

# Pasvik Inari



## Transboundary Cooperation

**Friday 6th October 2023 – Inspiration Session 5. PAST**

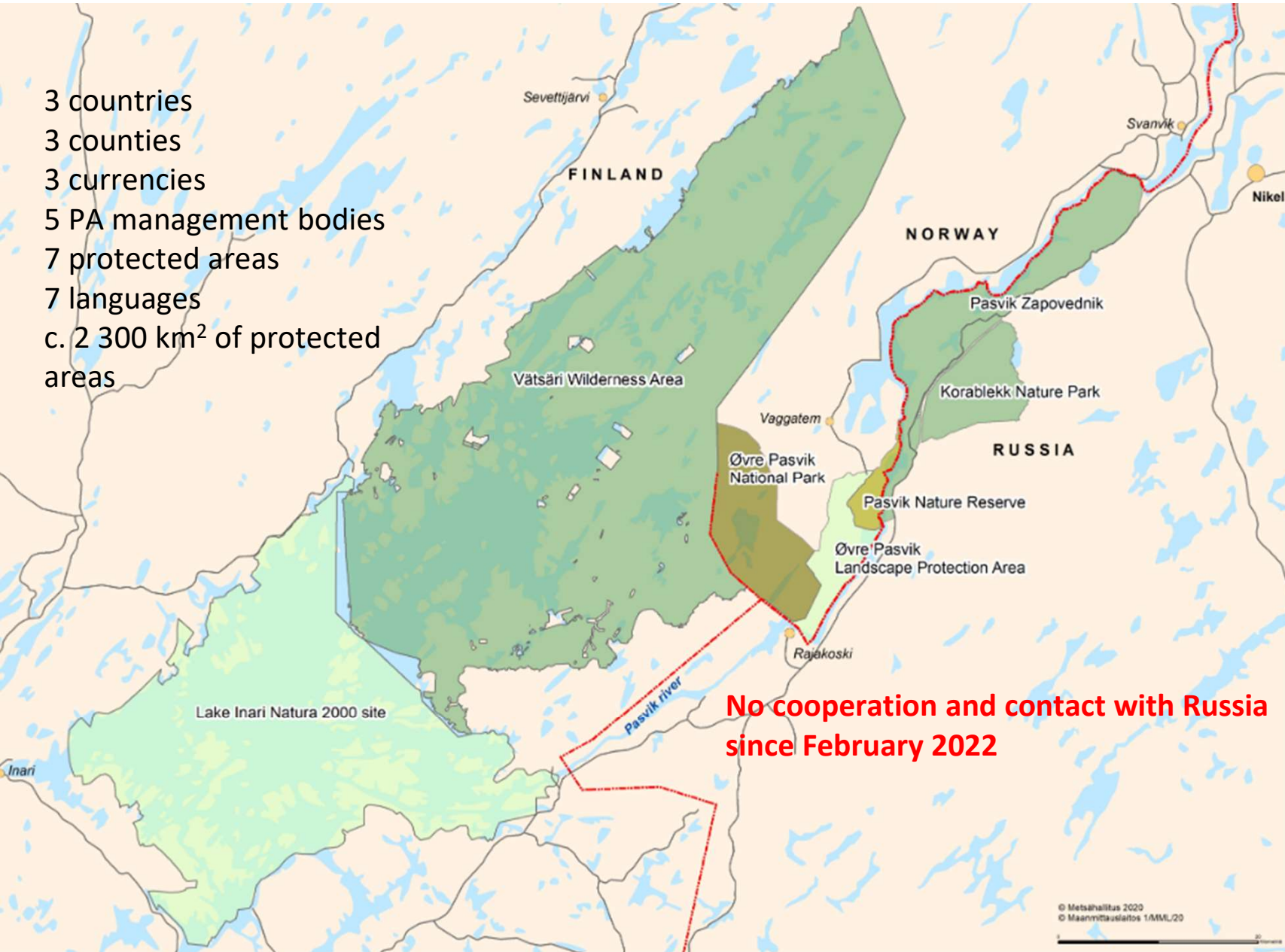
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First joint Norwegian-Russian field expedition to plan the coming Pasvik Nature Reserves, 1st June 1990. Photo: Rolf Sch. Kollstrøm



- 3 countries
- 3 counties
- 3 currencies
- 5 PA management bodies
- 7 protected areas
- 7 languages
- c. 2 300 km<sup>2</sup> of protected areas



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Joint field expedition over Pasvik river, 1st June 1990. Photo: Rolf Sch. Kollstrøm

## **PAST**

**What is your own experience from cross-border work and contacts?**

**If not working cross-border – why not? Which obstacles do you identify?**

**What is the added value of working across the borders historically?**



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Hammocs in Øvre Pasvik National Park. Photo: Piilola trail hike 2019

