

Together to protect the old taiga forest,
and to promote dialogue, common
understanding, and collaboration at the
European Union borders



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Pasvik Inari

Trilateral Park

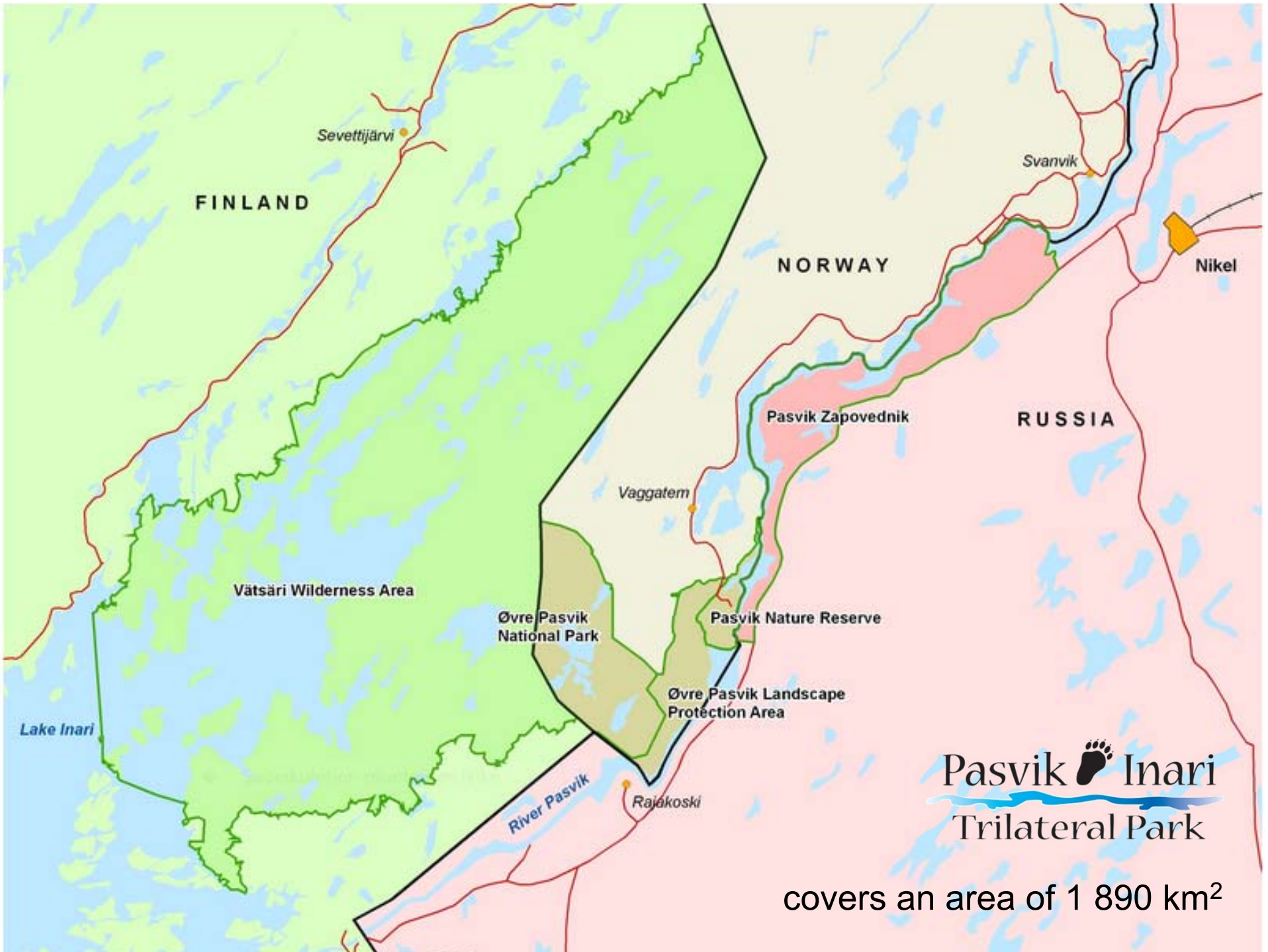


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Pasvik  Inari
Trilateral Park

