



ERA European Ramblers' Association

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FERP Fédération Européenne de la Randonnée Pédestre

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EURORANDO 2016

The ERA presidium has completed their final evaluation of Eurorando at its meeting in Prague at the end of January 2017.

Walks:

The Eurorando walks were introduced in 2011 and were from the beginning a real pan-European event.

From September 2010 to September 2011 18 MOs organised more than 380 walks. KCT from Czech Republic alone did 168 walks.

Statistics shows that more than 62,000 walkers participated in a Eurorando walk. Several walks even had participants from several countries. The biggest event was in Slovenia with more than 3,000 participants.

The aim for Eurorando 2016 walks was to 500 walks and 100,000 participants.

But the results looked very different: many more walks, more MOs involved and less number of participants.

The MOs, who decided to participate in the walks, have done a great promotion of the event and the coordinators have played an important role to collect data.

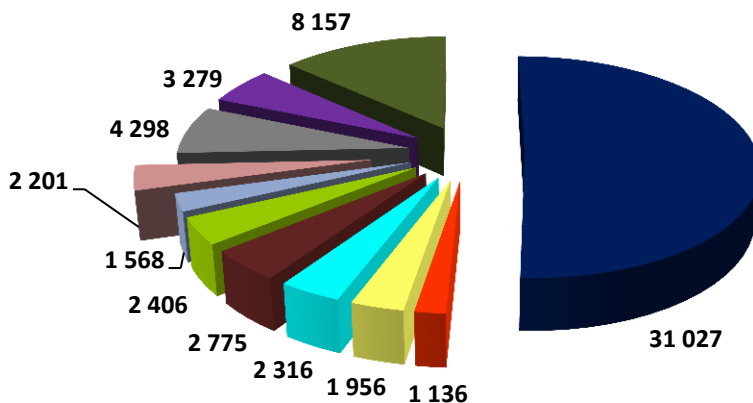
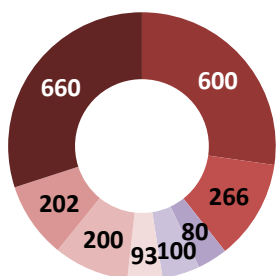
Smaller organisations have decided to participate and used the walks to show their international connections with a big success.

I think we can conclude that the Eurorando walks have been a great success and the aims of ERA to encourage closer cooperation among European walkers have been fulfilled.

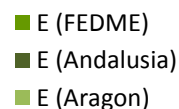
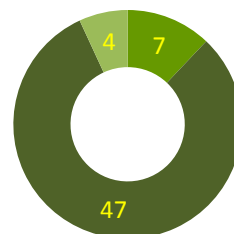
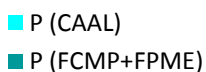
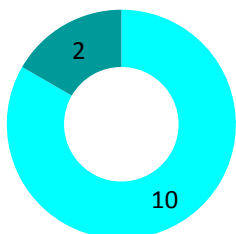
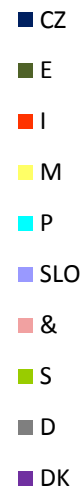
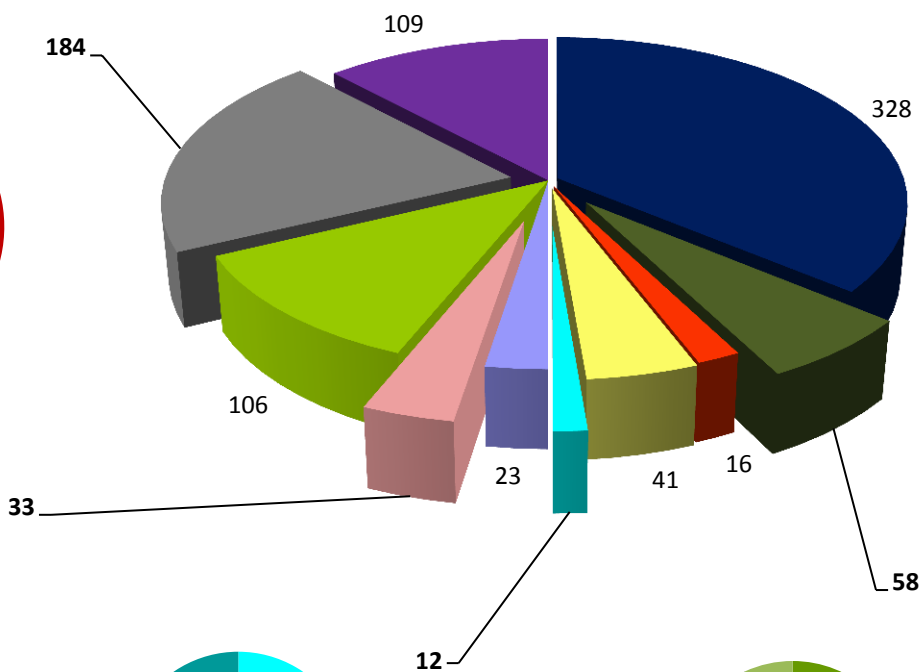
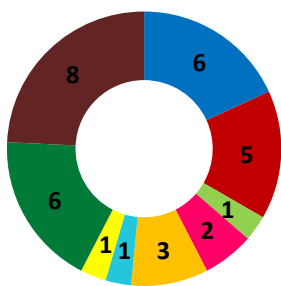
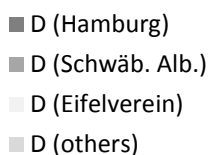
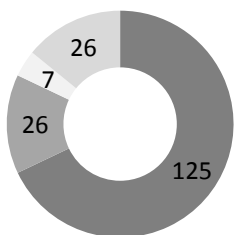


