Working cross-border: Benefit for Nature and People

Introduction to EUROPARC’s Transboundary Parks Programme

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The EUROPARC „Transboundary Parks Programme: following Nature’s design“ initiative is a special verification and certification system that aims to promote and facilitate transboundary cooperation between European protected areas.

It seeks to support a process of mutual understanding, often between countries where history may have created mutual distrust, or administrative barriers, and develop management tools to enable greater cooperative management.
Encourage and facilitate interregional and transboundary cooperation on nature protection issues

Common responsibility for the border regions

Benefits of transboundary cooperation between protected areas

Greater European integration in nature protection

Translate the common European vision into practice
Transboundary Parks Programme

- Tool to support and enhance cooperation between European PAs
- Innovative and unique system of basic standards
- Distinctive method
- Encourages best practice and experience exchange
- Award, celebration of success
TransParcNet:
11 certified Transboundary Areas
25 Protected Areas in 14 countries

- Bavarian Forest (D) & Šumava (CZ) National Parks
- Oulanka (FIN) & Paanajärvi (RUS) National Parks
- Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park (FIN/N/RUS)
- Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland (CZ/D)
- Krkonoše (CZ) & Karkonozse (PL) National Parks
- Thayatal (A) & Podyji (CZ) National Parks
- Neusiedler See (A) & Fertő Hansag (H) National Parks
- Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park (NL/D)
- Hainaut Cross-border Nature Park (B/F)
- Nature Parks Alpe Veglia Alpe Devero & Binntal (IT-CH)
- Prealpi Giulie Nature Park & Triglav National Park (I/SLO)
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The TransParcNet - Networking of TB areas

Annual meeting

June 2020: Binntal Veglia Devero Transboundary Nature Park (IT-CH)
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Working together, despite all differences!!

Thank you 😊