



EUROPEAN RANGER FEDERATION

ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

1. Guidelines

- *The European Ranger Federation as the umbrella organisation of all Rangers in Europe has the claim to develop into a largely environmentally compatible NGO*
- *We offer win-win-strategies*

Among many other tasks, Rangers are mediators between people and nature. As a rule, they work face-to-face (ftf). It is important to the national and international Ranger associations that experienced Rangers meet ftf with other Rangers in the context of further training, twinning projects, partnerships and sponsorships. This also applies to Ranger congresses. Not all ftf initiatives can be successfully replaced by digital offerings. In order to make personal encounters possible in the future as well, and at the same time to reduce the ecological footprint as much as possible, the ERF is launching an initiative together with its members and partner organisations to operate as environmentally friendly as possible until the ERC 2028. Additionally to enhance the usage of less carbon emitting transport means for ftf meetings, the ERF is keen to promote together with different partners promising projects to reduce the ecological footprint in the long run.

2. Possible Projects and Partner

On the way to sustainable and climate-neutral behaviour, the ERF has made important experiences in recent years. The following project ideas are considered particularly promising for the future:

- Conservation projects in general, but especially in cooperation with Junior Rangers and Volunteers
- Projects for the protection and support for Rangers and Families in remote protected areas
- Community-based nature protection projects
- Promotion of projects of Nature Interpretation initiatives with locals related to the above-mentioned points



Examples of partners who need support:

- The Junior Ranger Project in Botswana of the Knyphausen Foundation (www.Knyphausen-Stiftung.org. www.consafarity.com)
- Project ideas from The Thin Green Line Foundation (<https://thingreenline.org.au/our-work/programs/>)
- Projects of the Foundation Conservation Carpathia (www.carpathia.org)

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3. Strategy and steps until 2028

How to get money?

- From partners like big companies, or single persons (via fundraising)
- From members, participants from trainings, congresses (via fee)
- Of budget plans about requested projects, so that donors already take over a small part of them
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When do we start? Steps till 2028...

- First small steps on our way to the WRC 2024 in France (invitation of project partners – contact and discussion about the initiative)
- Workshop and conclusions at the next ERC 2025
- Presentation of ideas and first results at the WRC 2027
- Presentation of a clear concept at the ERC 2028

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