





Cairngorms, Scotland



Skaftafell Iceland



Jostedalbreen Norway



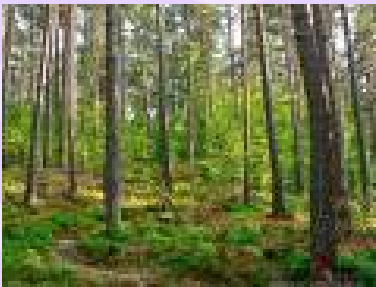
Kemeris, Latvia

Variety of landscapes, embedded in cultural identity. Influenced course of history, inspired artists and thinkers and enriched lives. They are our natural life support system.

Land is our inheritance, - we hold it in trust for those who come after us.



Fertö Hanság Hungary



Cevennes, France



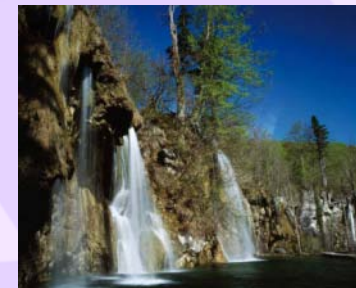
Goreme Turkey



Pelister, Macedonia



Triglav Slovenia



Plitvice Lakes, Croatia



EUROPARC
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EUROPARC is the leading European organisation for protected areas bringing together dedicated professionals, agencies, academics and decision makers.



Our mission is.....to increase effectiveness in conserving and enhancing natural and cultural heritage, for the well-being and benefit of future generations



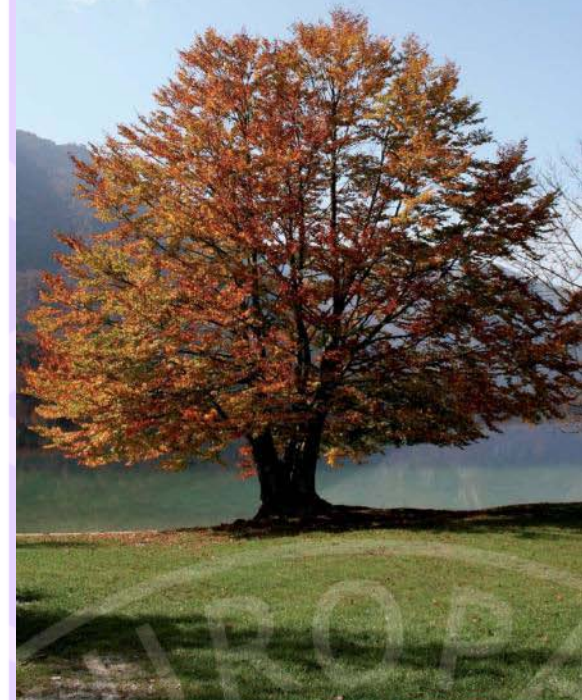
"You are a guest of nature. Behave!"

Friedensreich Hundertwasser (AT)

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"It is a sad matter
to think that nature
speaks and that the
human race does not listen."

Victor Hugo (FR)



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Support for Protected Areas

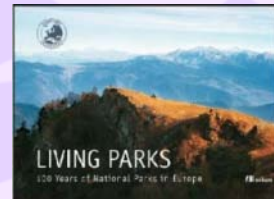
- Benefits and values of protected areas (European Charter for sustainable tourism)
- Capacity building, training and education

Project Development: ***Mediterranean Youth Rangers*** (working title)

- Management of protected areas
- Communications across Europe

100 years of National Parks, European Day of Parks

- Efficient and representative protected area networks
- Transboundary Protected Areas:
Following Nature's Design initiative**





Transboundary Parks...following nature's design

Fruska Gora NP,
Serbia

Transboundary Parks – Following Nature's Design

- evolved from “Parks for Life - Action for Protected Areas in Europe”
- launched in 2003 at the Fifth World Parks Congress
- innovative and unique system of basic standards
- encourages best practice and facilitates daily cooperation between European protected areas at borders

**The only method in Europe which
analyses the progress of transboundary
cooperation**



"The future is filled with opportunities and most things remain to be done. A glorious future!"

Ingar Kamprad (SE)

The EUROPARC basic standards

- 9 Quality Criteria
- 5 Fields of Work
- A series of practical and measurable actions

These points, if achieved, will secure long-term, quality transboundary cooperation between protected areas

The EUROPARC basic standards

The Primary Criteria (fulfill 4)

- a common vision
- common fields of work for the protected areas
- an official agreement between the parks
- cooperation between the staff from each area

The Secondary Criteria (fulfill 3)

- the establishment of guiding principles for the cooperation
- the exchange of data
- foreign language communication
- ecological monitoring
- the basis of joint financing

The EUROPARC basic standards

The Primary Fields of Work (fulfil all)

- nature conservation, the main objective of a protected area

The Secondary Fields of Work (fulfil 2)

- education and communication
- recreation and sustainable tourism
- research and monitoring
- mutual understanding and the promotion of peace

Special reference is made to

- cross-cultural interaction
- fostering of social and economic well-being of local communities
- raising of political support

The evaluation and certification

- Manual – step by step towards certification
- objective evaluation system
- Independent verifiers appointed by EUROPARC evaluate each application including an on-site verification in the protected areas
- Transboundary Steering and Evaluation Committee (STEC) takes the final decision which is endorsed by Council

"Climb the mountains
and get their good tidings.
Nature's peace will flow into you
as sunshine flows into trees..."