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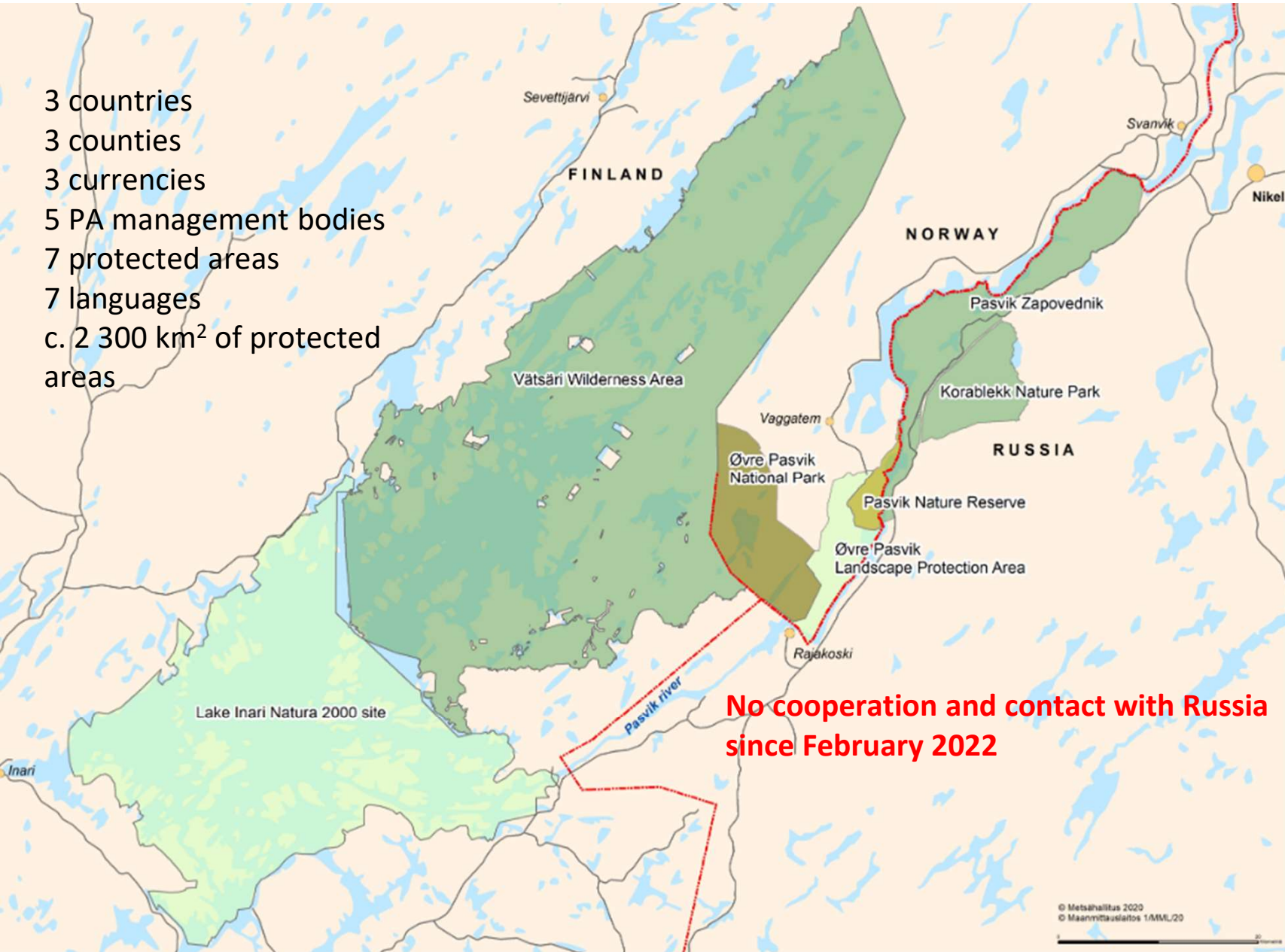
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Brown bear. Photo: Sami Säily, Metsähallitus



# PRESENT

How can we best both organize and formalize an operational cross-border cooperation?

What are the roles of certification, best practices, action plans, or possibly other regulations?





