

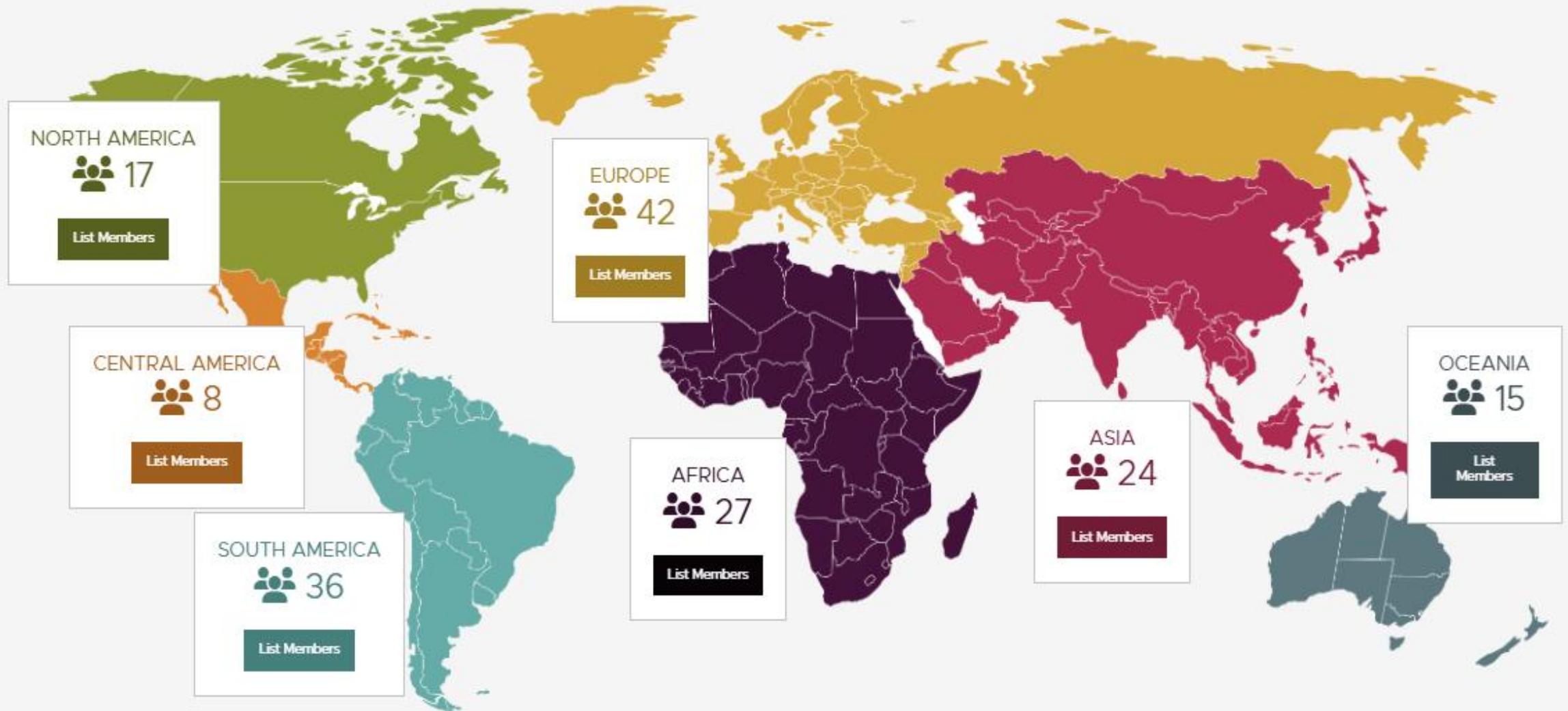


# News of the ERF



# Our Members

At the International Ranger Federation we have over 160 member organisations across our seven regions





# ERF-Members



- ERF Members 40
- Approximately 25.000
- Members in National Associations about 5.500

