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executives and professionals in
protected areas

Conference & expert exchange

*“Protected Area Management: Global Innovative Approaches
& Highlights from Austria – focusing on financial aspects”*

18th July 2017, 9:30 – 17:00
Klagenfurt, Austria

Keynote presentations, Posters, and Panel discussion

Purpose: **Share experiences and “secrets” on successful protected area management;**

Emphasize the relevance of multi-stakeholder approaches, ecosystem services, economic and social issues;

Initiate dialogue on innovative management approaches among scientists, practitioners and policy makers.

Conference format: Impulse presentations by successful practitioners; Scientific inputs; Working session on good practice examples; Poster presentation; Panel discussion.

Registration fee: 90 Euro

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Agenda

Venue: Lakeside Campus, B11, 2nd floor, room Lilienfeldt

Moderation: Mike Huber, E.C.O. Institute of Ecology

- 9:30 – 10:00** **Registration & Welcome coffee**
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Welcome remarks**
Andrej Sovinc, IUCN WCPA Regional Vice-Chair Europe
Introduction to protected area systems and financing in Austria
Michael Jungmeier, CEO. of E.C.O. Institute of Ecology
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Welcome address: Relevance and situation of protected area management in Austria**, Viktoria Hasler, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
- 10:45 – 12:30** **Innovations in managing and financing protected areas – Practical examples**
- **“Transect/key projects” as income source and networking platform** – Example: “Lechtalweg” in the Nature Park Lechtal, Günter Salchner, Verein Regionalentwicklung Außerfern
 - **Financing model and contributions to the regional economic development** - – Example: Biosphere Reserve Walsertal, Christine Klenovec, Manager of the Biosphere Reserve Walsertal
 - **PA as an enterprise (+ LEADER/INTERREG funds)** – Example: Marketing of extensive orchard products, Oliver Gulas, Naturpark Eisenwurzen
 - **Legal structures supporting additional income sources** – Example: National Park Hohe Tauern, Peter Rupitsch, Nationalpark Hohe Tauern
 - **Moderated discussion, Q & A**
- 12:30 – 13:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:00** **Exchange-Forum: Effective financial management of protected areas**
- Forum I: Legal and structural prerequisites for innovative financing
Forum II: Multi-stakeholder involvement in conservation activities (volunteers, general public, private sector, etc.)
Forum II: Options for public funding and other income sources
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Coffee break**
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Market place/poster session: Good practice examples from abroad**
- 16:00 – 17:00** **Panel discussion**
Promising approaches for protected area financing from Austria and abroad
Andrej Sovinc, IUCN WCPA Regional Vice-Chair Europe
Viktoria Hasler, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
Dr. Francis Vorhies, Executive Director of Earthmind
Peter Rupitsch, Director of National Park Hohe Tauern
Michael Jungmeier, CEO. of E.C.O. Institute of Ecology
Guest seat
- 17:00** **Networking in relaxed atmosphere**