17 countries
24 MOs
85 reports
910 walks
61,000 walkers

Walks – participants



Walks – numbers



Final week:

The region was crowned with sunshine and unusually warm weather. All visitors got the best introduction to walking in Skåne.



It was a good week – well organised (despite the problems with bus and lunch packages). The host presented their region and traditions in a charming way.

Eurorando is an opportunity to meet other walkers and discover a new part of Europe. Traditions in Europe are more different - as a majority of the walkers think they are – but problems are here to be solved (and communication is the most important tools).

“Expectations” from participants:

- It is like home – just bigger and better
- We want to walk and experience a lot of the landscape
- We want to be mainly tourists and take many pictures
- The rules for walking, safety, waymarking is like home
- It is not too expensive
- The local guides can speak all languages and know everything
- We don't need to ask for everything when we book walks, transportation and accommodation – they know what we want (like home)
- We don't need to read everything in “small letters”.

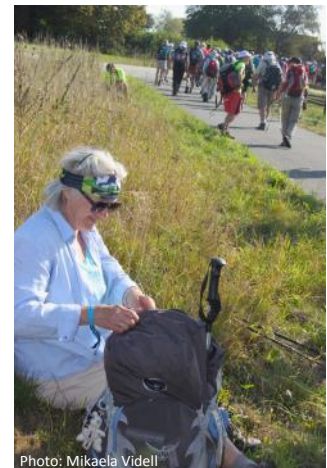


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We have learned:

- ERA must be more visible
- The opening and closing ceremony must last longer and have a bigger ERA-content
- Everything must be in 3 languages (+ host language)
- The area for walks and accommodation must not be too big
- A central meeting place - open all evenings - can be good
- Walking in large groups (100-400 persons) with more nationalities is fine
- A parade at the end might be a good idea
- We want more than 3,000 participants
- The local MO must be visible and very active at the event



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EURORANDO 2021

The presidium at its meeting in January 2017 approved the organisation of the EURORANDO 2021. The whole event will be split into two parts – Eurorando walks in Europe, organised by the member organisations during the whole year, and the Eurorando final week. The proposed theme is “Friendship”. The list of conditions for the host in 2021 is available on the ERA website or on request in the ERA office. Deadline for bids is the 1 August 2017. Then the host of EURORANDO 2021 will be decided shortly after the ERA conference in Romania.



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European Week of Sport - #beActive

ERA – as a partner with the European Commission – encourages the member organisations to take part in this great pan-European event. It takes place annually from 23-30 September. If you have some walks during that week, just use them for this programme. You must contact your national coordinator to be registered.



