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Terras do Lince
Re-award of European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

Dear Fátima,

Following the official verification in your protected area of the work under the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, we should like to inform you that the Evaluation Committee examined carefully the further information you were asked to provide.

Decision and recommendations:

Based on your resubmitted documents the Committee is satisfied that all points have been addressed.

Therefore, **it was unanimously agreed to re-award the ECST certificate to the Terras do Lince for a five-year period from 2022-2026.**

The Evaluation Committee appreciated your considerable and timely attention to their request for further information. The Committee found that their concerns were answered very well, particularly by fully acknowledging your previous problems and providing a detailed explanation. The new structure of responsibilities and the nomination of a lead person were also positively highlighted. Finally, it was the object of comment the attention you drew in your report to the more realistic action programme which you believe can be delivered more easily than the previous one.

The next five years

As you know, the award recognises an on-going process of sustainable tourism development in cooperation with a wide range of local partners and stakeholders. It is awarded for an initial period of five years.

Because the award is part of that on-going process, the Evaluation Committee particularly emphasises the need for networking with other protected areas over the next few years. This will be one of the aspects which verifiers will evaluate at the **time of the re-evaluation in 2026**.

The Committee also recommends the following:

- Please make sure that all the actions in the strategy and action plan are monitored on an annual basis.
- You need to ensure that the necessary funds for the re-evaluation in five years are included in your budget plans well before 2025, should you wish to continue as a Sustainable Destination.
- Towards the end of the current five year period, you will need to check that all the recommendations contained in the evaluation report have been considered and acted upon.

Award Ceremony for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas

This year's Charter Awards will be celebrated in the **European Parliament of Brussels on 2nd December 2022**. You are especially invited to be present to receive your award. Due to the security requirements of the parliament, registration for the Charter Awards will be essential.

We look forward to celebrating this achievement with you in Brussels.

We would like to congratulate you once again on being re-awarded the ECST and hope that you will continue to work closely with other Sustainable Destinations across our European network.

Best regards,



Michael Hošek
President
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