



**ERA European Ramblers' Association**

**EWV Europäische Wandervereinigung**

**FERP Fédération Européenne de la Randonnée Pédestre**

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**47<sup>th</sup> ERA conference in Hässleholm**

The meeting documents are published at the ERA homepage. The program, travel information and Frequent asked questions are also available there. One of the important items on the agenda to be approved is the resolution concerning Access to nature.

The Friday afternoon and evening will be spent partly outdoor, please bring warm and outdoor equipment. There wouldn't be a possibility to return to the hotel before the dinner.

Program of Know-How sessions:

Leading Quality Trails	FR DE	Access to nature - Working Group report	DE EN
European Week of Sport			ALL
Future directions of ERA – a first discussion			ALL
Criteria for smaller walks / walks for kids / theme-walks	DE EN	Walkers apps / social media – presentation of members solutions and experiences	FR EN

**Ambassador of Euroorando 2016 in Sweden**

Thérèse Dubosq from FFRandonnée has been walking since 9/5 from Paris to the final EURORANDO 2016 week in Helsingborg. She expects to cross the border from Germany to Denmark the 19/8. You can follow her on Facebook. The 3.300 km long walk is supported by FFRandonnée. Walking organisations along the trail have supported Thérèse with info, company and the accommodation planning. Lis Nielsen met her in Kiel the 12/8 and was amazed how fit she is. It is a fantastic walk she is doing and her experiences of the different landscapes and cultures she has passed are unbelievable. She has used the long-distance paths E3, E1 and E6 for her journey and so far has been walking across France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany.



### Eurorando in Skåne

It is still possible to book walks and accommodation for the big final week in Skåne. The organisers have created some attractive weekend packages and offer a lot of day walks.

Groups who are present at the opening and closing events are welcomed to bring their national banner to show the nations who are participating.

You can still be able to buy your EURORANDO t-shirt (men and women sizes) on the Eurorando homepage:

[www.eurorando2016.com/merchandise](http://www.eurorando2016.com/merchandise)

### Eurorando walks

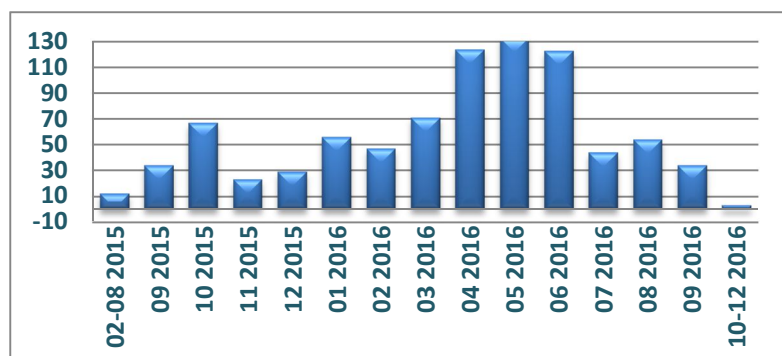
We still miss a lot of information about walks and numbers of participants in the period of 04-08/2016, but here are the results we got so till now (updated 19/8).

The final outcome is expected to be ready in January 2017.

A big thank you to all who have chosen to arrange Eurorando walks and to be part of this big pan-european event.

Eurorando walks per month:

state	walks	participants	reports
A	1	100	1
BG	1	600	0
CAT	6	26	2
CZ	285	33.317	8
D	181	2.603	8
DK	101	1.374	1
E	54	7.903	26
F	5	760	0
GB	6	172	4
HR	3	18	0
I	16	954	1
M	41	1.860	0
P	10	717	1
PL	1	200	0
RS	8	2.760	0
S	112	834	3
SK	2	266	1
SLO	21	1.254	16
	<b>854</b>	<b>55.718</b>	<b>72</b>



### Gran Canaria Walking Festival

The Gran Canaria Walking Festival is an annual event where walkers from all over the world will enjoy the island of Gran Canaria participating in walking tours along the mountains and rural areas. These walks will introduce to the participants the fascinating interior landscape full of mountains, valleys, rural paths, small villages and natural formations in their great variety. In combination with cultural activities included in the festival and the wonderful weather of Gran Canaria the participants of the festival will experience a wonderful week on the island. This year's edition of the festival takes place from 2<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

More information on [www.grancanariawalkingfestival.com/en/](http://www.grancanariawalkingfestival.com/en/)



[www.mongr.fr](http://www.mongr.fr)

FFRandonnée created a new website. "mongr.fr" is promoting the long-distance trails' network (GR) in France. It is very well done, the description of each trail includes practical information, interactive map, TopoGuides® or maps – all of them are possible to buy directly. GR 5 describes the E2 crossing the whole France from North to South. The website is under developing, the information about the whole network is expected by the end of 2017.

### European Week of Sport 2016

It is still possible to register your activities for the year 2016. The registration must be done by the national coordinator. ERA secretariat can provide you with more information. European Week of Sport 2016 is held in September, but in different dates in each country, the whole event starts the 10/9 and last till end of September. Do not hesitate to register your outdoor activity and support this way ERA as the European partner of the European Week of Sport.



### European Week of Sport 2017

The Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics informed Sport Ministers that, starting from 2017, the European Week of Sport will take place every year from 23 to 30 September. This would meet the wish expressed by many among you in our recent consultation to make a multi-annual planning of Week-related activities, and to structure the Week in a similar way all around Europe. Simultaneously, Commissioner Navracsics also informed that, to maintain a certain degree of flexibility, events taking place at a different time could still be labelled #BeActive events.

If any member organisation wants to be part of this event, you are welcomed to contact the ERA secretariat for more information.

## Catalonia Trek Festival

### 3<sup>rd</sup> International walk on the E12

The Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya (FEEC) organizes the 3<sup>rd</sup> International walk on the E12, the "Mediterranean Arch" in Roses (Catalunya), in the very heart of Costa Brava.

From 30 April to 7 May 2017, the organisers suggest 6 days of hiking to explore the incredible landscape of one of the most amazing places of Costa Brava.

More information: [www.cataloniatrekfestival.cat](http://www.cataloniatrekfestival.cat) and [www.facebook.com/CTF2017](https://www.facebook.com/CTF2017).

The opening of the registration is the 8 September 2016.



## Walk Leader

A big congratulation to our Romanian member organisation Asociația Carpatină Ardeleană a Turistilor - SKV. They have created a plan to educate voluntary walk leaders according to the criteria ERA has set for being a "Walk Leader". The first group will be studying during the coming winter. They want to be ready for groups who want to visit Transylvania during summer 2017. SKV is at the moment preparing 6 - 7 good offers for small or bigger groups.

## Walkers crossing Europe

ERA looks for walkers who walked on the E-paths longer distances to share their experiences with other future long distance walkers. Please contact ERA secretariat. We will appreciate your electronic diary, pictures, short report or a link to your privat website. We publish it on our website under „Walking on trails“.



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☉ *Much more than hiking*

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