Logo	Country	Association	Website	Facebook	Prov
	Albania	Albania National Parks Association			
	Croatia	Croatia Association of Supervisors and Guardians of Nature			
	Czech Republic	Asociace Strazcu Prirody CR			
	Denmark	Danish Nature Interpretation Association			
	England/Wales/ Northern Ireland	Countryside Management Association (CMA)			
	Finland	Suomen RANGERT			
	Finland	ProReposeli			
	France	Gardes Nature de France			
	Georgia	Georgian Ranger Association			
	Germany	Bundesverband Naturwacht e.V.	<a href="http://www.bundesve">http://www.bundesve</a>		
	Iceland	Landvarðafélag Íslands	<a href="http://www.landverdi">http://www.landverdi</a>		
	Israel	The Hai Bar, Israel Nature and Heritage Association	<a href="http://www.inhf.org.il">http://www.inhf.org.il</a>		
	Italy	Associazione Italiana Guardie dei Parchi e delle Aree Protette (AIGAP)	<a href="http://www.guardiap">http://www.guardiap</a>		
	Northern/Southern Ireland	Ranger Association of Ireland	N/A		
	Poland	Polskie Towarzystwo Szukb Ochrony Przyrody (PTSOP)	<a href="http://www.ptsop.org">http://www.ptsop.org</a>		
	Portugal	Associação Portuguesa de Guardas e Vigilantes da Natureza (APGVN)	<a href="http://www.apgvn.bc">http://www.apgvn.bc</a>		
	Romania	Romanian Ranger Association	<a href="http://www.ranger.ro">http://www.ranger.ro</a>		
	Russia	Rangers Association of Russia	N/A		
	Scotland	Scottish Countryside Rangers Association	<a href="https://scra-online.cc">https://scra-online.cc</a>		
	Austria	European Wilderness Society	<a href="https://wilderness-society.org">https://wilderness-society.org</a>	Facebook	3 - Ass
	Bulgaria	National Protected Areas Control Agency	<a href="https://controlagency.eu">https://controlagency.eu</a>	Fa	
	Cambridge, United Kingdom	Fauna and Flora International	<a href="https://www.fauna-flora.org/">https://www.fauna-flora.org/</a>	Fa	
	Czech Republic	Green Project (Forest for Children)	<a href="http://greenproject.org/forest-for-children/">http://greenproject.org/forest-for-children/</a>	Fa	
	England (Europe)	Force for Nature	<a href="http://www.forcefornature.org">http://www.forcefornature.org</a>	Fa	
	Hungary	Hungarian Ranger Association	N/A	Ni	
	Italy	Volontari d'Europa - Onlus	<a href="http://www.volontari-europe.org">http://www.volontari-europe.org</a>	Fa	
	Lebanon	Wolves of Lebanon	<a href="http://wolvesoflebanon.org/">http://wolvesoflebanon.org/</a>	Fa	
	London	Zoological Society of London	<a href="http://www.zsl.org">http://www.zsl.org</a>	Fa	
	Luxembourg	Deutscher Naturpark	<a href="https://www.naturpark-sure.lu/">https://www.naturpark-sure.lu/</a>	Fa	
	Netherlands	Ranger Campus Foundation	<a href="https://rangercampus.org/">https://rangercampus.org/</a>	Fa	
	Shafton, London	The SockStar Project	<a href="http://www.thesockstarproject.org">http://www.thesockstarproject.org</a>	Ni	
	Sweden	Anti-Poaching Unit Foundation Sweden (APUF)	<a href="http://www.anti-poachingunit.org">http://www.anti-poachingunit.org</a>	Fa	
	Slovakia	Slovak Rangers Association	<a href="http://www.strazprrody.sk">http://www.strazprrody.sk</a>	N/A	1 - Full
	Spain	Asociación Española de Agentes Forestales y Medioambientales (AEAFMA)	<a href="http://www.aeafma.es/">http://www.aeafma.es/</a>	Facebook	1 - Full
	Sweden	Svenska Ranger- och Naturvårdsföreningen	<a href="https://www.swedish-rangers.se/">https://www.swedish-rangers.se/</a>	Facebook	1 - Full
	Switzerland	Swiss Rangers	<a href="http://www.swiss-rangers.ch">http://www.swiss-rangers.ch</a>	Facebook	1 - Full
	Malta	Malta Ranger Unit	N/A	Facebook	2 - Prov
	Serbia	Ranger Association of Vojvodina	N/A	N/A	2 - Prov
	Austria	Austrian Ranger Association	N/A	N/A	2 - Prov
	Austria	European Wilderness Society	<a href="https://wilderness-society.org">https://wilderness-society.org</a>	Facebook	3 - Ass