covers an area of 1 890 km²

	Vätsäri wilderness area	Øvre Pasvik national park	Øvre Pasvik landscape protection area	Pasvik nature reserve	Pasvik zapovednik
IUCN category	VI	II	IV	I a	I a
Established	1991	1970	2003	1993	1992
Size	1 550 km ²	119 km ²	54 km ²	19 km ²	147 km ²
Main infrastructure	35 km of marked hiking trails, Transborder Piilola trail; 4 open wilderness cabins and one rental hut; Siida – Sámi museum and Nature Centre in the village of Inari	12 km of marked hiking trails, Transborder Piilola trail; ~10 km of skiing routes and 2 open wilderness cabins; Øvre Pasvik National Park Centre in the village of Svanvik	5 km of marked hiking trails, ~5 km of skiing routes	2 km of marked hiking trail to bird watching hide and an old bear's den	Varlam Island nature and culture site; Visitor Centre & Ecological School in Rajakoski; Nature Centre in the city of Nikel

Other characteristics:

Managers are governmental organisations except the local political board for Øvre Pasvik national park

One municipality concerned in each country

Remote, wilderness-like areas: c. 9 500 visits to NPAs, all visitor centres c. 126 300 visits in 2016.

Sámi home area: management of npas, traditional livelihoods, culture and languages



Borders separate. Nature unites!

Pasvik Nature Reserve (NO) and Pasvik zapovednik (RU) along the Pasvik river, at the Norwegian Russian border.
Photo: Rolf E. Sch. Kollstrøm

COLLABORATION

The first joint expedition in 1990's



Active development of the cooperation

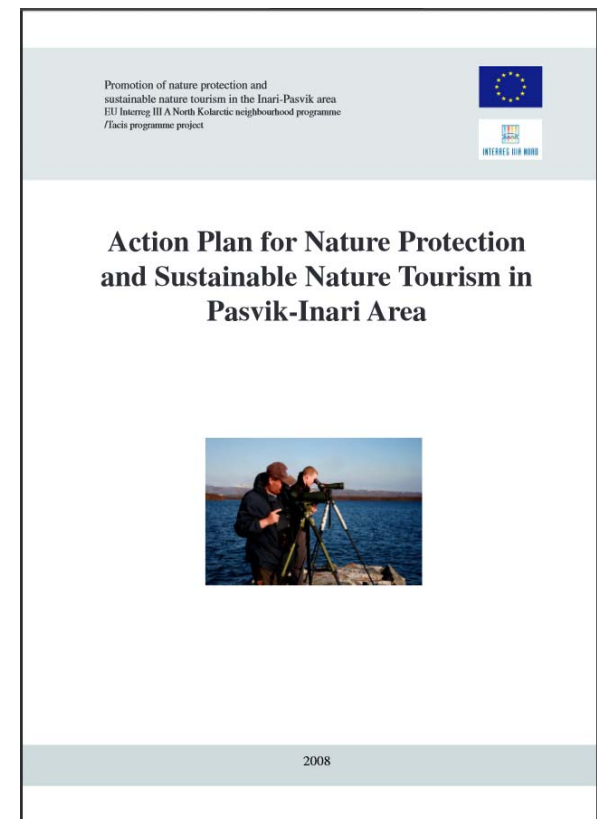
- Aim at full-filling the criteria in TB Parks' programme
- Promotion of nature protection and sustainable nature tourism in the Inari-Pasvik area – project funded by EU Interreg III A Nord Kolarctic Neighbourhood programme (2006–2008)
 - Cooperative agreement between managers of NPAs in 2008
 - Action plan for 2008–2018
 - Establishment of Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park in 2008
- Certified as EUROPARC's transboundary park in 2008
 - re-certification in 2013
 - re-evaluation in 2018



”We are in the same boat.”

