



Working cross-border: Benefit for Nature and People

Introduction to EUROPARC's
Transboundary Parks Programme and its TransParcNet



Our work – our commitment

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- **Diverse**

Umbrella organisation for protected areas in Europe
> 375 members in 36 countries

- **Experienced**

40 years Working for Nature 2013

- **Committed**

Communications, Networking, Training, Representation, Lobbying,
Promotion, Development

- **Multifaceted**

Nature education, Sustainable development, Renewables and energy efficiency, Agriculture and protected areas, Health and protected areas and of course **Transboundary work**



EUROPARC are

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Members



Directorate



Sections



Council



Working groups

Nature knows no boundaries

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EUROPARC is based on the principle that

International cooperation

Personal contact

Experience exchange

Knowledge and innovation

→lead to better support and management of protected areas

→which ensures future protection and conservation of Nature



The Federation is your

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„Peace keeping unit“

Transboundary Parks...following nature's design 

„Meeting point“

EUROPARC
CONFERENCE 2014
28th SEPTEMBER – 1st OCTOBER
KILLARNEY-IRELAND



„Gym“



„News room“

„Travel agent“



„Lobbyist“



„Nature school“



Transboundary Parks...following nature's design 



Together across borders

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Cooperation Nature

Common Border **People**

Monitor Change Finances **Culture**

History Planning Meeting **New IDEAS** Education

Greenbelt Ecotourism **Partner** Projects

Together Connection Shared

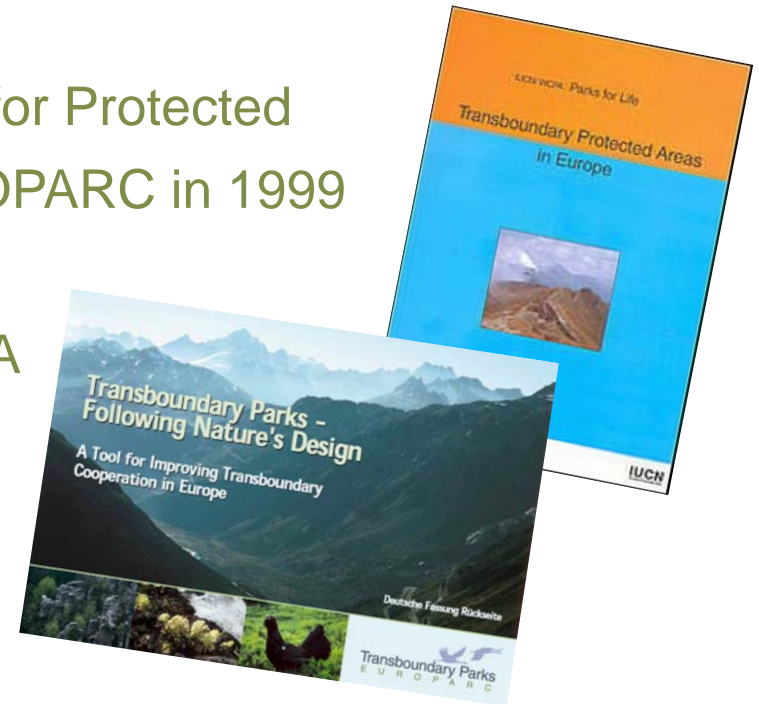
Politics Problems Fun

Transboundary Parks Programme



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- Evolved from “Parks for Life - Action for Protected Areas in Europe” by IUCN and EUROPARC in 1999
- Launched 2003 at WPC in Durban/SA

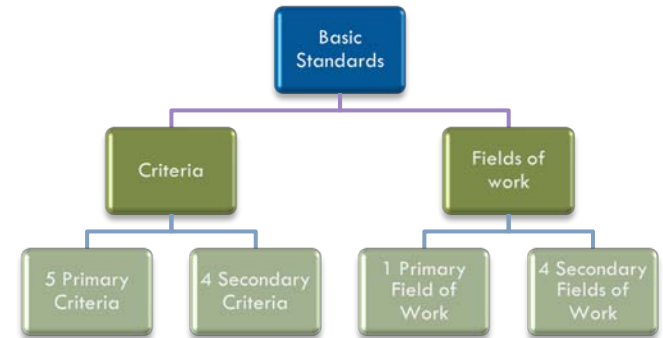


Transboundary Parks Programme



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- Successful tool to support and enhance cooperation between European PAs
- Innovative and unique system of basic standards
- Distinctive method
- Encourages best practice and experience exchange
- The TransParcNet
Unifying ecosystems and people



