



Transboundary Parks  
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Naturpark  
Maas-Schwalm-Nette  
Grenspark



# TransParcNet Meeting 2023

*German-Dutch Nature Park Maas-Schwalm-Nette (DE-NL)*

*20-23 June 2023*



Nature Park Maas-Schwalm-Nette Photo M. J. J. J.

**TransParcNet Meeting 2023  
FIRE AND WATER**

**How to deal with 'natural' disasters in transboundary  
parks cooperation?**

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# NEWS FROM THE PROGRAMME AND FROM THE NETWORK

Transboundary Parks...following nature's design



**Current network 2022/23** (*cooperation with Russia suspended*)



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EUROPARC.ORG/TRANSBOUNDARY-COOPERATION

- 1 Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park (FI/NO/RU)
- 2 Oulanka-Paanajärvi Transboundary Parks (FI/RU)
- 3 Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park (NL/DE)
- 4 Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland Transboundary Parks (DE/CZ)
- 5 Krkonoše and Karkonosze National Parks (CZ/PL)
- 6 Šumava and Bavarian Forest National Park (CZ/DE)
- 7 Podjiji-Thayatal Transboundary Parks (CZ/AU)
- 8 Neusiedler See-Seewinkel & Fertő-Hanság (AU/HU)
- 9 Julian Alps Transboundary Ecoregion (IT/SI)
- 10 Binnental Veglia Devero Transboundary Nature Park (IT/CH)
- 11 Internationaler Naturpark Bourtanger Moor - Veenland (DE/NL)
- 12 Håldi Transboundary Area (FI/NO)
- 13 Scarpe-Escaut Plains European Nature Park (FR/BE)

**Among the contacts for possible enlargement:**

- Wadden Sea (DK, DE, NL)
- 3 Nations Park Pyrenees (ES, FR, Andorra)
- Flanders BE & Germany
- Flanders BE & France
- Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) & EUROPARC Francophone Section (meet Nov 2023)
- Balkans


**In 2022, awarded for the first time:**

- Håldi Transboundary Area (NO/ FI)
- European Nature Park of Scarpe Escaut Plains (FR/BE)



**VISIBILITY OF THE PROGRAMME & NETWORK**

Remind the use's rules of the TB logo by the areas!  
You have received an email about it



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**CONFERENCE EUROPARC 2023**

- Inspiration Sessions (case study Tiia and Riina)
- Market Place TB programme and network (Task Force)

**WEBINARS**

- Marine crossborder cooperation, 2022 (Pelagos case study)
- Marine crossborder cooperation, 2023 probably with IUCN (date tbc)



**CONTACTS WITH EUROPE**

- Council of Europe : Several Working Groups (Stefania) and Conference in Strasbourg about Green Administration, April 2023 (Riina)
- EU : ECHO and other DGs ; Committee of Regions (12th EGTC Platform 2022 meeting – Lisa)

**YOUTH INVOLVEMENT** in the program – EUROPARC priority



**IUCN WCPA TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION SPECIALIST GROUP**

- Looking for Regional coordinators / Join the group!

<https://bit.ly/3WYRIup>    <https://www.tbpa.net/index.php>



**B-SOLUTIONS INITIATIVE**

- Experience Scarpe Escaut
- Contacts with Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)



**STEC members 2022/23**

Arnold	Boer	Individual Member	Netherlands
Handrij	Härtel	Bohemian Switzerland National Park	Czech Republic
Tiia	Kalske	Øvre-Pasvik National Park	Norway
Matti	Hovi	Metsähallitus	Finland



**Verifiers:** Leo Reyrink, Arto Ahokumpu, Rolands Auzins, Bettina Kreisel, Mojca Smolej (training completed in 2022). Stefano Santi and Michael Hosek not active at the moment.

**For remind: the following documents have been edited (Jan 2022):**  
 REGISTRATION FORM  
 MANUAL GUIDELINES Protected Areas  
 APPLICATIONS FORMS first & reevaluation  
 VERIFICATIONS FORMS fist & reevaluation

**New candidatures 2023:** *None*

**Next reevaluations:**

Nature Park Alpe Veglia Alpe Devero	Binntal Veglia Devero	IT	2019	2024				
Binntal Landshaftspark	Transboundary Park	CH	Leo Reyrink					
Øvre-Pasvik NP	Pasvik-Inari trilateral park	Norway	2008	2013	Rolands Auzins	2018	Rolands Auzins	2022 postponed 2025
Vätsäri Wilderness Area		Finland						
Pasvik Zapovednik		Russia						
Oulanka NP		Finland	2005	2011	2016	Rolands Auzins	2021 2022 – postponed ???	
Paanajärvi NP		Russia						



**Stefano, the microphone is yours...**  
**(... but , please, not for singing... yet!)**





- ❖ **Terms of Reference for Member Participation Working Groups**
- ❖ **Current membership** of the Task Force Transboundary Parks – each TB area have representative - welcome to join anytime
- ❖ **Taskforce Meeting**
  - 2022 - 2 online meeting and one life (TPN meeting)
  - 2023 – 1 online meeting

