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Planning for 2009: Staff meeting and early "Spring" clean in Grafenau

Last week the whole EUROPARC Team met in Grafenau for a 4 day team meeting. On the agenda was the new work planning and performance appraisal systems as well as a long overdue office clear out!

In a tidy fury the team worked their way around the different rooms in the office getting rid of all extraneous, unused and broken material. At the end of a very long day we proudly managed to almost fill the huge paper container as well as 3 trailer loads of broken furniture, plastic, old folders etc etc. The clear out also meant that we have been able to make some distinct changes to the kitchen and the upstairs snug making the office a more comfortable place to work in and to entertain guests in. So please come and visit your new headquarters!

The remainder of the week was spent preparing the 2009 work plan for the Federation as well as on a performance appraisal system which will be put in place in 2009.

We were also invited to spend a day with the staff of Sumava National Park in the Czech Republic (www.npsumava.cz) only 40 minutes from Grafenau! Michael Valenta and Zdenkja Křenová picked us up from the border crossing and gave us detailed information about Sumava as we drove through the park.

We finished our visit in the National Park Administration in Vimperk where we talked to the director Mr Krejci and some of his staff about the work in the park and possible ways that EUROPARC can work together with Sumava.

EUROPARC would like to take this opportunity to thank the director and staff of Sumava National Park again for a lovely day and hope that we remain in regular contact.



Taking a break from rearranging furniture.



Our huge paper container!!



Thanking Mr Krejci, Director of Sumava NP



EUROPARC at Sumava National Park