



**EUROPEAN RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)  
FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE LA RANDONNÉE PÉDESTRE (FFRP)**

in partnership with  
**EUROPEAN MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION (EUMA)**

organize  
the **3<sup>rd</sup> ERA TRAILS AND PATHS CONFERENCE**

**TRAILS SUSTAINABILITY**

The first Notification and  
Invitation to apply for articles

**07 – 10 November 2024**  
**Hôtel CIS Paris Ravel, 6 Av. Maurice Ravel, 75012 Paris, France**

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## Objective

The conference aims to foster collaboration among European trail organizations, emphasizing sustainable trail management practices, promoting inclusivity in trail usage and governance. The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for trail organizations to establish valuable connections, fostering potential collaborations and partnerships that can enhance the implementation of sustainable trail management practices and membership engagement initiatives. The sharing of best practices and successful case studies during the event can inspire and motivate trail organizations to adopt innovative approaches, leading to the development of more effective strategies for trail management and membership engagement.

## Key Themes

The main topic of this Conference is **“Trail Sustainability”** supported by the key themes:

- Trails sustainability and maintenance
- Climate resilience and trail infrastructure

## Topics

The Conference will treat the following topics:

- Overview and conclusions of the EUMA – ERA project: “Improvement of good governance of climbing and mountaineering in Europe”
- Input on trails from a scientific point of view
- Causes of damage to paths and trails (including climate change) and their impact on the same infrastructure
- Over-tourism and the problems connected with it
- Implementing best practices for trail maintenance and ensuring long-term sustainability
- Climate changes and sustainability
- Status of E-paths and LQT-BE
- Measurement of the hikers density on the trail
- What does it mean „Quality Trail Certification“
- Results from the project of the „Green Trails“

Panel discussion to the previous topics, how to ensure:

- Environmental sustainability
- Cultural and heritage preservation
- Safety and accessibility
- Responsible visitor behavior
- Community engagement and economic impact
- Increased engagement by organized hikers



## Outcomes

The conference aims to produce a comprehensive framework for sustainable trail management and membership engagement, emphasizing inclusivity and collaboration across European hiking organizations. The output document will be presented to the EU Commission and to the CoE (Commission of Landscape Convention and EPA).

## Conference Programme

Thursday, 07.11.	<b>Arrival</b> of participants Welcome drink Dinner
Friday, 08.11.	Working day (lectures)
Saturday, 09.11.	Working day (lecture, discussion) Organized visit to the Olympic site
Sunday, 10.11.	The final output of the 3rd ERA conference Conclusions of the conference @11:00 a.m. expected end of the conference <b>Departure</b>

## Submission of the papers

15.05.	Deadline for submission of the abstracts. The authors should submit the title, summary and key words in English. Summarize up to 300 words.
03.06.	The deadline for notifying authors about the acceptance of the paper. The selection of papers will be carried out by the Executive and Editorial Board.
25.06.	Publication of the final program, terms of registration and participation
16.09.	Deadline for submission of the papers.

## GENERAL NOTES

- ❖ The official language of the conference is English
- ❖ For additional information regarding the submission of papers, interested authors can contact: [secrerariat@era-ewv-ferp.com](mailto:secrerariat@era-ewv-ferp.com)
- ❖ The number of the papers is limited
- ❖ The author's presentation time will be limited
- ❖ The number of the participants (40 persons) is limited
- ❖ Proceedings with conclusions will be available in electronic format
- ❖ The conference fee: 200€/pers. (incl. meeting, accommodation, meal during the meeting, programme)

