

TRANSPARCNET MEETING 2020

Update of EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Programme

Report from the Task Force & News





Steering and Evaluation Committee (STEC): preserves the quality of the programme and provide recommendations of the awards

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Task Force: open and small group of experts following the implementation of TB strategy

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EUROPARC/EC Seminar Dialogue 2019 with TB case studies

Transboundary Parks Declaration



[9 NOVEMBER 1989-2019]

The 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall

"We strongly declare our commitment for peace, dialogue and nature protection"

Transboundary Parks Award 2019 – Binntal Veglia Devero Transboundary Nature Park



Our network extending!

Be transboundary
in Facebook too!



There are as well
TB "ambassadors"
working with
future candidates



Here we are,
today –
networking,
sharing best
practises and
looking into
the future!



Training new TB
verifiers, March
2020

Invitation to
provide more tb
case studies to
knowledge hub



EUROPEAN
CITIZEN'S PRIZE
2020



Fingers crossed!!



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- **Action plan 2019-2028:** 66 actions to be implemented
- **Results from 4th trilateral monitoring of brown bear:** more bears detected than in earlier studies; 47 individuals, out of which 24 were earlier known and 23 new individuals; 3 bilateral bears
- **First visitor survey is published:** 255 answers from combined paper/online survey; age and length of the stay for typical visitor vary from country to another; observing nature, hiking and photographing are trilaterally most typical activities
- **5th summer of trilateral bird ringing:** Time for detailed analysis on species, individuals and recaptures over the years
- **See website:** <https://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/Pasvik-Inari/News/>



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News from Oulanka-Paanajärvi National Parks (FI/RU)

A Finnish-Russian crossborder cooperation project **PRO TROUT - *Prospering native brown trout and local fishing professions*** was granted funding by the ENI Karelia CBC Programme. The project work started in March 2020. Actions are well under way, even though Covid-19 prevents travel of people across the border.

Domestic nature tourism on both sides of the Finnish-Russian border has greatly increased during the pandemic. For example, the number of summertime visitors to Oulanka National Park grew 48 % from the previous year. How this trend affects popularity of fishing for the indigenous brown trout, remains to be seen.

In any case, PRO TROUT works **to improve knowledge of the fishermen and -women on the fishing regulations set to protect unique biodiversity** and natural resources of the border area, and also strives to further improve the regulations.

Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/y4doubbr>

Further info from Sari Alatossava,

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Fire! 21-24th April 2020

After 4 days of a devastating fire in Naturpark Maas-Swalm-Nette 200 ha of heathlands and woods were burnt. 4000 people were evacuated.

Thanks to the very good cooperation between Dutch and German fire fighters and nature conservation managers through our INTERREG project. After 4 days everything was under control again and no personal injuries!!

Pictures S. Theeuwen/L. Reyrink @Maas-Swalm-Nette

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Probably the most important joint transboundary event we made this year:

Installation of fences/barriers dividing more efficiently the area available for visitors at the top of Mt. Sněžka from the area dedicated to wilderness.





We have installed also about 20 new banks for visitors to have place for rest on the top.

Further info from Jakub Kašpar, jkaspar@krnap.cz



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News from



In 2020, the project “Establishment of a cross-border socio-economic monitoring system in the national parks Šumava and Bavarian Forest” ended. The results of the project (in Czech and German) can be downloaded here:

<https://www.nationalpark-bayerischer-wald.bayern.de/forschung/projekte/soem.htm>

<https://www.npsumava.cz/sprava-np/seznam-projektu/zavedeni-preshranicniho-socioekonomickeho-monitorovaciho-systemu-v-narodnich-parcich-sumava-a-bavorsky-les-2/>

The screenshot shows a website header with navigation menus: 'Navštivte Šumavu', 'Správa NP', 'Příroda', 'Resort ZP', 'Webkamery', 'E-shop', 'Kontakty', and 'Čistota'. The main content area features the title 'Zavedení přeshraničního socioekonomického monitorovacího systému v Národních parcích Šumava a Bavorský les' and a subtitle in German: '/Aufbau eines grenzüberschreitenden sozio-ökonomischen Monitoringsystems in den Nationalparken Šumava und Bayerischer Wald'. Below the title, it says 'Závěrečná zpráva ke stažení v pdf formátu:' and displays two identical book covers for the report. Each cover shows a person in a forest with a drone flying above, and the text 'PŘESHŘANICNÍ SOCIOEKONOMICKÝ MONITORING' and 'GRENZÜBERSCHREITENDES SOCIOÖKONOMISCHES MONITORING'.

