will take place. To mark this milestone, Andros Routes, the non-profit co-ordinator of the Andros footpaths project, is organising the 1st Andros On Foot Festival from 6-28 October 2018. The Festival, which is dedicated to both the people of Andros and its visitors, it will be a celebration of the unique beauty of Andros experienced on foot. The festival will include the 2nd annual Greek Trails Meeting, organised with the cooperation of the Greek Ministry of the Environment. It will take place during the weekend of 12-14 October 2018. For more information visit: www.androsonfootfestival.gr or email: info@androsonfootfestival.gr



E-paths in France – variations/changes to E3 and E5

New variations and changes to E3 and E5 were accepted by the ERA presidium last year. In April, the latest process for the homologation of E-paths in France was finished by FFRandonnée:



- created a variation of GR® E3 via the GR® 654 between Vézelay and Montréal-du-Gers
- created a variation of GR® E5 in the Loire valley via GR® 3
- modified the GR® E5 in Île-de-France to pass through Paris
- modified the GR® E5 between Perrancey-les-Vieux-Moulins and Mussy-sur-Seine to eliminate a long way round in Côte-d'Or; this was done thanks to the creation of GR® 145 and 703

The countdown starts!

The 7th Gran Canaria Walking Festival takes place **from 24th to 28th October 2018.**



This is Gran Canaria's international hiking meeting, where nature and trekking lovers come together on the island with one purpose in common: meeting at the best and most impressive hideouts of #GranCanaria #GreatDestination and sharing its wonderful culture and gastronomy.

Why GCWF? We show some reasons!

- ✓ Discover the most natural and unknown side of Gran Canaria.
- ✓ Explore the full contrast of the island.
- ✓ Taste our gastronomy enjoying a full picnic.
- ✓ Feel the traditions and joy of our people.
- ✓ Get amazing prizes and gifts from our collaborating companies.
- ✓ Share beautiful moments with hiking lovers from all over the world.

6 routes around the best places on the island have been designed for participants, who can enjoy and discover this small island. One of these routes will be the astronomic route, where you will be fascinated by our starry sky and our #StarlightDestination.



Sign up now and secure your place on the international reference hiking festival. It includes transport, picnic, gifts, tasting, insurance, English and German speaking guides and an unforgettable experience! www.grancanariawalkingfestival.com

Discover the natural side of Gran Canaria: www.grancanarianaturalandactive.com

Much more than hiking!

Erasmus+ funded project #Good governance in Sport

This project will be a survey of national and European sport organisations' websites. ERA was selected. First, a questionnaire will come. Then an analysis on behalf of the project team of the web pages, based on the following criteria will be arranged: available information about organizational management, vision, goals; people involved in the organisation management; financial management; specific policies such as non-discrimination, focus on the participation of people with disabilities etc. The results should help the leaders of national and European sports' organisations develop good governance of Sport. The results will be published for all interested bodies and presented at the conference in Sofia in 2020.

Balkan Mountaineering Union's meeting

On 11 May, the 19th meeting of Balkan Mountaineering Union was held in Bursa (Turkey). Nine ERA member organisations were present. ERA's activities as an extra topic of the meeting agenda were presented.

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