## **New TB Parks in 2023**

- ❖ Háldi Transboundary Area
- ❖ European Nature Park of Scarpe Escaut Plains

## **Renewed in 2022**

- ❖ Maas-Swalm-Nette Nature Park on the border of Germany and the Netherlands
- ❖ Neusiedler See – Seewinkel & Fertő-Hanság National Parks in Austria and Hungary
- ❖ Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland between Saxony (Germany) and the Czech Republic

❖ **Visit to promote TB program**

Three Nations Park of Pyrenees – promotion visit in October 2023 by Stefania Petrosillo and dr. Tit Potočnik, Triglav National Park Director

❖ **TransParcNet 2022** - Binntal Veglia Devero Transboundary Park

❖ **Workshop and seminars** – representing TB best practices – 5

❖ **Projects and Working Groups** – 3 project proposals / other WG were not active in this period

❖ **Other activities**



Presented by: Dorogman Csilla

- Intensive cooperation at development of common projects for the upcoming call of the ATHU Interreg Programme
- Common understanding of processes linked to the fall of groundwater level in the area (both the lake and its surroundings)
- Common challenge of fires in the reed belt of the lake





KRNAP (CZ) celebrates all the year its 60th Anniversary (up left) and is going to open new Visitors Center in Vrchlabí on October 18th (below).

KPN (PL) opens its new visitors center in Sobieszów on June 19th (up right)

## NEWS FROM THE TRANSBOUNDARY AREA

Oulanka NP

Paanajärvi NP

**Cooperation suspended**



*André Claassen and Melanie Hüpkes*

- Extension National Park De Meinweg (NL) and Naturpark Schwalm-Nette (D)
- Project recreational horse-riding including:
  - o Reducing border-crossing issues of AHL
  - o Signposting 900km of horse tracks
  - o Developing hospitality
- Project wildfire management in application including
  - o How to change vegetation to reduce fire risk
  - o connect nature managers & fire brigade
  - o Cross-border tool library
  - o Measures (vegetation, water supply)
  - o Training

- **Pasvik-Inari cooperation continues bilaterally between Norway and Finland**  
- greetings to all of you from Tiia Kalske, Rolf Kollstrøm, Riina Tervo and Kirsi Ukkonen
- Øvre Pasvik national park's (NO) **brand new visitor point, Gjøken**, will be opened on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Visitor point was built in PAN – Phenomena of Arctic Nature -cross-border cooperation project funded by EU.
- **Joint monitoring of brown bear** population takes place for the 5<sup>th</sup> time during this summer. Results will be published in the beginning of year 2024
- We are **busy with birds**: waterfowl on Pasvik river are counted both in spring and in autumn, and birds will be ringed in the late summer. Norway won the friendly competition on number of observed bird species and individuals during guided bird trip
- **Cross-border cooperation with schools** is developing: Finnish pupils participated in brown bear DNA-lab given by Norwegian colleagues in Finland in spring. Also, Finnish pupils and their teacher will travel to intensive one-week-course on climate change, phenology and water topics held in autumn in Norway





Zdeněk Mačát, Lenka Reiterová

6 projects, 920.000 €

- ❖ **Transparcnet meeting in June 2022 in Binntal and Devero**
- ❖ **Second place for our women's team (2 Italians, 2 Swiss) at the Memorial Danilo Re competition in Cogne / Italy, organized by ALPARC (the Alpine Network of Protected Areas) in January 2023**
- ❖ **First transboundary staff meeting in March 2023 in Binn (exchange in English)**
- ❖ **Finishing of Italian-Swiss Interreg project MINERALP (Mines and Minerals), including preparation of the visitor mine of Taglione and tour with picture show of microminerals with live music**
- ❖ **“Parchi in città – Nature Parks visit the City” with 10 parks from Piedmont, Valais and Berne in the city of Thun in June 2023**
- ❖ **Decision of the competent bodies of both parks for the re-qualification as Transboundary Park in 2024**

(Doris Imhasly, Daniele Piazza, Andreas Weissen)

*Pavel Bečka, Jaroslav Červenka, Martin Starý*

- Bavarian Forest National Park was enlarged by approx. 700 ha to 24 945 ha
- in addition, the nature zone was extended to 75.37 % of its area
- in Šumava National Park, the zone without human intervention was enlarged to 42 % of its area
- together, the two parks cover an area of 47.5 thousand ha, where process protection has priority
  
- last year we completed three major Interreg projects
- in May, a new Interreg project Ecological effects of the return of wolves on the Šumava/Bavarian Forest ecosystem started
- in the Life Project Transboundary restoration of mires for biodiversity and landscape hydrology in Šumava and Bavarian Forest (8/2018 – 12/2024) are already 1250 ha restorations completed, 150 km ditches blocked, 25 km streams restored
- in winter 2022/23 both national parks did for the third time (after 2011 and 2017) a monitoring of the western capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*) – the results are expected in autumn