In 2020, the German part of the project "Experience space for common cultural and natural heritage - forest workshop" was opened to the public. It is a replica of the iconic Lusen Mountain. It is used by schools in the mornings and by the public in the afternoons.

https://www.nationalpark-bayerischer-wald.bayern.de/besucher/einrichtungen/npz_lusen/interreg_waldwerkstatt.htm



**Photo of Lusen Mountain, only
to be used in this presentation
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**Further info from Pavel Becka,
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Transboundary Cooperation in Podyjí and Thayatal National Parks 2019-2020

Highlights 1. 30 years without Iron Curtain

- Both National Parks dedicated the year 2019 to the commemoration of the fall of the Iron Curtain. Together we prepared several concerts, exhibitions, debates, and public events to celebrate and discuss life in the border region on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the opening of the border.
- At this occasion the only meeting of the foreign ministers of both countries to remember the fall of the iron curtain was held in the National Parks Podyjí and Thayatal.



Transboundary Cooperation in Podyjí and Thayatal National Parks 2019-2020

Highlights 2. Transboundary Research and Results in Connecting Nature AT-CZ -project

- A complete list of the vascular plant species currently occurring in the cross-border area and the occurrence of *Bromus ramosus* and *Himantoglossum adriaticum* in the area
- Dynamics of forest development. In the autumn of 2014, the icing created several disturbed areas of various sizes in the forest, which were left to develop on their own -> a detailed record of the state and three-year development of the forest cenosis in these areas.
- Transboundary land-use and its change in the past three centuries are illustrated on a map, in which vulnerable areas are emphasized -> possible to plan changes in the landscape to preserve biodiversity, adapt to drought, improve the migratory permeability of the landscape or conservation management.



B. ramosus © Michael Kesl



Map legend: black – new landscape element, magenta – renewal of extinct landscape element, blue – improving the functionality of the element

katastrální mapa	
1 - prvek jednoznačně v parcelě	
2 - prvek na hraně parcely	
3 - prvek nejednoznačně určený	
skupina	
nový prvek	
obnova prvku	
zlepšení stávajících vlastností	
	----- Hranice NP Podyjí
	----- Hranice NP Thayatal
	----- Společná hranice NP Podyjí a NP Thayatal
	----- Hranice katastru vně národního parku

Transboundary Cooperation in Podyjí and Thayatal National Parks 2019-2020

Highlights 3. Joint work on new management plans

In 2020 both National Parks tried to prepare one common management plan for both areas, but legislative differences made this intention impossible. Therefore, both National Parks agreed to have next to their own management plans, also one joint document, which will present our common goals and approach to the management of the cross-border area of our national parks.

Highlights 4. Successful application for common INTERREG Project despite the lockdown

The corona pandemic made the transboundary cooperation a special challenge this year. Especially the closed borders and travel restrictions put a physical barrier. Nevertheless, the transboundary cooperation and communication could not be limited by those restrictions, but both National Parks prepared a new INTERREG Project together for the time after corona. Despite the fact, that both National Park authorities were in home office during lockdown.

Further info from David Grossman, grossmann@nppodyji.cz



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NEduNET project - general information

The NatureEducationNetwork (NEduNET) project is a cross-border Interreg project of the National Park Neusiedler See - Seewinkel and the Fertő - Hanság Nemzeti Park. Its goal is to strengthen the perception of the cross-border nature reserve Neusiedler See - Seewinkel / Fertő - Hanság as common natural heritage especially in the minds of the regional population.



Above: Programme for schools
Right: Training employees



Bilingual brochure for kids

National Park Center Illmitz

- new trilingual exhibition
- future hub for coordinated crossborder nature education activities

Further info from Jochen Haider,
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DANILO RE TROPHY

Mittersill and Kaprun (A), 16th – 19th of January 2020



PRESENTATION TO JOURNALISTS OF CYCLING TOUR OFFER AROUND K/CANIN CONNECTING TWO PARKS





DOM TRENTA AS TB ECOREGION INFO CENTER (new TB multivision and TB map)

TB VIDEO





RE-EVALUATION TB AND ECST



PRESENTATION OF TA LIPA POT AMONG JULIAN ALPS TRAILS

1. TRIGLAVSKA BISTRICA TRAIL	2. TOČKA TRAIL	3. TOJEN BODIČIČ	4. FURKA DIFANE	JULIJSKE ALPE

5. COMBINE BIOLOGICAL POOL	6. PROČINICA GOŠČE	7. JAKOVIDI LJEŠN BODENI	8. LIKOVNIČKI PARTUR	9. TA LIPA POT TRAIL	WALK OF PALCE

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Parco naturale
Veglia Devero

LANDSCHAFTSPARK
BINNTAL



Training of the first 12 Transboundary Parkguides
(10 days in the Swiss park and 6 days in the Italian park
during 2019 and 2020)



Certification of Binntal Veglia Devero
Transboundary Park on 27th September 2019
at the EUROPARC Conference in Jurmala/Latvia



