



# Empowering Communities

## ESD Strategies from European Protected Areas



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# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

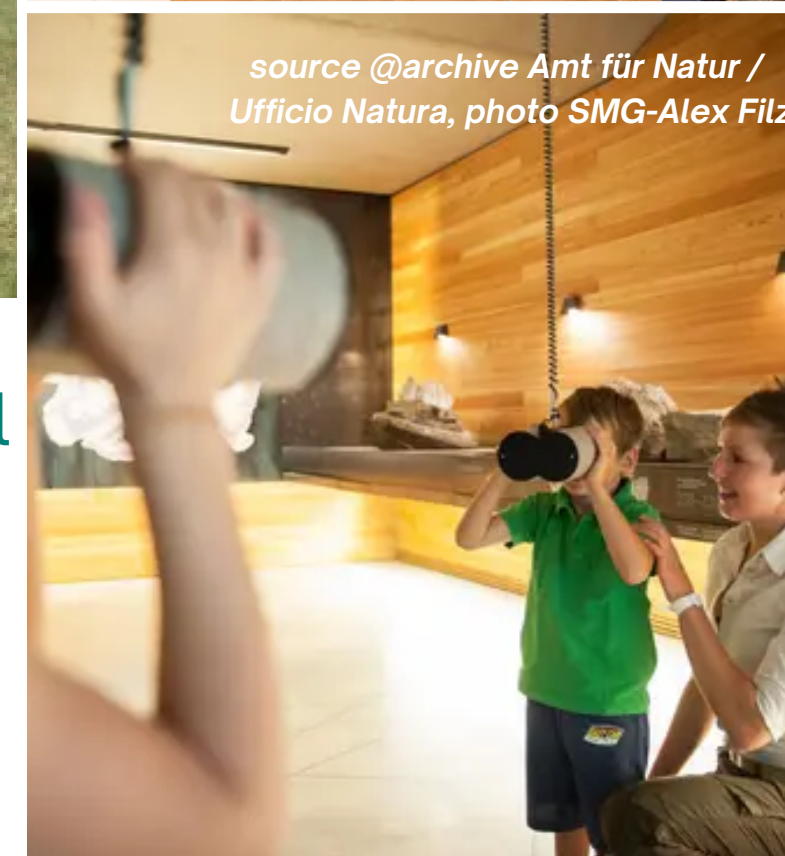


**01** Junior Ranger Program – EUROPARC Federation  
& European Ranger Federation

**02** Youth+ Program – EUROPARC Federation



# MARGINALIZED GROUPS ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



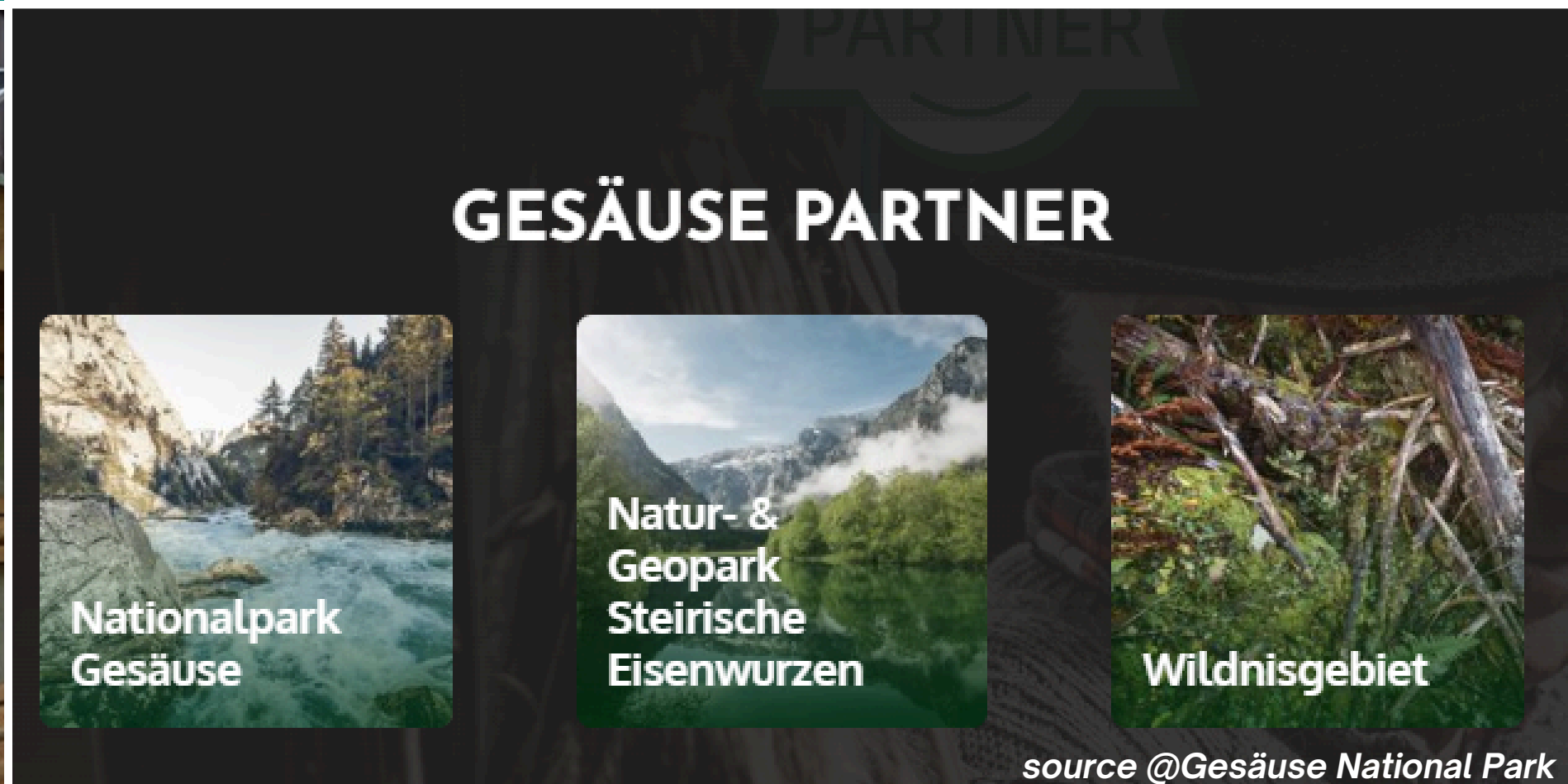
- 01 Dementia resource centre in Cairngorms National Park - Working with local NGOs
- 02 Stereoscopes installed on site provide a real view of the associated landscape



# LOCAL BUSINESSES ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



- 01 Cairngorms National Park brand charter scheme
- 02 Gesäuse Partners by Gesäuse National Park
- 03 Conservation Enterprise by Conservation Carpathia



source @Cairngorms National Park





# VOLUNTEERS ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



**EUROPEAN  
SOLIDARITY  
CORPS**

**THE POWER OF TOGETHER.**

- 01** Volunteers Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps
- 02** Lille Vildmose Volunteer Programme
- 03** Volunteers for the Geopark - Hateg Country UNESCO Global Geopark



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# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

*#CarpathianDay*



Events like **#CarpathianDay** are vital for bringing communities together to celebrate and engage with the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathians.

By gathering diverse stakeholders at such events, we foster a shared sense of responsibility and belonging, supporting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) by promoting sustainable practices that protect biodiversity, preserve traditions, and strengthen local livelihoods.