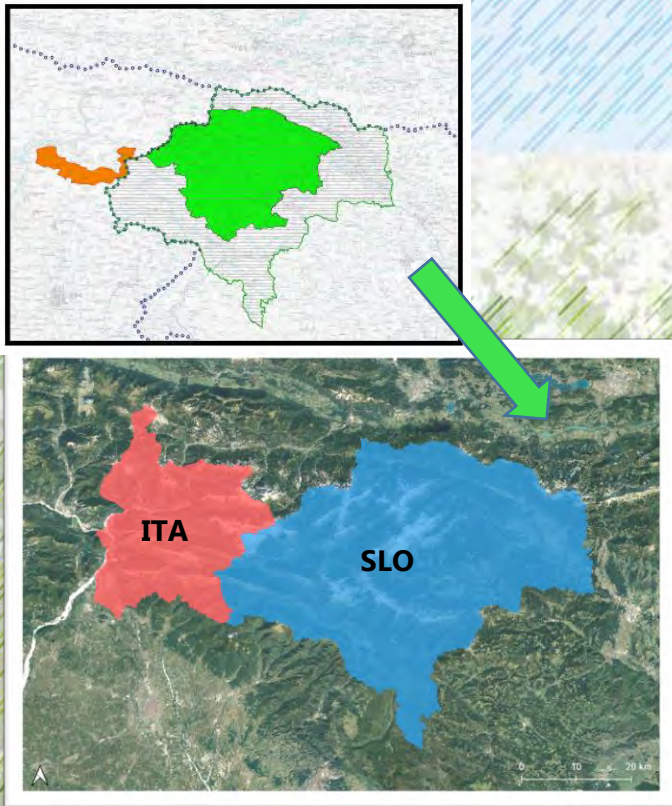


- large fire in both NPs last summer (2022), more than 1000 ha
- intensive discussions concerning further management of both NPs, many research and monitoring projects focused on impact of the forest fires, post-fire monitoring, post-fire and post-bark beetle management and prevention of fires (fire safety)
- new directors of both National Park administrations appointed: **Petr Kříž** (CZ) and **Uwe Borrmeister** (DE)
- *video by Handrij Härtel:*



# NEWS FROM THE TRANSBOUNDARY ECOREGION JULIAN ALPS

## TRANBOUNDARY MAB JULIAN ALPS



## ECO CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SLOVENIA/ITALY/AUSTRIA



## TRANSBOUNDARY WORK / FUN WORK



## CONNECTION WALKING TRAIL FROM TRIGLAV PN TO PREALPI NP – First guided tour on 11 of July 2023

## NETWORK MEETING ECST, ECOREGION JULIAN ALPS

**FEDERPARCHI BOARDS ACTIVITIES**  
**President PNPG: a new role as Transboundary parks board Coordinator**

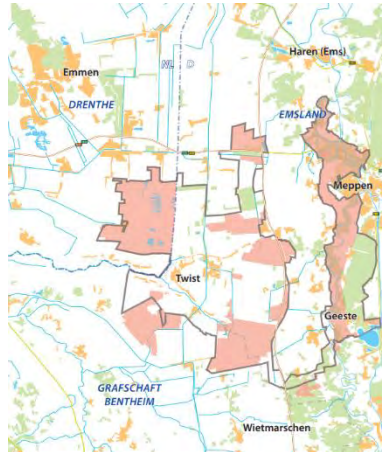
**PROJECTS - Interreg project proposals**  
**Connection between tree lands – SLO/IT – IT/AT – AT/SLO**  
**Tourism Monitoring / TB MAB cooperation**



Presented by: Andreas Rakers, Naturepark ranger



area: 217 km<sup>2</sup> 48,4 % nature reserves  
(for comparison: former Bourtanger Moor was estimated 1.200 km<sup>2</sup>)



Cross-border projects/works we do:

- working groups and organs consist of Dutch and Germans
- interests of the other nation are represented by the nature park in national committees and bodies
- cross-border cycling and hiking trail network
- Moor gateways (Veenporten (NL), Moorpforten (DE))

- Annual meeting of Joint Management Group
- Update of Action plan
- Planning of a common Haldi week with events for locals and tourists
- Innovation and preparation of an Interreg project CLAP –  
Adaptation to climate change and communication  
in Nordic protected areas and visitor centres
- Participation and presentations in National Train Conference in Tromsø
- New exhibition “Amazing Reisa“ in Halti National Park Center
  - 3D-model of Halti mountain
  - Common map over the TBA-area
  - Opening 19. September

# TransParcNet meeting 2024

- Week 36 2.–7th September 2024
- Halti National Park Center, Storslett
- Reisa National Park, Norway
- Käsivarsi Wilderness Area, Finland
- Travel to Tromsö or through Finland



Lisa Bardot, cross-border officer

- Officially part of the Transboundary Parks network since 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2022;
- In January 2023, the Administrative Court of Lille delivered its verdict regarding the Escaut Pollution case asking Tereos to pay 9 millions € for damages compensation to Walloon; a documentary about this environmental disaster is now available;
- Experience of b-solutions expertise in order to help us to better identify the solutions for water governance on our territory.
- Applications to Interreg VI programme were submitted, waiting for the results which will greatly impact our future work plan.

ansParcNet meeting 2022



**THANKS FOR MAKING OUR NETWORK SO ALIVE!**

EUROPARC Conference Austria 2022



EUROPARC Conference France 2022