It is important that the walkers show that our sort of physical activity is just as valuable as all other sorts of sports. Outdoor activity is one of the official themes for the week. You can find more information at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/>

New categories for funding

The next time it will be possible to apply for funding from the Erasmus+ programme is 6 April 2017. The new category “Small collaborative partnerships” might be interesting for many members of ERA. Here you only need to have 3 countries involved and 3 non-profit making organisations.

The category “Non-for-profit European Sports Events” might also be interesting.

The presentations from the Sport Info Day 31 January 2017 can be found here if you want to learn more:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/home/erasmus-plus/events/sport-infoday-31-january-2017_en

The Tenerife Walking Festival will take place from May 23th to 27th 2017.

This is a Festival open to nature lovers from all over the world. The Festival combines daily hikes along some of the natural places of the Island with a program of cultural, social and gastronomic activities. A great event to be enjoyed with your usual hiking group, with your family or even on your own.



Tenerife is a well-known tourist destination in Europe, receiving millions of visitors every year who come to experience its countless attractions. Tenerife’s varied landscape and spring temperature (with an average temperature of 23 degrees centigrade) make it an ideal destination to go hiking, with over 1,500 kilometres of trails. Apart from hiking, the festival will let share experiences at the participants’ meeting point.



The festival features 20 different hikes or rambles to go on alternate days. Thus, you will be able to join the hikes you find more interesting and attractive. A professional guiding service will be provided. The hikes fall into three categories: coastal, volcanic and forest hikes.

Tenerife Walking Festival is organised by Cabildo Insular de Tenerife (the Council of Tenerife) through Turismo de Tenerife (Council of Tourism of Tenerife).

The registration and more information at:

www.tenerifewalkingfestival.com



ERA conference 2017 in Brasov

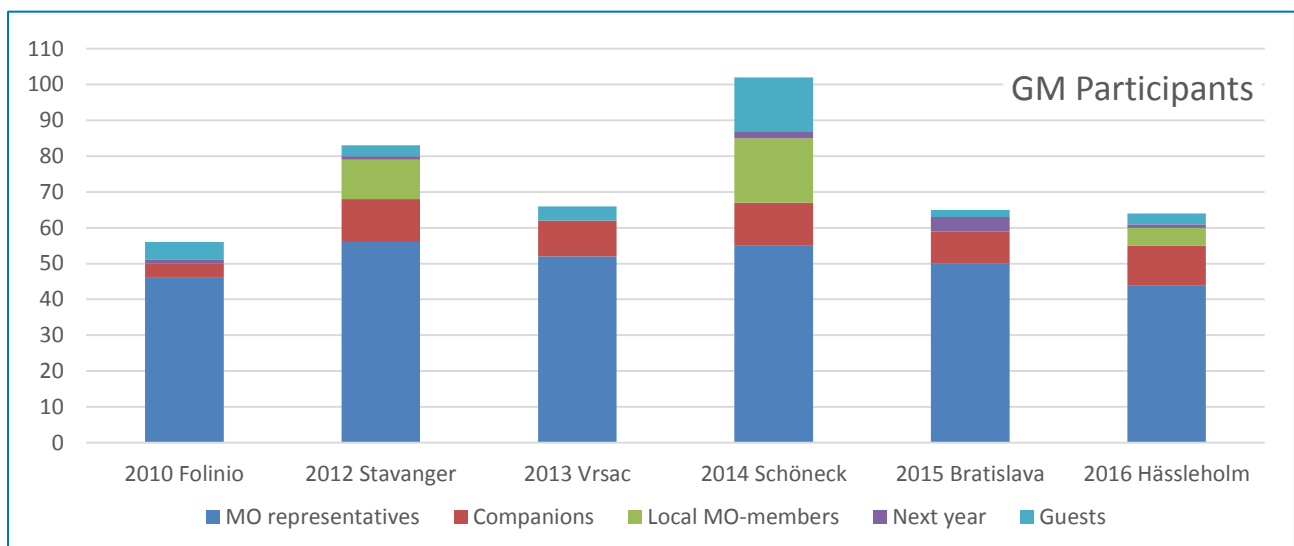
The 48th ERA conference will be held from 28 Sept. to 1 Oct. 2017 in Brasov, Romania. The organiser is Asociația Carpatină Ardeleană a Turiștilor - Siebenbürgischer Karpatenverein (SKV). Detailed description of the programme, prices, registration and list of FAQ will be available on the ERA website from 6 March 2017. The deadline for the registration is the 15 August 2017. The official invitations from ERA will follow 8 weeks before the General Meeting. The proposals must reach the ERA office 6 weeks before the General Meeting (19 August 2017). Programmes for extra days: www.era-ewv-ferp.com/era/era-conferences/

