

Building the Euro-Mediterranean Federation of Parks and Reserves

The process for creating a "Euro-Mediterranean Federation of Parks and Reserves", launched in 2008 by the Standing Committee for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities (COPPEM) and the Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves (FEDERPARCHI) continues to improve. In the promoting committee are currently involved 37 Mediterranean countries. The finalization of this creation process is planned for the end of 2011, with the Federation's official establishment.

The 500 parks and thousands of natural reserves of the Mediterranean countries represent one of the largest concentration of protected areas worldwide, to implement management practices of sustainability and conservation of biodiversity and traditional landscapes.

The Federation will be an important instrument to link together parks and natural reserves of the Mediterranean region. It will play a key role in the valorisation of natural resources, improving law formulation, exchange of experiences and the implementation of joint projects between the Euro-Mediterranean countries.

For more information

Institution of Euro-Mediterranean parks and reserves Federation Project

Standing Committee for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities

Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves

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