



# TransParcNet Meeting 2025

Managing Overtourism: Balancing  
Conservation and Visitor Pressure in  
Transboundary Areas

Karkonosze/Krkonoše NPs  
Nature and Education Center, Pałac Sobieszów, Karkonosze  
National Park, Poland

9-13<sup>th</sup> June

  
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# INVITATION TO KARKONOSZE MOUNTAINS

Dear TransParcNet Colleagues, dear Guests,

We kindly invite you to the TransParcNet meeting, taking place from June 9th to June 13th, 2025, in the Transboundary Area of the Krkonoše Mountains (Czech Republic) and Karkonosze Mountains (Poland).

This year's theme of the meeting is:

## **Managing Overtourism: Balancing Conservation and Visitor Pressure in Transboundary Areas.**

Managing overtourism requires strategies that balance tourist activities with preserving the environment, local culture, and residents' quality of life. Collaborating with stakeholders—such as local governments, tourism businesses, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)—can lead to a comprehensive approach to sustainable tourism management. Additionally, Transboundary Protected Areas can cooperate to address issues arising from tourism pressure.

The topics mentioned will be explored through plenary sessions and field working sessions to be held in the breathtaking Karkonosze Mountains, including a visit to Mt. Śnieżka, the highest and most popular peak in the Sudetes.

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We also hope to discuss the TransParcNet stories in a friendly and informal atmosphere during the evenings. A highlight of our evenings will be the Traditional Cuisine, where we celebrate the diverse flavors of our community! To make this evening truly special, we ask each participant to bring a taste of their home country or region— a special dish, a local delicacy, or a traditional drink—to share with fellow participants. And, of course, what better way to end the day than with live local music, adding a special touch to our time together in the heart of the Karkonosze Mountains?

We've attached the detailed programme and practical information, and we can't wait to welcome you soon!

Yours,



# Programme: Day 1

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>ARRIVAL DAY</b>
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Arrival and Shuttle Information</b> A shuttle bus schedule will be provided after registration	
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Arrival and registration at Concordia Hotel</b> Upon arrival, check in, get settled, and meet fellow attendees	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Ice Breaker evening with dinner made of regional specialties</b> Presentation of KPN and KRNAP transboundary cooperation	

# Programme: Day 2

<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Nature and Education Center, Pałac Sobieszów</i> <i>Address: Cieplicka 196 A, 58-570 Jelenia Góra</i>			<b>CONFERENCE DAY</b>
<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	<b>8:00-9:00</b>	<b>Conference Registration at Conference Centre</b>	
	<b>9:00-9:30</b>	<b>EUROPARC Welcome</b> <b>KPN-KRNAP Welcome</b>	
<b>SCIENCE &amp; RESEARCH</b>	<b>9:30-10:15</b>	<b>Landscape Character and Place Value as a Framework for Sustainable Recreation Planning and Management</b>  <i>Dr. Simon Bell, Estonian University of Life Science</i>	
	<b>10:15-11:00</b>	<b>Overtourism Challenges in Mountain National Parks</b>  <i>Dr. Mateusz Rogowski, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań</i>	
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>		<b>Break</b>	
<b>STRATEGIES FROM HOSTS</b>	<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Krkonoše out of breath - full of visitors and fragmented habitats</b>  <i>Martin Erlebach Martin Erlebach, Dušan Romport</i>	
	<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<b>New approaches to assess tourist antropopression - Karkonosze National Park case study</b>  <i>Monika Rusztecka-Rodziewicz, KPN</i>	

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TUESDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> June		CONFERENCE DAY
<i>Nature and Education Center, Pałac Sobieszów</i> Address: Cieplicka 196 A, 58-570 Jelenia Góra		
13:00 – 14:00		Lunch
POLICY	14:00–14:25	<b>Update from IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group</b>  Stefania Petrosillo, IUCN WCPA TBCSG
	14:25–14:50	<b>ONLINE: Lessons of French protected areas in cross-border cooperation</b>  <i>Alice Duret, Mission Operationnelle Transfrontaliere</i>
	14:50–15:15	<b>ONLINE: Sustainable tourism - perspectives from the EU Commission</b>  <i>Ramune Genzbigelyte - Venturi, DG GROW</i>
15:15 - 15:30		Break