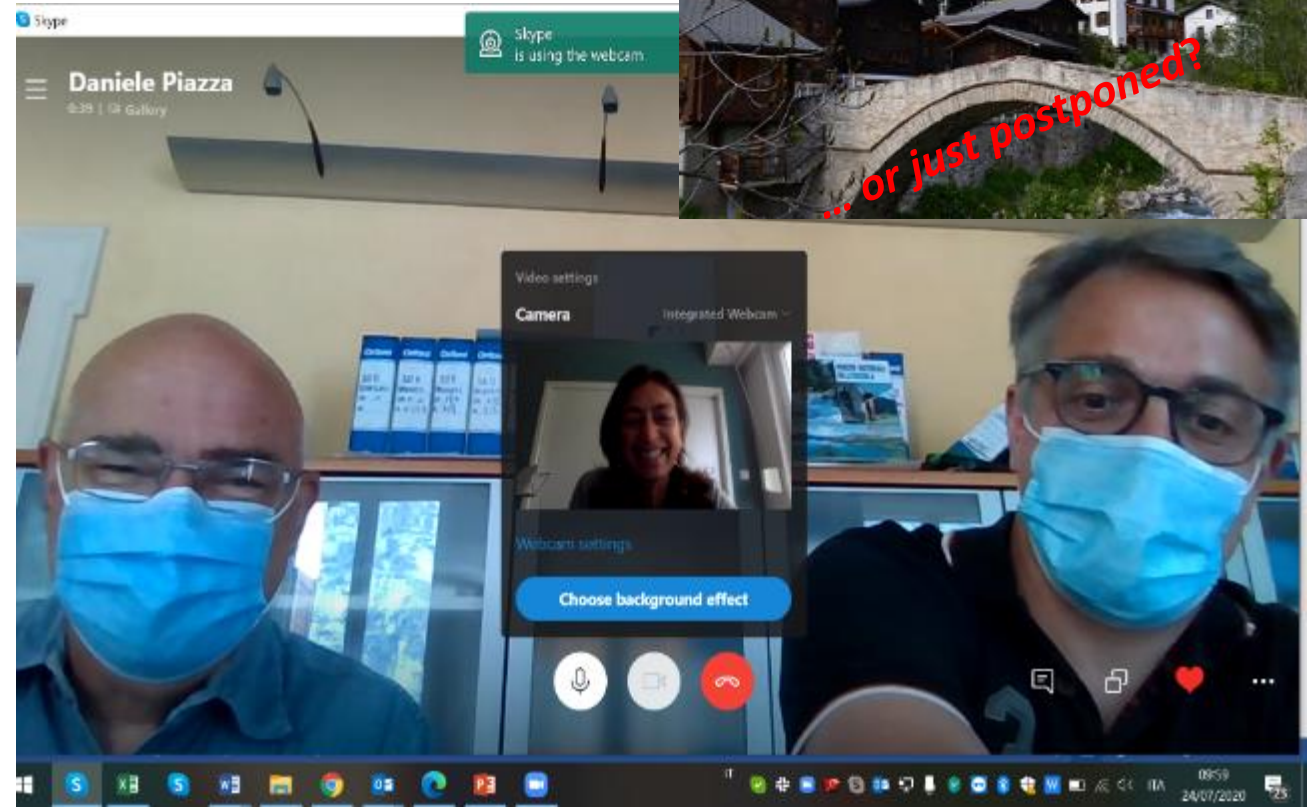
“Poesia sulle Alpi” – common poetry event with lyrics and music in different languages/dialects on 2nd August 2020 in Alpe Veglia



Two attempts to organize the Transparcnet Meeting in Binntal Veglia Devero in June and in September 2020



Further info from Andreas Weissen, andreas.weissen@landschaftspark-binntal.ch and Daniele Piazza, direttore@areeprotetteossola.it





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News from Háldi Transboundary Area, NO/FI

- **Evaluation** of the application as **online-meeting** due to COVID-19 restrictions
- **New cooperation strategy** for five years
- Establishment of **Joint Management Board** for the cooperation and **Joint Advisory Board of stakeholders** to support management actions
- Results from common **visitor survey** are soon out. **New methods were piloted**: a separate PPGIS survey in the net, Strava data from mobile devices and data from several social media platforms are analyzed

Further info from Pertti Itkonen,
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Topographic map combining terrain and infrastructure in Háldi Transboundary Area



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THE NETWORK IS:

DIALOGUE – PROJECTS – IMPROVING SKILLS – LEARNING TOGETHER – COMMON VISION – TRUST – MUTUAL HELP – OWNERSHIP – COMMITMENT – SHARING IDEAS – FRIENDSHIP – BUILDING PEACE – HAVING FUN

Thank you for the cooperation!

Stay healthy and passionate on transboundary work