Main objectives in Pasvik-Inari co-operation highlighted in the action plan

- **Promote transboundary cooperation and contacts** at all levels: nature managers, researchers, municipalities, stakeholders, nature tourism entrepreneurs and locals
- **Preserve the natural and cultural values** of the area on a long-term basis through sustainable management and monitoring of the environment
- **Present, distribute and exchange knowledge** about the area externally and promote the recognition of the area
- **Improve the facilities and infrastructure** of the area to make it more accessible and user-friendly
- **Contribute to strengthening the economic development** of the area by promoting sustainable nature tourism



Trilateral cooperation in action

- **Nature protection and management**, incl. monitoring and research
 - Brown bear, waterfowl and golden eagle; bird ringing; visitor monitoring
 - Habitat and species mappings - data exchange and informing of results
- **Environmental enlightenment**
 - Environmental school, ecological camps, network under Phenology of North Calotte, information materials, events such as bird watching day in World's environment day
- **Promotion of sustainable nature-based tourism**
 - Visitor centres, trails and infrastructure, workshops, networking, common guidelines
- **Dissemination of information and marketing**
- **Networks**
 - EUROPARC's Transboundary programme and TransParcNet
 - Green Belt of Fennoscandia
- **External funding from EU's neighbourhood programmes!**

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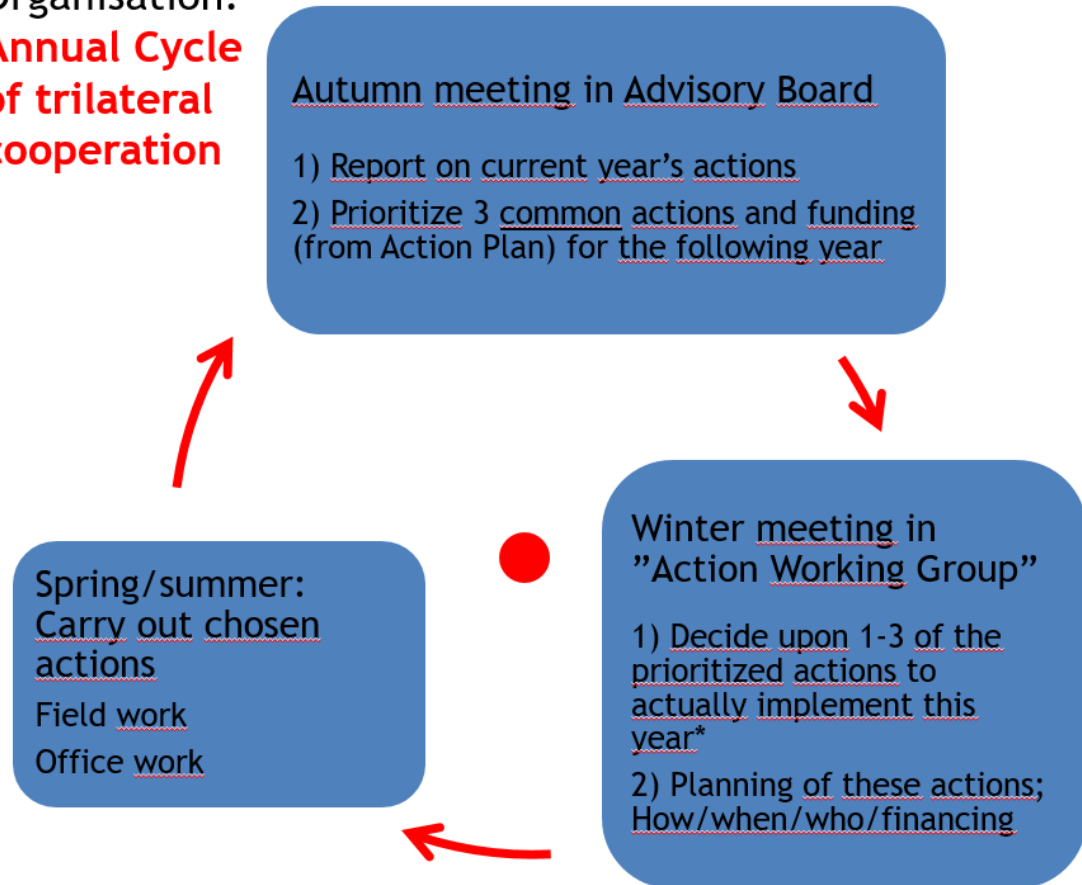


Best practice for coordination á la Pasvik-Inari

Advisory board formed by management authorities of the npas, municipalities and regional authorities

Working group has one representative from each country

Organisation:
Annual Cycle of trilateral cooperation



* Additional unilateral actions could be added freely by each country

PROTECTION OF BOREAL PINE FORESTS



Photo: Juha Paso, Metsähallitus



Photo: Olli Manninen



Äiti tulee ulkomailta!