# The ERF Team



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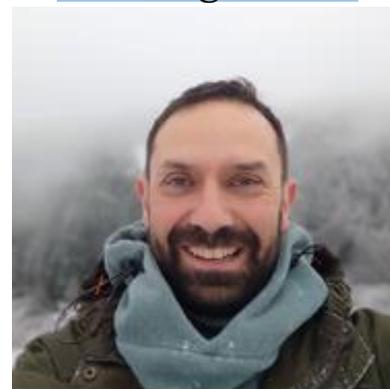
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# Twinning Projects/Partnerships



- Exchanges
- Skill transfer
- Equipment transfer
- Financial support
- Trainings/Workshops



Twinning Project Germany-Israel



Partnership Germany-El Salvador



# Twinning Projects



## Existing TWINNING-programs

Twinning-agreements		status
Portugal	Spain	officially declared
Schwizerland	Albania	officially declared
Portugal	Croatia	officially declared
Rumania	Iceland	officially declared
Germany	Israel	officially declared
Check Republic	Germany	officially declared
Check Republic	Slovakia	officially declared
England	Georgia	in planning
England	Ireland	in planning
Moldova	Romania	officially declared

Complete?

<https://www.europeanrangers.org/projects/twinning-programs/>



# Ceremony Twinning MD & RO World Ranger Congress (October 2024)





# Twining MD & RO First Results (May 2025)



European R

Ranger Course - ProPark Foundation

January - May 2025 (16 RO + 2 MD rangers trained!)



# Press and Media Work - Networking 2023



## *Rangers meet Rangers*

interviews, reports, portraits, flyer, Newsletter, Social Media ...



### TWINNINGS AT A GLANCE

The Twinning Program is an initiative that exists for the transfer of knowledge, experience and skills between ERF and IRF Member Associations.

Through our worldwide network of partnerships from different regions, we are joining together for regular exchange.

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Monitoring by rangers allows reconstruction of a wolf's record migration

#### Recent Highlights

- Monitoring by rangers allows reconstruction of a wolf's record migration
- Two rangers, two projects: Without environmental and nature research
- ERF February newsletter
- Meet the European Rangers



Dear European rangers,  
How do you see yourself as a ranger? Species and habitat protector, mediator between man and nature, environmental educator, monitor of compliance with nature conservation regulations, first responder in environmental disasters and accidents, prosecutor of environmental crimes ... I could go on and on. But when it comes to how well you feel supported to fulfil your many duties, answers from rangers across Europe are usually



## How to start a new Ranger Association

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**Ranger Leaves Program**



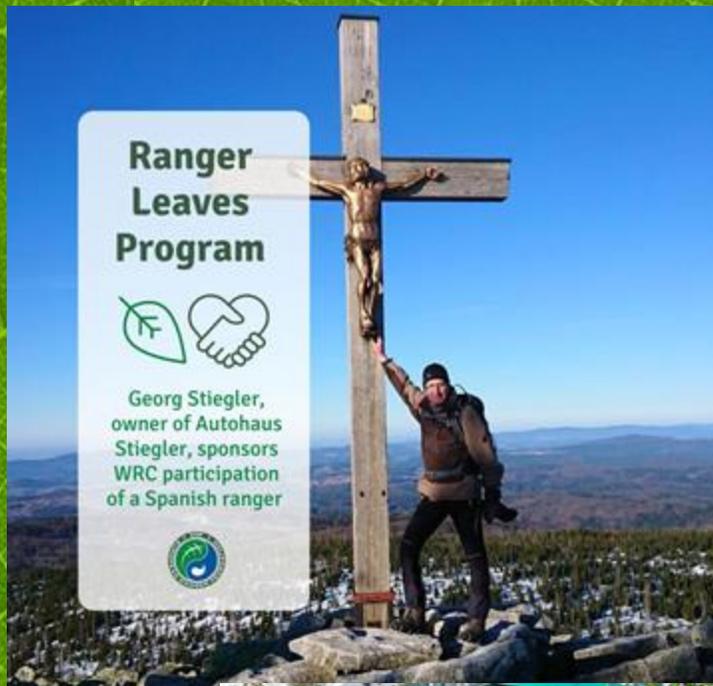
Donors strengthen roots of Ranger work via ERF Sponsorship Program



**Ranger Leaves Program**



Georg Stiegler, owner of Autohaus Stiegler, sponsors WRC participation of a Spanish ranger




**Rangers help Rangers**



Tomer Levy from SensoGuard on why he decided to support rangers via ERF's Ranger Leaves project




**Ranger Leaves Program**



Bernd Bayerköhler, Erlebnis Akademie, on the support of rangers from Czech Republic and Slovakia to join WRC




**Ranger Leaves Program**



Dorothea Ströbner from guesthouse Bischofsmühle supports participation of six Rangers at WRC





DRUCKHAUS  
HASPEL  
ERLANGEN .....