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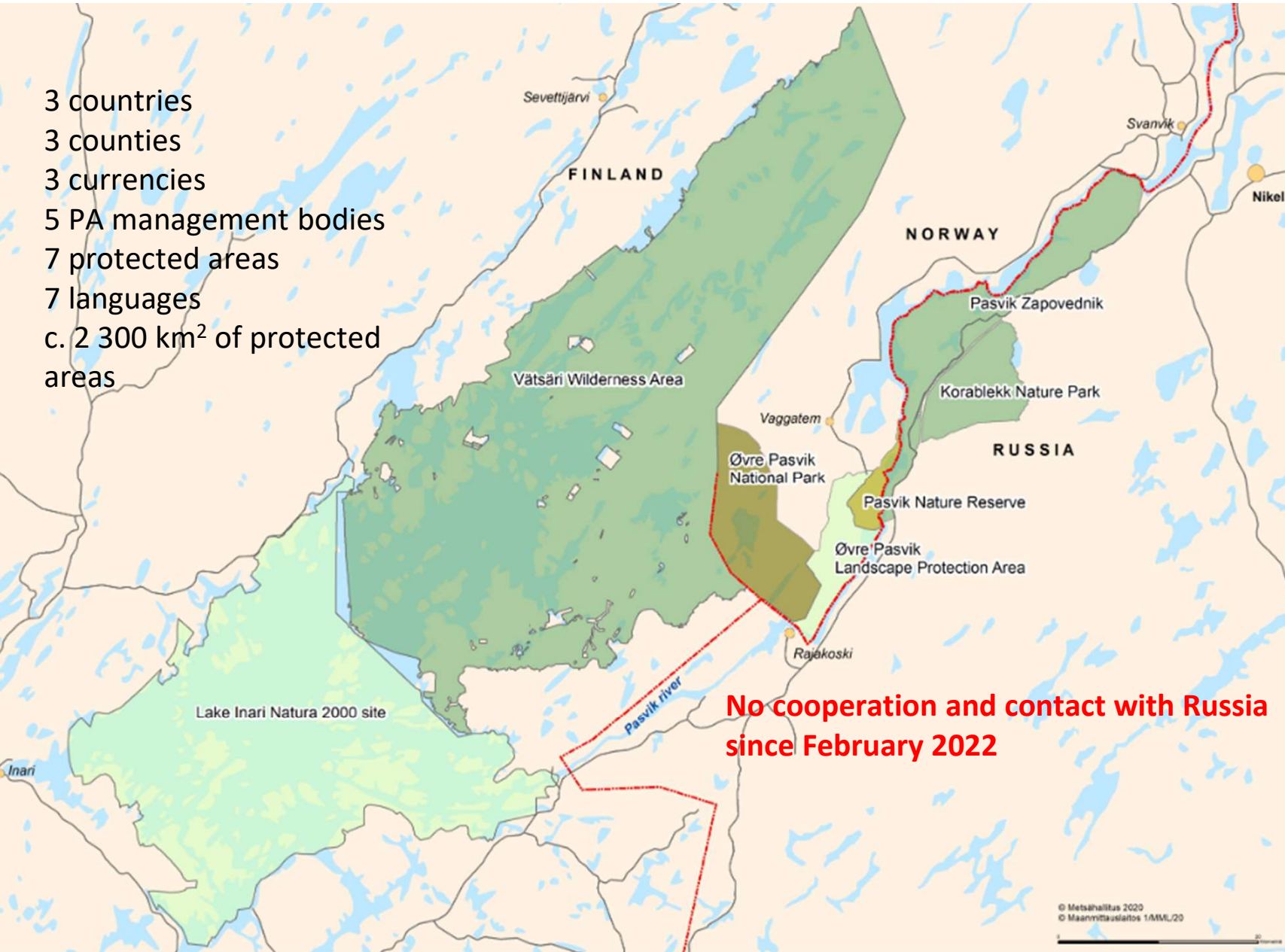
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**Friday 6th October 2023 – Inspiration Session 5. FUTURE**

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Double northern lights in Øvre Pasvik National Park. Photo: Erik Lindseth

***“Can nature protection be a bridge over troubled waters”?***



Old bridge remnants over Pasvik river in Pasvik Nature Reserve. Photo: Jaqueline Randles/ SFTF



# FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

What future opportunities for cross-border cooperation do you see?

In cases of challenges and problems:  
Can environmental management and/or nature protection cooperation work to bridge conflicts, and find new starts?



The «tree huggers» on Piilola trail hike in September 2019.  
Photo: private

# TransParcNet - annual meeting of transboundary parks

Háldi Transboundary area (FI/NO) hosts in autumn 2024



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[EUROPARC.ORG/TRANSBOUNDARY-COOPERATION](https://EUROPARC.ORG/TRANSBOUNDARY-COOPERATION)

- 1 Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park (FI/NO/RU)
- 2 Oulanka-Paanajärvi Transboundary Parks (FI/RU)
- 3 Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park (NL/DE)
- 4 Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland Transboundary Parks (DE/CZ)
- 5 Krkonoše and Karkonosze National Parks (CZ/PL)
- 6 Sumava and Bavarian Forest National Park (CZ/DE)
- 7 Podyjí-Thayatal Transboundary Parks (CZ/AU)
- 8 Neusiedler See-Seewinkel & Fertő-Hanság (AU/HU)
- 9 Julian Alps Transboundary Ecoregion (IT/SI)
- 10 Binnental Veglia Devero Transboundary Nature Park (IT/CH)
- 11 Internationaler Naturpark Bourtanger Moor - Veenland (DE/NL)
- 12 Háldi Transboundary Area (FI/NO)
- 13 Scarpe-Escaut Plains European Nature Park (FR/BE)







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