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**10<sup>th</sup> June**

*Nature and Education Center, Pałac Sobieszów*

*Address: Cieplicka 196 A, 58-570 Jelenia Góra*

**CONFERENCE DAY**

OPEN MIC SESSIONS (CHOOSE)	15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>OPEN MIC SESSION 1:</b></p> <p><b>From the North to the Heart of Europe: Innovation &amp; Impact in the Age of Overtourism</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: TBA</b></p> <p><b>Rune Benonisen</b>, Hálði Transboundary Area  <b>Kirsi Ukkonen</b>, Pasvik-Inari Transboundary Area  <b>Julia Zink, <i>ONLINE</i></b>, Bavarian Forest and Šumava  National Park Transboundary Area  <b>Daniele Piassa</b>, Binntal Veglia Devero  Transboundary Park</p>
		<p><b>OR</b></p>
		<p><b>OPEN MIC SESSION 2:</b></p> <p><b>Navigating the Waters and Trails: Managing Overtourism on Land and Water</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: TBA</b></p> <p><b>Tomáš Salov</b>, Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland  Transboundary Area [<i>land</i>]  <b>Csilla Dorogman</b>, Fertő-Hanság and Neusiedler  See - Seewinkel NP Transboundary Area [<i>land</i>]  <b>Tibor Parrag</b>, Drava National Park [<i>water</i>]  <b>Martin Starý</b>, Bavarian Forest and Šumava  National Park Transboundary Area [<i>water</i>]</p>

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**CONFERENCE DAY**

<b>16:30 –17:30</b>	<p><b>Visiting Klimatyczne Karkonosze exhibition at Nature and Education Center</b></p> <p>Experience the exhibition at the Nature and Education Center, showcasing the unique climate and natural heritage of the Karkonosze region.</p>
<b>19:00</b>	<p><b>Dinner at Concordia Hotel</b></p> <p>A relaxing dinner with great food and even better company. End the day with a fun and informal evening featuring traditional local music and a chance to network with colleagues.</p>



# Programme: Day 3

**WEDNESDAY**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June**

**FIELD WORKSHOP: DAY 1**

<b>TRIPS</b>	<b>9:00 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>GROUP 1, MODERATED BY KRNAP:</b> Karkonoska Pass area</p> <p>This excursion explores the Karkonosze Mountains, a vital cross-border region between Poland and the Czech Republic. Guided by experts, participants will discuss conservation efforts for black grouse, tourism challenges with private entities in sensitive areas, visitor management in high-traffic zones, and the region's unique flora and fauna. A mountain hut lunch will offer insights into overtourism's impact on these delicate ecosystems.</p>
		<p><b>OR</b></p>
		<p><b>GROUP 2, MODERATED BY KPN:</b> Szrenica Mt. and Jakuszyce area</p> <p>This excursion ascends Szrenica Mountain in the western Karkonosze, ending in Jakuszyce, renowned for hiking and cross-country skiing. Led by specialists, topics include sustainable trail management across seasons, balancing tourism development with ecological connectivity, and the buffer zone's role in visitor flow regulation. The route offers panoramic Sudetes views and insights into managing recreational pressures while preserving ecological integrity. Lunch at Jakuszyce's Biathlon Centre will facilitate discussions on overtourism's impact in these sensitive areas.</p>

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<b>18:00 – 18:45</b>	<b>Transboundary Task Force Meeting</b> Concordia Hotel
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Get-Together Evening with Local Music</b>  Unwind after two dynamic days with a warm and lively evening at Concordia Hotel. Enjoy regional cuisine, connect with colleagues from across Europe, and reflect on key discussions from the conference and trips.