*Mother returns
from journey
abroad!*

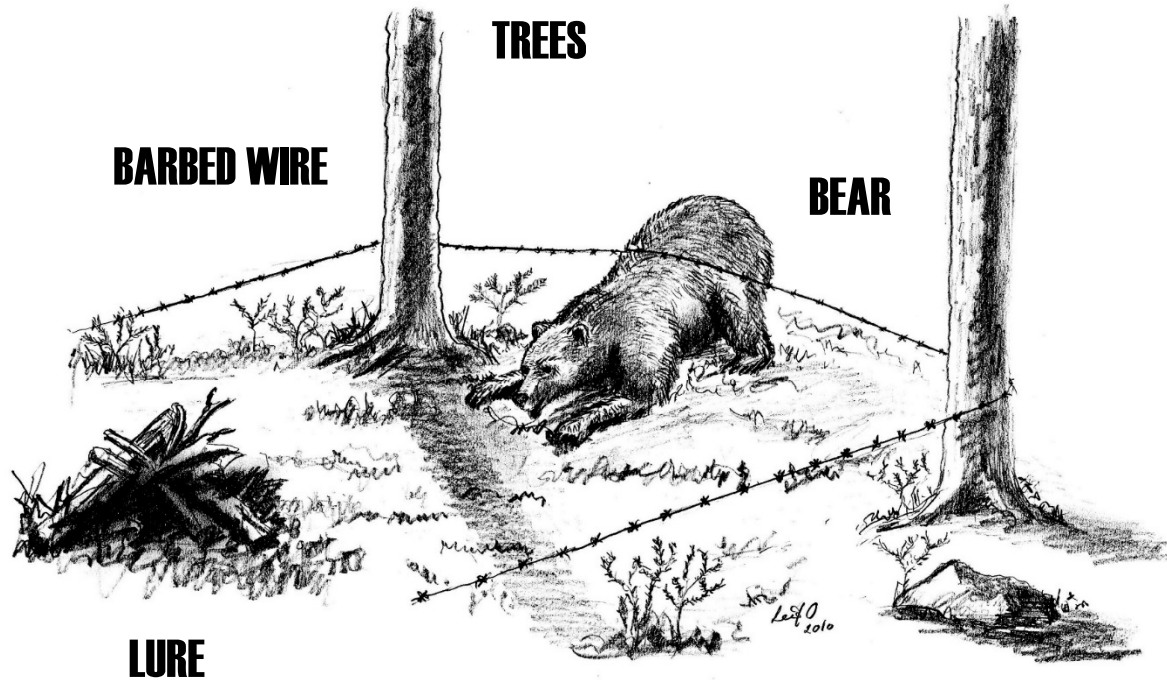
*Eadni boahdá
olgoriikkas!*

Toitko tuliaisia?

*Did you bring
any souvenirs?*

*Buktetgo
dullejaččaid?*

Hair-snares for plucking bear hair



Drawing by Leif Ollila

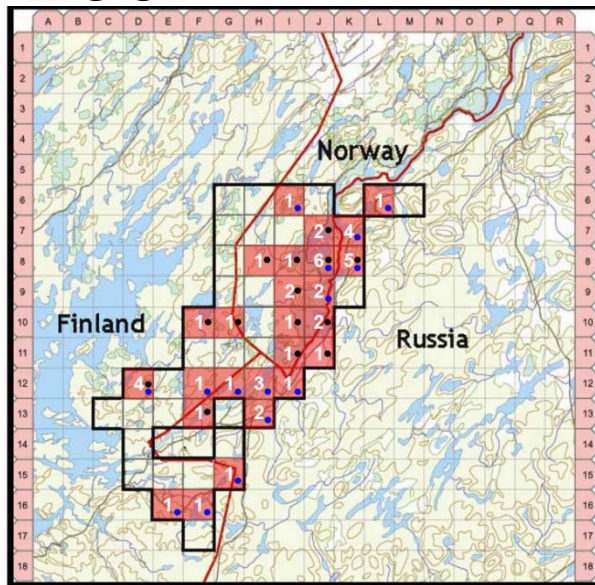
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All footage from 2015 has been compiled
and can be viewed here:
<http://vimeo.com/144482693>

