



ERA European Ramblers' Association

EWV Europäische Wandervereinigung

FERP Fédération Européenne de la Randonnée Pédestre

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ERA conference in Luxembourg

From 27th to 30th September 2018 the 49th ERA conference was held in Echternach (L) which attracted 102 participants from 44 organisations in 25 European countries. At the General Meeting, the delegates welcomed a record number of new organisations: Berner Wanderwege (CH), Lauku Ceļotājs (LV), Mountain Club of Nizhny Novgorod (RUS) and 3 regional tourism organisations from Luxembourg: Mullerthal, Eislek and Guttland. At present, ERA has 63 member organisations in 34 European countries. At the meeting, an updated document „Leading Quality Trails – Best of Europe and the ERA member organisation’s involvement“ giving a standard process for the LQT-BE requalification was approved. This year, 7 know-how sessions was presented.

The Minute of the General Meeting and links to the Know-how session presentations are published on the ERA website.

The participants had the opportunity to walk on LQT-BE Mullerthal trail or to visit the crossing point of E2 and E3. A big thank you to the Ministry for the Economy-Directorate general Tourism and the Regional Tourist Office – Région Mullerthal-Petite Suisse Luxembourgeoise for a warm welcome and wonderful hospitality with good arrangements made for the meetings and the associated programme.

ERA strategy

The first version of the new ERA strategy was presented and agreed by delegates to be further developed and presented for final approval at the next General Meeting on 19 October 2019.

Member organisations can send their requests or comments on the strategy documents to the ERA office by the 31 December 2018.



European Winter Walking Days in Tirol

Today winter walking is the second most important holiday activity for guests in Tirol after skiing. ERA has therefore arranged an exclusive partnership with the Tirol Werbung GmbH for the organization of the next three European winter walking days. In addition to the first walking day in 2019, there will be winter walking days in 2021 in the winter walking village of Kartitsch in East Tyrol and in 2023 in the Kitzbühel Alps Pillerseetal, which are alternating with the German winter walking days. ERA invites you to the 1st European Winter Walking Days which will be held in one month's time from 17th to 20th January 2019, in Kitzbühel Alps, in Kirchdorf in Tirol. You can explore the region on a variety of guided winter walking tours or snow-shoe walks, far away from the ski pistes; enjoy making your first turns on the unspoilt slopes during a ski tour, or follow in the footsteps of the legendary Koasalauf. The trips take from 1.5 to 5 hours on varied trails. You can design the programme for yourself.

A detailed programme and booking form are available at:

<https://www.kitzbueheler-alpen.com/en/st-johann/winter/european-winter-hiking-days.html>



EUFED – new ERA partner

A new contract between ERA and the European Federation of Youth Hostel Associations (represented by Gerhard Koller, the president of EUFED) was signed during the General Meeting. EUFED is a non-profit making association with it's mission to develop the cooperation and networking of European Youth Hostel Associations based on common youth hostelling values and economic sustainability. EUFED supports the promotion of all young people of all nations, but especially young people of limited means, by encouraging in them a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside and an appreciation of the cultural values of towns and cities in all parts of the world, and as an ancillary therefore to provide hostels or other accommodation. More about EUFED: www.eufed.org



European Path Meeting in Tarifa

The Andalusian Federation of Mountaineering (FAM) in cooperation with the local authorities welcomes you to celebrate the opening of the Crossing Point of the three large European Paths:

E12 - Arco Mediterráneo, E9 – Arco Atlántico and E4 - Sendero Sierras Mediterráneas, at the coastal town of Tarifa, between 22th - 24th March 2019, where a unique event in Europe will be celebrated. The participants will enjoy walks on three important European paths plus workshops about these paths. A monument dedicated to rambling will be unveiled at the most southern point of continental Europe. Two programmes will be offered, a three-day program and a seven-day one.

More details are here: secretaria@fedamon.com

Registration & Info: <https://fedamononline.com/eventos/event/encuentro-de-senderos-europeos/>



E9 in Latvia

The ERA members Lauku Celotajs from Latvia and Eesti Matkaliit from Estonia cooperated on the extension of E9 along the Baltic coastline. This section, called „Hiking Route along the Baltic Sea Coastline in Latvia and Estonia“ was created on the basis of the Leading Quality Trails – Best of Europe standards. It covers the whole Latvian coast and the majority of the Estonian coast, in total more than 1,200 kms of walking possibilities on/along the sandy and stony



beaches, cliffs, historical towns, fisherman villages and two European capitals: Riga and Tallinn.

The detailed online map and practical info are available on: <https://coastalhiking.eu/en>

Sign posting E-paths

ERA office looked at the possibility of producing centrally a universal E-paths logo for E-paths to support the standing waymarking with the special plate advising of the E-path. A company was found which produces plates as a sandwich of two aluminium layers with a polyethylene core. The price for plates, hanging system and stickers is available on request at: secretariat@era-ewv-ferp.com



The ERA office will record interest from MOs to make a bulk order at a discount.

E-paths in Finland

Suomen Laturi (FIN) decided to leave ERA at the end of 2017. The ERA presidium has advised, that ERA cannot now take responsibility for E6 and E10 in Finland, because of no ERA member organisations in this country.

LQT network meeting – evaluation

The 4th LQT network meeting was held from 4th - 7th November 2018 on Mt. Bjelašnica (BIH), organised by the Terra Dinarica team, responsible for the Via Dinarica in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The updated involvement of ERA member organisations in the LQT process, the updated LQT-Best of Europe's logo and criteria update in 2019, EU-programmes for funding, new LQT brochure for 2019 and experience exchanges were on the agenda. Beautiful landscapes were discovered. We hope to welcome Via Dinarica in Bosnia and Herzegovina to the LQT-BE group soon.

LQT certification – Donauberglandweg

In September 2018 the 15th Leading Quality Trail – Best of Europe called “Donauberglandweg” was certified. The mountainous back country around the Danube (Donaubergland) is one of the most appealing, scenic regions in Baden-Württemberg (D). Hikers can experience the highest mountains of the Swabian Alb, the deepest valleys, ruins, fortresses and castles, the romantic Danube in all its fascinating variety in this region. The Donauberglandweg is approximately 60 kilometers long and reveals the beauties of the region in 4 diversified day trips. Among more than 100 “quality trails”, this is one of the most beautiful ones in Germany. The German walking community awarded it second place in 2013. More information: www.donaubergland.de



50th ERA conference

The next, jubilee conference will be held from 17th – 20th October 2019 in Bad Urach (D). Details about the inscription and the special event organised for the 50th ERA anniversary will be announced in the next newsletter. The first information about the event can be answered here:

era2019@schwaebischer-albverein.de



EURORANDO 2021

The delegates at the conference in Luxembourg expressed their interest in organising the event EURORANDO 2021. The deadline for the applications is the 31 December 2018. The ERA office hasn't received any proposal as yet.

New newsletter look

Due to different new technologies everything changes to look as simple and efficient as possible for the users. Therefore we have decided to change the style of our newsletter so that it read easily on smart phone devices. You can therefore look forward to the new look of the ERA newsletter from the year 2019.

New-years-wish

ERA wishes to its member organisations, delegates, members of the Working groups and supporting partners bright and cheerful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year 2019!

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