

EuCAN Community Interest Company Ltd

An invitation to become involved in our future....

What is EuCAN CIC?

As you know, EuCAN originally began life in 2007 as a partnership project with The Kingcombe Trust. In early 2011, The Kingcombe Trust was wound up and its assets and liabilities transferred to the Dorset Wildlife Trust. With this change in circumstances, we have set up EuCAN Community Interest Company Ltd as a legal entity to continue the valuable conservation work that EuCAN has been doing over the past five years. We hope that through the CIC, we shall be able to operate more independently and access a wider range of funding sources. Our website address remains the same: www.eucan.org.uk .

What is a CIC?

A Community Interest Company is a special type of Limited Company which differs from ordinary commercial companies in two important ways. First, there is a so-called "asset lock" which means that the company's assets cannot be distributed to its members or directors. Secondly, the company must provide a specific benefit to a specific community. In the case of EuCAN, our aims are to provide benefit to the community of people working and volunteering in conservation here in the UK, and to the local communities we work with in Europe, by promoting sustainable development and biodiversity conservation - see the aims of the company listed on our website.

What is a Member?

Membership of EuCAN Community Interest Company is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Members have the right to vote in Annual General Meetings and have a liability of £1 in case of the Company being wound up. We hope members will also be involved in advising the board of directors and helping to shape the work we do and the future direction for EuCAN. Two weekends have so far been planned for January and May 2012. Depending on funding, it should be possible for participants on previous visits to attend future exchanges. Please note that membership of the CIC does not automatically guarantee you a placement!

Why me?

We hope the participants on our Kingcombe training weekends and on the EuCAN placements over the past five years will become members of the CIC. We have really valued your input and hard work both abroad and during our preparation weekends: one of the most positive outcomes of the project so far has been the development of a network of like-minded people who care about conservation and are linked by their experiences with our various partners in Europe. We hope that membership of the CIC will help to formalise and reinforce the links you have already made.

How much does it cost?

We are asking for a contribution of a minimum of £10 per person per year (£5 if you are not in full employment) towards our basic running costs. You can either pay this directly into the EuCAN CIC Ltd bank account or send a cheque. Please fill in the remittance form below.

Directors of EuCAN CIC as of November 2011

Karen Aylward,	EuCAN visit to Aggtelek, Hungary, May 2009
Steve Bennett,	EuCAN visit to France 2008 and Spain and Romania 2011
Nigel Spring	EuCAN leader since 2007
Gwilym Wren	EuCAN visit to western Poland August 2009



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Application for Membership

I wish to enrol as a member of EuCAN Community Interest Company Ltd.

- I enclose a cheque for £..... as a contribution towards the on-going running costs of the Company.
- OR
- I have transferred the sum of £..... by BACS into EUCAN COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY at The Co-operative Bank
Sort Code 08.92.99 account number 65472987 .

Name:

Address :
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Postcode:..... **Telephone:**.....

Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Please return this form with your cheque or to confirm your BACS transfer to the
Registered office address below:
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