

Programm Sternenparktreffen
Samstag, 03.10.2026

Version 01.10.2026

19:30	Ausflug zum Gletscherparkplatz in Fahrgemeinschaften Treffpunkt: Eingang, Konferenzzentrum Quellalpin Andreas Hänel (Fachgruppe Dark Sky VdS) Für Absprachen/Fragen bitte Andreas telefonisch kontaktieren: +49 176 45898775. Abhängig vom Wetter, open end.
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Sonntag, 04.10.2026

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08:30	Registrierung
10:00	Begrüßung Vorstellungsrunde
11:00	Pause
11:30	Präsentationen Sternenparks und Projekte
12:30	Mittagessen
14:00	Erfahrungsaustausch Was ändert sich durch die neuen Dark Sky Guidelines? Entwurf der Rechtsverordnung für das Deutsche Naturschutzgesetz, Auswirkungen auf Sternenparks Vorstellung der European Light Pollution Coalition ELPC (Annette Krop-Benesch) Würfelspiel zur Lichtverschmutzung (Familie Krop-Benesch) ... und weitere Beiträge
15:30	Pause
16:00	Erfahrungsaustausch ... Fortsetzung
17:00	Ende des Sternenparktreffens

Programme EURODARK 2026
Sunday, 04.10.2026

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17:00	Registration open	
17:30		Fulldome Documentary "Darkness Matters" Two rounds 17:30 and 18:15, Venue: Fire Station Costanza Julia Bani (Stockholm University of the Arts) <i>An immersive multimedia experience in a mobile planetarium.</i> Featured by Innsbruck Nature Film Festival.
19:00	Nature-Night-Walk to the Stargazing Bowl at Gepatsch Meeting point: Main Hall, Conference Centre Quellalpin Astro-Intro by Christian D. Berweger Lisi Falkeis and Christoph Stöckl (Naturpark Kaunergrat) <i>The guided tour invites you to experience the scenic beauty of the Gepatsch at night.</i> Bus transfer included.	Fulldome Short Film "The Colour of the Night Sky" Two rounds 19:30 and 20:00, Venue: Fire Station Zoltán Kolláth (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University) <i>A film that reveals the hidden colours of the night sky in a mobile planetarium.</i> The Best Short Award at the Fulldome Festival Brno 2024.
23:30	Expected arrival in Feichten	

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	Registration at the info desk in the Conference Centre Quellalpin / Anmeldung am Informationsschalter im Konferenzzentrum Quellalpin
	Deutschsprachiges Sternentparktreffen im Konferenzzentrum Quellalpin
	Break including food and refreshments in the Conference Centre Quellalpin / Pause mit Essen und Getränken im Konferenzzentrum Quellalpin
	Mobile planetarium provided by Planetarium South Tyrol, South Tyrol Museum of Nature and Innsbruck Nature Film Festival, Venue: Fire Station
	Guided walk / Geführte Exkursion

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08:00	Registration open
09:00	Welcome Christian Kalsberger (Mayor of the municipality of Kaunertal) Johannes Kostenzer (Tyrolean Environmental Ombudsoffice TyEO) Ernst Partl (Naturpark Kaunergrat) Andreas Hänel, Lena Oberdorfer, Stefanie Pontasch, Stefanie Suchy (Organising Team for TyEO and ELPC) Annette Krop-Benesch, Andreas Jechow (European Light Pollution Coalition ELPC)
09:30	Keynote Session Dan Oakley (DarkSky UK) Evolving the DarkSky program - update on upcoming guidelines Valéry Ann Jacobs (KU Leuven, VUB, International Commission on Illumination CIE) Connecting Light Pollution Research: Towards Interoperable and Future-Proof Data Birgit Högl (Medical University Innsbruck) The role of darkness in human sleep
10:30	Break
11:00	Session "Projects and initiatives" Reynier F. Peletier (University of Groningen) A nationwide approach to reduce light pollution in the Netherlands, The LuNa project Sabrina Bernhard (Planetarium South Tyrol, South Tyrol Museum of Nature) South Tyrol Illuminated - Characterizing Sky Brightness in Urban Areas Lukas D. Schuler (xirrus GmbH, DarkSky Switzerland) Paving the Way for Darkness in Luxembourgs Nature Park Our Enric Marco (University of València, Cel Fosc) Fifteen Years of Salvem la Nit: The Light Pollution Working Group at the Universitat de València
12:00	Bonus talk Raoul Schrott (Lecturer in Comparative Studies & Author) The starry skies of different cultures around the world - their functions and form
12:20	Lunch
14:00	Plenary discussion "Respectful ALAN planning" Annette Krop-Benesch (ELPC) Simon Thorp (LAPD Consultants) Reto Marty (nachtaktiv GmbH) David Kretzer (Federal Office for the Environment Switzerland) Stefanie Suchy (TyEO) Andreas Jechow (Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences)
15:30	Break
16:00	Double Session "Measurements" Andreas Hänel (Working Group Dark Sky VdS) How to measure and define limits for light pollution Stefan Wallner (ICA, Slovak Academy of Sciences) Colour temperature is not enough: How many spectral bands night-sky monitoring actually needs Zoltán Kolláth (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University) Towards a light pollution atlas for overcast cloudy skies
16:45	Break
17:00	Christian D. Berweger (xirrus GmbH) Monitoring light pollution from all-sky images by compensating weather, twilight and moonlight effects Sonja Wenig (Kuffner Observatory Vienna) Sunlight and Moonlight