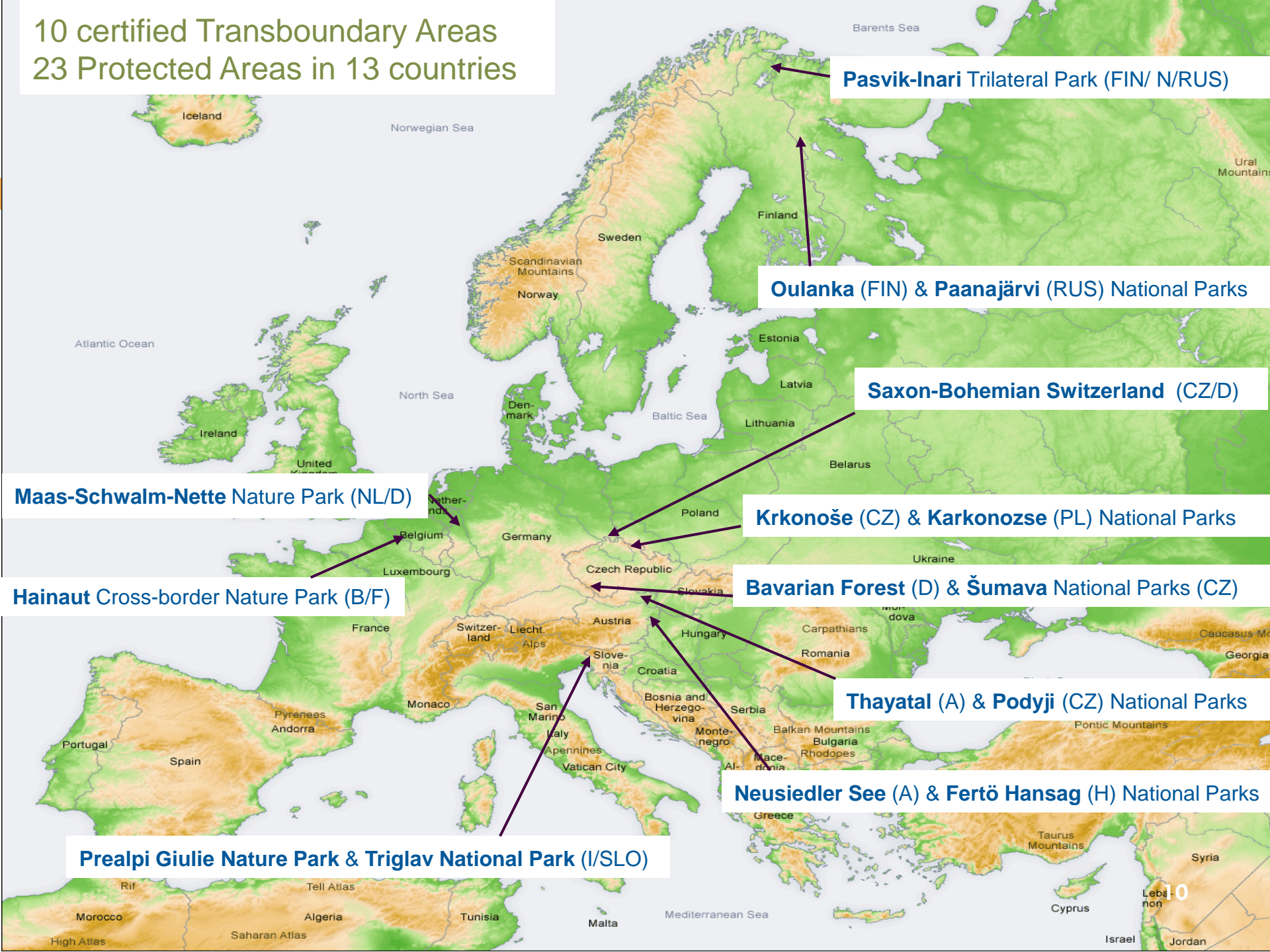
TransParcNet

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- Founded in 2007, annual meetings ever since
- Meet new people and old friends
- Get to know different protected areas each year and their cooperation approaches
- Exchange of experience and good practice
- Inspire each other for new projects
- Thematic workshops, excursions
- ... and FUN and LOVE!



10 certified Transboundary Areas
23 Protected Areas in 13 countries



Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park (FIN/ N/RUS)

Oulanka (FIN) & Paanajärvi (RUS) National Parks

Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland (CZ/D)

Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park (NL/D)

Krkonoše (CZ) & Karkonosze (PL) National Parks

Hainaut Cross-border Nature Park (B/F)

Bavarian Forest (D) & Šumava National Parks (CZ)

Thayatal (A) & Podyji (CZ) National Parks

Neusiedler See (A) & Fertő Hanság (H) National Parks

Prealpi Giulie Nature Park & Triglav National Park (I/SLO)

Thank you.