# Programme: Day 4

THURSDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> June		FIELD WORKSHOP: DAY 2	
9:00 – 14:00	<div>Śnieżka Mountain - A Journey to the Rooftop of the Sudetes</div> <div>Standing at 1,603 meters, Śnieżka Mountain is the highest peak in the Karkonosze Mountains and the entire Sudetes range, offering breathtaking panoramic views of both: Poland and the Czech Republic. This field trip provides an immersive experience of the unique alpine and subalpine environment, its ecological significance, and the challenges of managing tourism in such a delicate high-altitude landscape.</div>		
14:00 – 15:30	<div>Lunch</div> <div>Strzecha Akademicka Bouda</div>		
15:30 – 16:00	<div>TransParcNet Meeting Closure</div> <div>Strzecha Akademicka Bouda</div>		
17:30	<div>Return to Concordia Hotel</div> <div>Dinner is available for individual guests staying in this hotel</div>		

# Programme: Day 5

**FRIDAY**  
**13<sup>th</sup> June**

**DEPARTURE DAY**

**TBA**

**Departure**

# Practical information

## Venue: Nature and Education Centre – Sobieszów Palace, Karkonosze National Park

The TransParcNet Meeting will be hosted at the Nature and Education Centre of Karkonosze National Park – Sobieszów Palace.

- **Address:** Cieplicka 196a / Karkonoska 3/4, 58-570 Jelenia Góra, Poland
- **GPS Coordinates:** [50.8461581N, 15.6417125E](#)
- **More Information:** [Karkonosze National Park - Nature & Education Centre](#)

### About the Venue

Sobieszów Palace is a beautifully renovated 18th/19th-century manor-palace complex, now transformed into a modern educational and event space within Karkonosze National Park. This historic site provides an inspiring backdrop for transboundary cooperation, nature conservation, and sustainable tourism discussions.

### Facilities

- **Main Conference Room:** accommodates up to 150 participants
- **Two Workshop Rooms:** capacity of 34 and 40 people
- **On-Site Parking:** space for 36 cars, 5 buses, and 2 designated spots for people with disabilities

The venue is surrounded by stunning natural landscapes, making it an ideal location to immerse yourself in the themes of conservation and sustainable tourism while enjoying the rich cultural and historical atmosphere of the region.

# Practical information



## ACCOMMODATION – CONCORDIA HOTEL IN ZACHEŁMIE

**Address:** Podgórzyn 58-562, Zachełmie 68 ab

**GPS Coordinates:** [50.81695292731311, 15.662268728267259](#)

**Transport:** The Concordia Hotel is 7 km from the Nature and Education Center in Sobieszów, with a shuttle bus service for participants to and from the meeting venue.

Room Rates (Bed & Breakfast):

- Shared Room (2/3/4 persons): €50 per person/day
- Single Room (limited availability): €60 per person/day

*Participants are responsible for their own accommodation payments. However, the organisers will assist with the reservation process to ensure a smooth stay.*

# Practical information

## PARTICIPATION FEE

**The participation fee is €370 per person, covering:**

- Shuttle transport to Karkonosze National Park (KPN) by bus from two airports and during an event.
- Lunches and dinners - (9.06.2025 – ice breaker, 10.06.2025 – lunch and dinner, 11.06.2025 – lunch and dinner, 12.06.2025 – lunch only). Dinners (9-11.06.2025) are covered for participants at Concordia Hotel.
- Meeting materials and conference resources

*Participants are responsible for accommodation costs, which are separate from the participation fee.*

# Practical information

## HOW TO ARRIVE

### By Plane

Participants can fly into:

- Wrocław Airport (Poland) – [Wrocław Airport Website](#)
- Prague Airport (Czech Republic) – [Prague Airport Website](#)

Shuttle Service will be provided from both Wrocław and Prague airports to the Concordia Hotel. Exact shuttle schedules will be shared closer to the event.

For those unable to take the shuttle:

### By Train

- From Wrocław Main Railway Station, take a train to Jelenia Góra Sobieszów (approx. 2.5 hours).
- From Sobieszów train station, it's a 10-minute walk to the Sobieszów Palace.
- Find train schedules: [PKP Train Timetable](#)

### By Bus

- Take a bus from Wrocław Bus Station (ul. Sucha 1/11) to Jelenia Góra Bus Station (ul. Obrońców Pokoju 1B).
- From Jelenia Góra, take a local bus from "Podwale" stop (near Galeria Nowy Rynek) to Pałac Sobieszów.
- Total travel time: Approx. 3 hours from Wrocław

### By Car

- Take National Road No. 3, then turn towards Sobieszów in Piechowice – Pakoszów.
- Distance from main road to Sobieszów Palace: 3.6 km.

For navigation, use Google Maps or GPS coordinates to plan your trip efficiently.



# Practical information

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For any additional questions, please get in touch with host  
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