18:00	Farhan Rafique Shah (University of Konstanz) Urban growth, skyglow, and upward radiant energy in Antalya, Türkiye: an assessment of artificial light at night Sabrina Muscolino (Carinthia University of Applied Science, University College Cork) A Methodological Framework for Data Cleaning and Intercomparison of SQM and TESS Sensors in Night Sky Monitoring Networks: a Case Study in Austria Break	
18:15	Poster Session* Venue: Gallery, 1st floor, Conference Centre Quellalpin ... and discussion of measurement methods.	Fulldome Documentary "Darkness Matters" Two rounds 18:15 and 19:00, Venue: Fire Station Costanza Julia Bani (Stockholm University of the Arts) <i>An immersive multimedia experience in a mobile planetarium.</i> Featured by Innsbruck Nature Film Festival.
19:30	End of the Poster Session	

20:00	Get-together Dinner Welcome by Tourism Board Kaunertal.	
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22:00	Guided Walk & Workshop "Measurements" Meeting point: Entrance, Conference Centre Quellalpin Andreas Hänel (Working Group Dark Sky VdS) <i>We will measure the luminance of signs and façades in the village of Feichten using simple techniques such as a digital camera and an SQM-L, so please bring these instruments if you have them! If it rains, we will measure the luminance of indoor monitors.</i>	Fulldome Short Film "The Colour of the Night Sky" Two rounds 22:00 and 22:30, Venue: Fire Station Zoltán Kolláth (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University) <i>A film that reveals the hidden colours of the night sky in a mobile planetarium.</i> The Best Short Award at the Fulldome Festival Brno 2024.
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	Break and Get-together Dinner including food and refreshments in the Conference Centre Quellalpin
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	Guided walk

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08:45	Registration open
09:15	Performance "Discovering Light" Teddie Hwang (Flutist and Photographer)
09:45	Session "Lighting, solutions and certification" Nynke Visser (University of Groningen) Co-design of sustainable lighting in the Port of Lauwersoog (the Netherlands) Martin Niggas (lixtec GmbH) Light-on-Demand: Reclaiming the Natural Night Katrin Schroll (Siteco GmbH) Beyond ULOR: A Component-Level Stray Light Analysis of Outdoor Luminaires and Their Environment Using Ray-Tracing Simulation Artem Masorin (VDE Prüf- und Zertifizierungsinstitut GmbH) Third-party certification as a driver for lower ALAN emissions
10:45	Break
11:15	Session "Nature conservation and biodiversity" Gudrun Bruckner (Nationalpark Gesäuse) Beyond Astronomy: Building a Transboundary Dark Sky Reserve for Biodiversity, Research, and Sustainable Light Management Sophie Riccabona (Bat conservation, Land Tirol) Bat conservation and Research in Tyrol Carmen Ludreschl (Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change, State Museum of Natural History Karlsruhe) Optimised light sources reduce nocturnal insect attraction at railway stations Katharina Mahr (University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna) How does artificial light at night affect the breeding strategy of a cosmopolite passerine? Andreas Jechow (Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences) Light Pollution Goes Underwater: Aspects of Aquatic Light Pollution
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Workshops Johanna Stückler (Institution LTG – Lichttechnische Gesellschaft Österreich) Venue: Community Centre Out of the Bubble, Into the World – An interactive Workshop by LTG <i>Expert knowledge on light pollution is abundant - yet it rarely reaches the people who most need to act on it. Who exactly needs to understand this issue better? Local decision-makers? The wider public? Even the experts at this very symposium? This interactive workshop aims to bring different perspectives into one room to work through that question together - and from there, to develop concrete, shareable approaches for making expert knowledge land outside the room it was created in. We won't assume we already understand each other's challenges - that's part of what this session is for. So let's find out what might happen when researchers, activists, manufacturers, and lighting designers work together on a question that affects all of us: how do we make our expertise land - accessible, credible, and actionable - outside our own professional bubble? This session is for anyone who has felt the gap between what we know and what actually gets done - and who's ready to close it, together.</i> Christina Pichler-Koban (E.C.O. Institut für Ökologie) Venue: Lower floor, Conference Centre Quellalpin How to become a "Rising STAR"? <i>The "Rising STARS project team" will provide a brief insight on their initial experiences of the FFG-project. The aim of the project is to share knowledge, strengthen skills as well as participation and networking in the field of light pollution. Participants will discuss the challenges and success factors associated with such initiatives and consider, together, opportunities for collaboration or for launching similar projects in their own communities. Workshop participants can play an active role in raising awareness of light pollution and the protection of the night, networking with others, and taking away ideas from the workshop that they can put into practice.</i> Nynke Visser (University of Groningen) Venue: Main Hall, Conference Centre Quellalpin Cooperation, Projects, Future <i>Light pollution projects across Europe have produced a wealth of valuable knowledge, tools, guidelines and other materials. Yet these outputs can be difficult to find, and work is sometimes repeated because existing resources or expertise are not known across projects, countries and organisations. This workshop will explore how we can better connect and build on existing project results, expertise and networks across Europe. We will also look ahead to future cooperation: where are the gaps, what could new projects build on, and where could stronger collaboration add value? Together, we will identify opportunities to strengthen continuity between past, current and future initiatives, avoid unnecessary duplication, and support new collaborations on light pollution across Europe.</i>

15:15	Break
15:45	Results of the Workshops
16:00	Session "Light pollution and regulations" David Kretzer (Federal Office for the Environment Switzerland) Light pollution caused by interior lighting installations Caroline Vilbrandt (Lichtplanung Vilbrandt) Presentation of BfN Publication 772: 'Regulatory Approaches to the Protection of Animals and Plants from Artificial Light'
	Session "Outreach and public understanding" Josef Springer (City council of the Provincial Capital of Linz) LINA: an initiative against excessive advertising lighting Johannes Weninger (Bartenbach GmbH) Environmental Knowledge of Artificial Light at Night: A Representative Study in Austria
17:00	End of the Conference

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	Guided walk

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