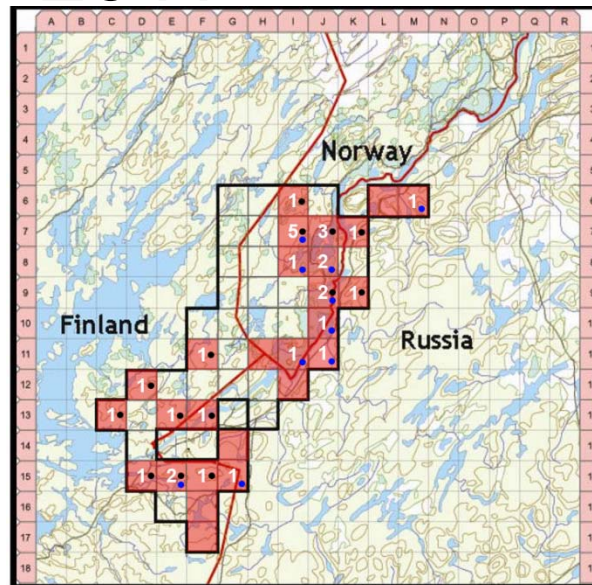
Monitoring of the Pasvik-Inari-Pechenga brown bear population using hair-trapping

2007



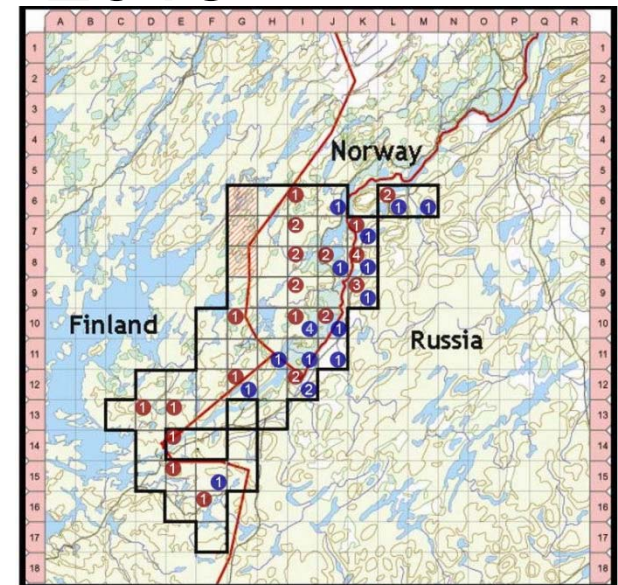
196 samples collected
 26 of 56 grids showed activity
24 bears identified
 (10 females, 14 males)
 11 new identified, 13 known

2011



88 samples collected
 27 of 56 grids showed activity
20 bears identified
 (12 females, 8 males)
 4 new identified, 16 known
one bear both in Norway and Russia

2015



209 samples collected
 25 of 56 grids showed activity
26 bears identified
 (17 females, 9 males)
 13 new identified, 13 known

**BENEFITS FROM
TRANSBOUNDARY
COOPERATION**

TB provides

- Joint understanding of the current status of the environment, which is crucial for managing shared natural resources
- Involvement of several management and research institutions -> synergies
- Experience in adopting mutually acceptable solutions while having differences in operational environment, culture and language
- Possibility to improve professional knowledge and skills as a result from exchange of information with partners
- Possibility to reflect and use the partners' best practices while managing nature protection areas
- Source to build up a positive image of the nature protection areas in order to attract new visitors and to promote local economy
- Strong partnerships, to be used in projects too

- Revealing and useful process – forces to analyse in detail what kind of cooperation we are having
- Help in planning and structuring the cooperation – to keep the good work and to improve parts seen needing improvement
- Quality standards
- Recommendations from verifier(s) to the cooperation every 5 years
- High-standard annual meeting of TB experts in TransParcNet
- Visibility!





Kiitos! Takk! Спасибо! Giitu!
Thank you!

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