



Transboundary Parks...following nature's design

TransParcNet Meeting 2021

The contribution of the Transboundary Protected Areas to the EU Green Deal

Thursday, 10th of June 2021, 09:00-16:00 CET
Online

The **EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Programme "Following Natures Design"** is a special verification and certification system that aims to promote and facilitate transboundary cooperation between European Protected Areas.

The **TransParcNet** is the network of all certified EUROPARC Transboundary Parks.

The **Annual TransParcNet meeting** is usually hosted by one of the members of the network. This year, as in 2020, due of COVID19 emergency and travel restrictions, it is organized by EUROPARC online.

The event is restricted to TransParcNet members.

"The European Green Deal is the plan to make the EU's economy sustainable. We can do this by turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities, and making the transition just and inclusive for all" (European Commission)

What can this new approach offer to the cross-border protected areas?

And which is the contribution that EUROPARC Transboundary Areas can provide to reach this crucial objective for the whole European continent?

We very much look forward to a fruitful and enlightening exchange and discussion.

More info about the program, the network and the previous TransParcNet meetings:

<https://www.euoparc.org/nature/transboundary-cooperation/>

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

	<p>Facilitator: Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer, in charge of Transboundary Parks Programme, EUROPARC Federation</p>
09:00	<p>OPENING THE MEETING AND WELCOME Ignace Shops, President EUROPARC Federation</p>
	<p>MORNING SESSION With the participation of European Parliament, Committee of Regions and European Commission</p>
09:10	<p>Presentation and update about the EUROPARC Transboundary Program and the network Rolands Auzins & Stefano Santi, Co-chair EUROPARC TB Task Force</p>
09:30	<p>The crossborder cooperation in EU and with neighbour countries, in the framework of the Green Deal: the perspective from the European Parliament MEP Jutta Paulus, Member of European Parliament (Germany) MEP Nicolae Ștefănuță, Member of European Parliament (Romania)</p>
09:50	Q&A, debate
10:00	<p>The “European Cross-Border Citizens’ Alliance” and the “Green Deal Going Local”: two initiatives of the European Committee of Regions (CoR) Christof Kienel, Head of Unit, Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER), CoR Mario Grubišić, Policy Officer, Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE), CoR</p>
10:15	Q&A, debate
10:25	BREAK
10:40	<p>Targets, criteria and implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030: The EC technical note on criteria and guidance for protected areas designations and management Joaquim Capitaó, Policy Officer, DG ENV, European Commission The EUROPARC’s position Federico Minozzi, Managing Director, EUROPARC Federation</p>
11:00	Q&A, debate
11:10	<p>How some European programmes and funds can support cross-border cooperation to achieve the biodiversity targets: Contributes from: Przemek Oginski, Policy Officer, DG ENV, European Commission Gilles Kittel, IPA CBC Team Leader, DG REGIO, European Commission Marta Munoz, Policy Officer, DG EAC (Erasmus+), European Commission</p>
11:40	Q&A, debate
12:00	END OF THE MORNING SESSION - LUNCH TIME
13:30-14:00	COFFEE TIME & NETWORKING Virtual tables available for participants who will like to take a coffee together.
	<p>AFTERNOON SESSION For EUROPARC members and protected areas special guests only</p>
14:00	<p>Results and comments about the morning session Debate facilitate by Stefania Petrosillo, Policy Officer and in charge of Transboundary Parks Programme EUROPARC Federation</p>
14:15	<p>About the TB Task Force: composition, chair/s and working groups Debate facilitated by Stefano Santi and Rolands Auzins, Co-chairs of TB Task Force</p>

14:30	Projects for the network – update of the process <i>Communication by André Claassen, TB Project Working Group TBC</i>
14:45	BREAK
14:55	How to communicate the Programme and increase the network's visibility <i>Debate facilitate by Esther Bossink, in charge of Communication, EUROPARC</i> <i>Presentation by Elisa Tuillon, former EUROPARC intern</i>
15:15	Verifications visits and evaluations 2021 and 2022. New potential candidates. <i>Communication by Matti Hovi, Member of STEC</i>
15:30	Final comments by participants about the TransParcNet meeting 2021 & Announcement of the TransParcNet 2022
15:40	Conclusions <i>Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation</i>
15:50	END OF THE MEETING