



**TRANSBOUNDARY ECOREGION JULIAN ALPS
TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK WITH UNESCO MAB AREA JULIAN ALPS AREA -
PREALPI GIULIE NATURE PARK**

A new vision

Triglav National Park with Unesco MAB Biosphere Area Julian Alps area in Slovenia and Prealpi Giulie Nature Park in Italy have been established to protect nature and preserve cultural landscape.

In addition to their primary purpose, the parks are a place for research, education, and experience of nature, as well as for testing and implementing new paths of sustainability. Nature and landscape features are an attractive visitor destination. Both parks are key players in the protection and sustainable development of the region and shall be recognized as environmental, economic and social models of sustainable development in protected areas in their countries, as well as in cross-border cooperation.

In view of this we can say that Europarc TB certification was reconfirmed in order to enforce the protection and enhancement of nature, landscape and cultural heritage and promotion of local sustainable development. Public and private stakeholders, especially those representing local communities, are involved and privileged; relationships with younger generations are strengthened. For a long time concrete joint projects related to nature protection, flora and wildlife monitoring, environmental information, climate changes, ecological connectivity, land planning, enhancing of cultural heritage, typical local products, and tourism promotion have been taking place. Furthermore, the Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps is committed to the implementation of environmental education, cooperation on cultural issues and common mutual understanding.

In order to have/promote/support the existence of a single cross-border Julian Alps Biosphere Area, Triglav National Park with Unesco MAB Biosphere Area Julian Alps supports the candidature of the 11 municipalities led by the Prealpi Giulie Nature Park, to be recognized as a new Italian MAB. Triglav National Park is the management authority of a Natura 2000 area, and Prealpi Giulie Nature Park is striving to become one.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2009 Europarc certified the Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps as a joint project/area/region of the two Parks and the Slovenian Unesco MAB Biosphere Area of the Julian Alps.

In 2014 the Alpine Convention recognized the whole area as a transboundary pilot region for ecological connectivity while Europarc re-confirmed the transboundary protected area.

In 2016 Europarc certified the Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps as first European transboundary protected area to be awarded with the European Charter for the Sustainable Tourism (ECST).

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