Transylvania tours in 2017

Asociația Carpatină Ardeleană a Turiștilor - SKV presents a part of Europe which is less known that is why SKV now provides you with a variety of tour offers of different durations and degree of difficulty. The offers for individuals or groups refer to the period June-October 2017 including the period of the ERA conference. More information available on the ERA website at: www.era-ewv-ferp.com/events/members-events/

Graph of participants on the conferences

ERA has made an overview of the participants in ERA conferences in last years. We would like to thank the member organisations that actively participate in the conferences and support our activity or offer their own ideas. The members we have missed for some years are very welcome in Brasov, where they can meet with the new ERA President and contribute to the survey, which is focused on expectations of member organisations and future ERA directions.



Catalonia Trek Festival

The Catalonia Trek Festival will be held from 30 April to 7 May 2017 in Roses, Costa Brava. There is a prepared special walk and festive dinner on Wednesday, the 3 May 2017. The deadline for reservations is 15 March 2017 to the organisers. The detailed programme and additional information for the festival is available on the website: www.cataloniatrekfestival.cat



Ü 30 wandern (Walking over 30)

Schwäbischer Albverein has started a new programme to involve younger walkers in their organisations. They invite walkers 30-50 years to special walks and other social events. The campaign is for both existing members and guests. Learn more at <http://wandern.albverein.net/ue-30-wanderungen/> (only in German).

They also highlight their number of walks over 30 kms. There is a growing group in Germany who want more demanding walks like marathons, 24-hour-walks or long-distance-walks. Find the programme for 2017 at <http://wandern.albverein.net/files/2016/12/Sportliche-Wanderungen.pdf>



New E-paths map

A new E-paths map will be produced in 2017. The member organisations are requested to send information about the changes of all E-paths since the last publication of the map in 2010 (see the picture) – if they have not done that already. The documentation must be forwarded to the ERA office before 1 April 2017. The changes/new sections have to be drawn on a map. We ask for your co-operation in order to produce the fully updated map. The map will be published in paper and offered in a digital version too.



ERA new seat address

The offices of the Deutscher Wanderverband e.V. (DWV) and its Service GmbH are moving to a new address in Kassel. The change will be valid from 1 March 2017. It means that the ERA seat changes its address too:

Europäische Wandervereinigung e.V.
Kleine Rosenstr. 1-3
D-34117 Kassel

The address of the ERA office in Prag is still:
Europäische Wandervereinigung e.V.
c/o Klub českých turistů
Revoluční 1056/8a
CZ-110 00 Praha 1



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Hubert Yseboodt and Frank Schlinzig

In the last period ERA misses two great names.

Frank Schlinzig, the former chairman of the ERA Path commission from the years 1997 – 2007 and the representative of the Deutscher Wanderverband, passed away the 29 December 2016. He maintained the network of trails on the regional, German and Europe-wide level for many, many years.



Hubert Yseboodt, the ERA honorary President and the representant of the Grote Routepaden, passed away on 10 January 2017. He gave his heart fully to ERA, where he was active for 36 years in total, 23 years of it he worked in the Presidium and between 1994 - 1997 he carried out the position of the ERA President.



New names for the French member organisations

FFRP has since January 2017 modified and renamed its regions.

Comité régional de Picardie – new: Comité régional Hauts-de-France, Amiens

Comité régional de Lorraine – new : Comité régional Grand Est, Tomblaine

Comité régional du Languedoc-Roussillon – new : Comité régional Occitanie, Labège

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