



*Nature Park Maas-Schwalm-Nette -Photo M.Hector*

## TransParcNet Meeting 2023

### FIRE AND WATER

**How to deal with 'natural' disasters in transboundary parks cooperation?**

*German-Dutch Nature Park Maas-Schwalm-Nette (DE-NL), 20-23 June 2023*

## Invitation

Dear TransParcNet colleagues,

Dear special Guests,

We cordially invite you to the next TransParcNet meeting at the German-Dutch Nature Park Maas-Schwalm-Nette. With the local forecast of a hot, dry summer, combined with the consequences of climate change, this year's topic is more topical than ever:

***“FIRE AND WATER - How to deal with ‘natural’ disasters in transboundary parks cooperation?”***

Transboundary Protected Areas can work together to prevent and manage "natural" disasters.

In addition to lectures and workshops, there will be excursions to the fire and flood areas and to the Tagebau Garzweiler, an open-cast mine.

The get-together will not be neglected either. As every year, there will be a traditional cultural evening, where everyone can bring along specialities specific to the country or region. The dance and music evening will take place during a boat trip on the Maas.

Please find attached a **draft programme** and the **practical information**. Further information will be sent to participants after registration.

LINK TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/RegistrationFormTransParcNetmeeting>

**Extended Deadline: Please register until 12. May 2023**

We are looking forward to seeing you for a new lively exchange.

The German-Dutch Nature Park  
Maas-Schwalm-Nette (DE-NL)

EUROPARC Federation

The TransParcNet meeting is an annual event **reserved** to the Protected Areas Parks certified by EUROPARC in the framework of the Transboundary Parks Programme, and to special invited guests.

More information: <https://www.europarc.org/nature/transboundary-cooperation/>

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# Draft Agenda

## Tuesday 20.06.2023: Arrival, registration and dinner

17:00-19:00: Arrival and registration at Boshotel Vlodrop

From 19:00: Dinner at the Boshotel Vlodrop

20:00: Transboundary Parks Task Force meeting (for task force members only)

## Wednesday 21.06.2023

9:00: Welcome and update

- A. Claassen – Welcome
- S. Petrosillo, T. Kalske, L. Reyriink, and M. Smolej – Update about Transboundary Parks programme and the network
- M. Guarriga – Presentation of the guest crossborder area THREE NATIONS PARK OF PYRENEES (the Alt Pirineu Natural Park in Catalonia, the Regional Natural Park of the Pyrenees Ariégoises in France and the Sorteny Valley and Comapedrosa Valley Natural Parks in Andorra)

9:45: Plenary lectures: Introduction cross border nature park Maas-Schwalm-Nette and disaster management (Fire & floods)

- A. Claassen – The park, organisational structure, area characteristics
- Har Kuijpers (*historical landscape expert*) – cultural heritage of Maas-Swalm-Nette
- N.N. – impact of burning on wildlife
- C. Stoof (*Assistant Professor at Wageningen University*) – lessons learned in fire management
  - N.N. – European Commission DG ECHO
  - Debate

12:30: Lunch at the hotel

13:30: Excursion to the burn site Nationaal Park De Meinweg 2020 by foot

19:00: Dinner and cultural evening (Naturschutzstation Haus Wildenrath)

## Thursday 22.06.2023

9:00: Plenary lectures: The big picture: causes and backgrounds lessons learned, future strategies

- Prof. Dr. Schüttrumpf (RWTH Aachen): Heavy rain induced Floodings in 2021
- Lisa Bardot and S. Petrosillo: How to include Climate change impact in the parks management's plans: concrete example and results of the Natura'Adapt project
- N.N. – Resilience of nature, water as steering principle

11:30: Interactive debate between "Transboundary Parks Projects Working Group" and participants about future projects for the network

12:30: Lunch at the hotel

13:30: Workshops *Crossborder prevention and management of "natural" disasters*: Sharing experiences – your perspective – importance of nature in resilient landscapes – challenges and lessons learned

Afterwards: excursion to the flood site by foot or bike

19:00: Dinner and festive evening with music and dance (Boat trip on the Maas) – Transport by bus is provided from the Boshotel.

## Friday 23.06.2023

09:00: Excursion to the brown coal day mining Garzweiler: implications of mining – transport by bus, starting and ending point is the Boshotel Vlodrop.

12:30: Lunch (external location)

15:00: **End of Meeting**, Departure (departure for those leaving early)

Afternoon: Possible activities for remaining participants - to be agreed

19:00: Dinner with remaining participants (external location)

## Saturday 24.06.2023

8:00: Breakfast

9:00: Departure

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### How to arrive:

The TransParcNet-Meeting will take place at the Boshotel Vlodrop, Boslaan 1, 6063 NN Vlodrop, Netherlands.

The next international airports are in Eindhoven Airport and Maastricht Aachen Airport in the Netherlands. We recommend travelling from both airports to Roermond Central Station by train. As there is no public transport in the vicinity of the Boshotel, we recommend to take a taxi from Roermond Central Station to the Boshotel. This is about 17 km and takes about 19 minutes by car. Taxis should be located outside the main entrance. Otherwise you can call a taxi:

Taxi Time Roermond: +31 6 81838850

Taxi Flo Taks Roermond: +31 475 231 498

We can help with planning your trip from the airport to Roermond if needed. We can also arrange transport if help is needed or arrange a group transport from Roermond Central Station.

### Accommodations:

Rooms are available at the Boshotel Vlodrop itself and at the Gitstapper Hof, Weg zur Gitstapper Mühle, 41849 Wassenberg, Duitsland.

At the Boshotel breakfast and tourist tax is included, at the Gitstapper Hof breakfast can be booked as an option. Prices are as follows:

Boshotel, 40 rooms available:

Single room	3 nights	382,50 € per Person
Single room	4 nights	510,00 € per Person
Double room	3 nights	217,50 € per Person
Double room	4 nights	290,00 € per Person

Gitstapper Hof, 15 rooms available:

Single room	3 nights	240,00 € per Person
Single room	4 nights	320,00 € per Person
Double room	3 nights	120,00 € per Person
Double room	4 nights	160,00 € per Person

Options for breakfast:

3 nights: 45 € per person

4 nights: 60 € per person

Please note: The Gitstapper Hof has only double beds (no twin beds).

Please indicate with whom you would like to share the room when registering. Otherwise we will assign you a roommate of any gender.

The Gitstapper Hof is located 2.3 km from the conference venue (Boshotel). It takes about 10 minutes by bike to get from the Gitstapper Hof to the Boshotel Vlodrop and vice versa. Bicycles will be provided for all participants.

### Fees of the event:

The participation fee is € 130 per person. After registration, participants will receive an invoice from the VVV (Vereniging voor Vreemdelingenverkeer; Groepsuitje) for the participation fee and the chosen accommodation. This must be paid within 14 days.

**Other info:**

We will provide bicycles for all participants. If an e-bike is needed for health reasons, this is possible for an additional charge of about 15 € per day. This has to be indicated at the registration.

Hikes and bike rides will be easy to moderate in difficulty, the terrain is mostly flat with only local, short climbs.