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Announcement of the TransParcNet meeting 2015 of the EUROPARC FEDERATION in Šumava and Bavarian Forest National Parks

“The value of healthy ecosystems for nature and people”

Dear colleagues from the TransParcNet,

We are very pleased to invite you to the annual TransParcNet meeting 2015. The meeting will take place in Šumava and Bavarian Forest National Parks at the Czech-German border. We look forward to welcoming you from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th June 2015 in České Žleby.

This year's meeting will look at “The value of healthy ecosystems for nature and people” from a transboundary perspective. We will study practical examples of raised bog restoration as well as the natural dynamic of ecosystems and their effects on biodiversity. We will enjoy views on the area from mountain tops and tree top walks, learning about the value of visitor management in order for everybody to benefit from the natural landscape.

We also seek your contribution for case studies highlighting the value of mutually maintaining and restoring ecosystems across borders.

The official opening of the TransParcNet meeting 2015 will take place on Tuesday 9th June at 17.00. Registration of participants will open one hour before.

The programme of the meeting with further details is attached. The meeting will take place in English.

If you will come by plane, we recommend flying into Munich. From Munich airport we will try organise a shuttle bus to České Žleby on Tuesday and also on Friday for your travel back. You should arrive at Munich airport no later than 14.00h. We also suggest to book your flight back on Friday not before 13.00h.

For those of you who come by car, we will meet you at the hotel:

Hotel České Žleby
České Žleby 56
38451 Stožec
CZECH REPUBLIC

Participation fee for the meeting is € 350 per person in a single room and € 280 per person when sharing a double room. It covers accommodation (three nights), local transport and all meals. Registration starts now and will remain open until 30th April 2015.

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For the first registration please send an email to sylvia.nodes@npv-bw.bayern.de
(Tel.: 0049 8552 9600 143).

After registration you will get further information concerning the organisation,
money transfer and transport.

If you have any questions at this stage, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Hans Kiener, Bavarian Forest National Park

Martin Starý, Šumava National Park

Transboundary Parks...following nature's design



TransParkNet meeting 9th – 12th June 2015

Šumava National Park (CZ) and Bavarian Forest National Park (DE)

Draft programme

Tuesday, June 9th

Arrival at Hotel České Žleby
České Žleby 56, 38451 Stožec, CZECH REPUBLIC

16:00

Registration opens

17:00

Official opening of TransParcNet meeting 2015

Welcome

Mgr. Pavel Hubený, Director Šumava National Park
Dr. Franz Leibl, Director Bavarian Forest National Park
Kaja Lotman, EUROPARC Vice President

“First encounter with the park”: Short walk to chapel Tusset with
Mgr. Paval Hubený

19:00

Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday, June 10th

Fostering biodiversity: From “Let nature be nature” to giving nature a helping hand

8:00 – 9:00

Breakfast

9:00 – 12:00

Presentations and workshops

Introduction to TransParcNet meeting

Petra Schultheiss, EUROPARC Project Development Officer

Cooperation in nature conservation between Estonia and Latvia
Kaja Lotman

European Green Belt Initiative

Melanie Kreutz, BUND project office Green Belt

Coffee break

Let Nature Be Nature – Natural dynamics of ecosystems and biodiversity conservation

*Dr. Jörg Müller, Deputy Director Bavarian Forest National Park,
Department of Conservation and Research*

Protection and Restoration of raised bogs in Šumava National Park

*Dr. Ivana Buřkova, Head of the Mire Restoration Project,
Department of Nature Conservation, Šumava National Park*



Packed lunch

13:30 – 18:00 **Excursion: Virgin forest relicts and types in Bohemian Forest;**
Restoration of different bog habitats as N2000 sites in Bohemian
Forest

Visit to Kubany virgin forest and raised bogs in Bohemian Forest

19:00 Dinner at hotel

Thursday, June 11th

People, passion, protected areas: Transboundary approaches to visitor management

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 **Presentations and workshops**

Socio-economic monitoring as basis for the development of a
transboundary visitor management concept and fostering of regional
economic activities

*Prof. Arnberger, Head of the Socio-economic monitoring project in
both national parks (Department of Landscape, Spatial and
Infrastructure Sciences, University of Natural Resources and Life
Sciences, Vienna); Maria Hußlein (NP Bavarian Forest), Jaroslav
Červenka (Šumava NP)*

10:00 – 11:00 **Experiences in cross-border cooperation: News from the
network**

News from Oulanka and Paanajärvi National Parks

*Matti Hovi, Park Superintendent, Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife
Finland*

Toward an interactive web portal and series of case studies
highlighting cross-border conservation efforts in Europe

*Dr. Brady Mattsson, Institute of Silviculture, University of Natural
Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna*

11:00 – 11:30 **TransParcNet meeting 2016 – Presentation**

Packed lunch

12:00 **Excursion: Departure to Bavarian Forest National Park**

13:00 - 16:00 Hike to the top of Mount Lusen and experience large scale
forest succession after heavy bark beetle infestation

Note: Alternative programme in case of bad weather

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17:00 Visit to the treetop walk and presentation of the first public private partnership project in Bavarian Forest National Park
<http://www.baumwipfelpfad.bayern/bayerischer-wald-en/>
Representative of Erlebnisakademie, company in charge of treetop walk

19:00 Dinner and evening programme in the outdoor museum of Finsterau
<http://www.freilichtmuseum.de/sprachen/english.htm>

Friday, June 12th Departure