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# ERF's Vision 2030



## *General Vision*

*“Connecting Europe's Rangers  
to empower them in their work for Planetary Health  
and  
make their voices heard  
as Voice of Nature”*



# ERF - Vision 2030



**Goals BioDiv IRF / ERF are achieved**

**Better Acceptance of Ranger Work**

**More Rangers**

**Better paid and protected Rangers**

**More Female Rangers**

**Integration of Locals and Indigenous Peoples is improved**

**More Volunteer & Junior Rangers**

**More Twinning Projects**

**More Sponsorship & Partnership Projects**

**Best possible Ranger Network**

**Working Ranger Wikipedia**

**ERF's Ranger Academie (TRACE)**



# 6th European Ranger Congress topic:



*Rangers – the Voice of Nature:*

*Building a bridge between Local Communities and Nature Conservation*



# What we do...



- Face to Face Trainings (also send Trainers - less travel and accommodation costs)
- High quality Twinning Project Programs
- Digital Trainings, Webinars
- Ranger Wikipedia
- Podcast and so on
- Possibly various small offices at different locations, with different thematic focuses



# The greatest possible overlap between the **UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and Ranger tasks in Europe



- Biodiversity and Climate Change Problems
- To protect worthwhile sustainable development Areas (Eco Model Regions - Danube Delta as an example)
- To integrate local populations and communities into these areas
- To create successful plans for environmental education (Nature Interpretation and Storytelling) and monitoring tools
- To establish a successful global network for the exchange of experience by Rangers





Our main tasks to protect nature in Europe, on behalf of the global community, means that the

**“expertise of Europe’s Rangers needs to be improved in the following key areas”**



- Protection of the **World-Natural-Heritage-Site Beech Forests** of the Carpathian Mountains
- **Danube River Delta**, **Coast Areas** (also with regard to the protection of highly migratory species and reintroduction projects in rivers and oceans)
- Bird Migration over Europe
- Integration of local populations and communities, especially by trained Volunteer Rangers and Junior Rangers
- Training: “Close connection between natural and cultural assets to promote acceptance and integration of local populations and indigenous peoples”



## Main contents of our three-year initiative - **2025 - 27**



- Complex Topics of Biodiversity
- Safety and efficiency in ranger work
- Conflict management, Psychological Resilience & Mental Health
- Environmental Education, Nature Interpretation & Storytelling
- Protection of Landscapes and their Natural & Cultural Heritage
- To force ERF's network partners & ERF's special projects
- Costs overview Workshops & Training events  
(Support for participants) = 33.500 (without Ranger Wikipedia)



# Why Cooperation?



- Intensive professional exchange
- Networking of the rangers (International Workgroup Female Rangers)
- Joint training programmes (Integration Local Populations...)
- Generation of joint projects
- Improvement of the conservation objectives of our protected areas / species
- Integration of local populations / acceptance
- Improvement of the image (Mutual support, application and joint initiatives)



# Unique “selling point” of Rangers



- practical nature conservationists
- wide overview about nature conservation topics + storytelling abilities (transfer knowledge on eye-level to different target groups!)
- communication with local communities and their integration into nature conservation work
- "ground" policy-makers: talk with different people much more than any other NP employee or other "cabinet & paper-making" guys;
- have the opportunity to change people's minds and perception - which is very important now as people everywhere are full of fear and doubts and so support right-wing guys and other populists...
- rangers are in the field all the time and are best observers and data-collectors, changes first witnesses - and so the first responders to them.
- Rangers are the Face of Protected Areas and the goals of regional sustainable development



# And now some good questions...



What does it mean to a new National Ranger Association?

How does she prepare for this exciting task with great pleasure?

Together with the many other rangers of the large worldwide ranger family?

Keeping an eye on everything internationally, focusing on our own but remaining open across borders...







# About Team Spirit