John Muir (UK/USA)

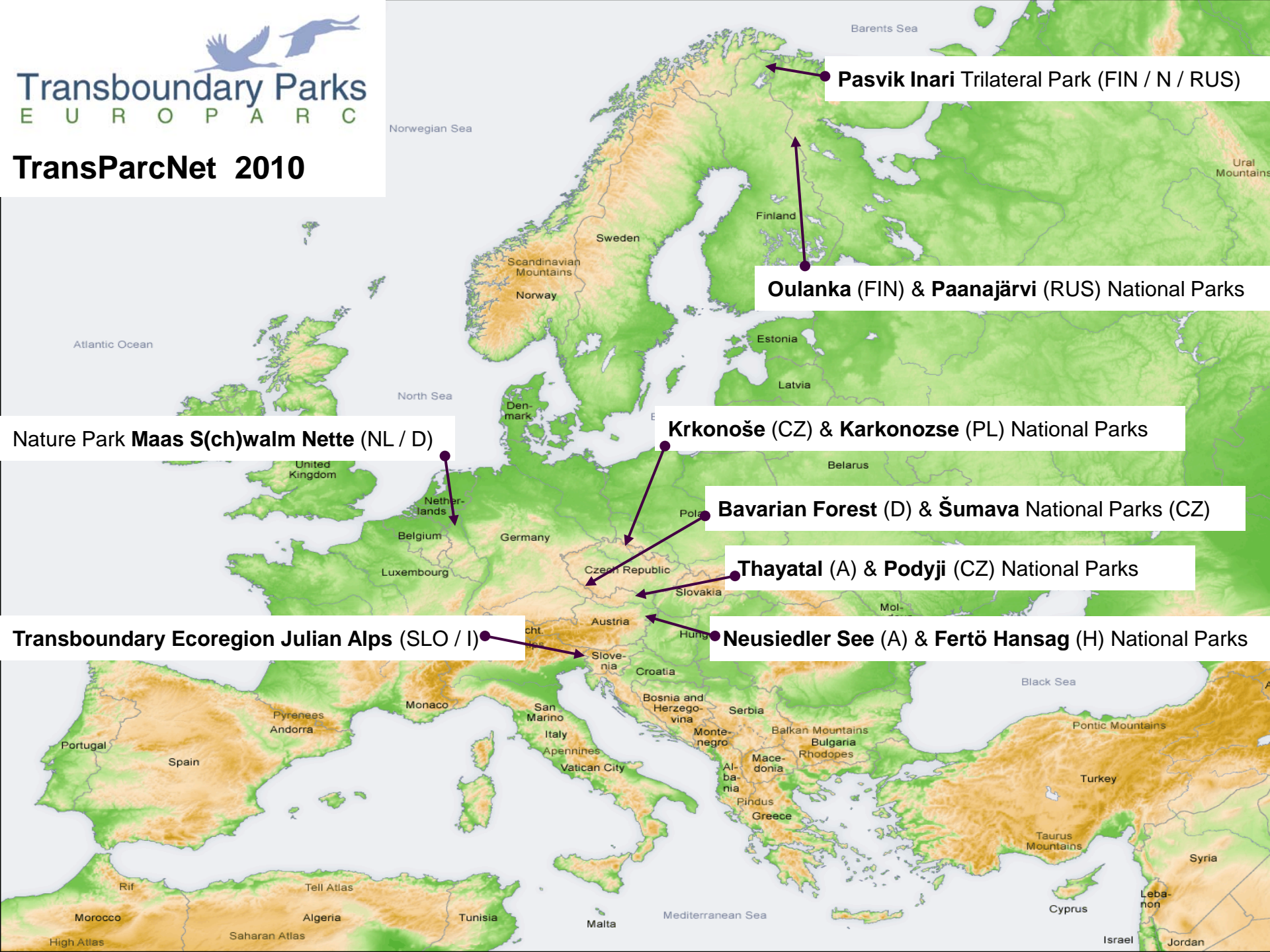




Transboundary Parks

E U R O P A R C

TransParcNet 2010



Pasvik Inari Trilateral Park (FIN / N / RUS)

Oulanka (FIN) & Paanajärvi (RUS) National Parks

Krkonoše (CZ) & Karkonozse (PL) National Parks

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

Thayatal (A) & Podyji (CZ) National Parks

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

Nature Park Maas S(ch)walm Nette (NL / D)

Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps (SLO / I)

TransParcNet

- Network of certified Transboundary Parks established in May 2009 in Lepanina, Estonia

- Vision:

...The network of certified TBPA, TransParcNet, forms an innovative platform for further development of European TBPA management cooperation and for safeguarding cross border biodiversity of species, habitats and ecosystem services.

- annual meetings with special themes (June 2011: Krknošne (CZ)- Karkonosze NP (PL))
- expertise exchange and sharing of best case practices
- joint projects
- invites potential transboundary parks to attend meetings

Following nature's design



TransParcNet - a circle of transboundary parks
aspiring towards exemplary cooperation



How can the Basic Standards be of benefit for the Dinaric Arc?

- Tool to analyze current cooperation
- Taking advantage of structured set of best practices
- An organised way of improving the operations
- Possibility to draw from the experience of others (TransParcNet as a pool of experts)
- Influence the development of the certification system
- the award can help raise the profile
- projects a positive image of the parks to both locals and visitors
- national and international recognition for the work of the parks giving new motivation for future activities

Experience with the System

“... An official agreement between the protected area authorities and agreed rules of cooperation are crucial. These are one result achieved through the basic standards. Secondly, the design of the basic standards enabled our parks to identify a lot of potential joint activities which are not currently implemented ... Rather than being seen as evidence of poor cooperation, this was a very useful signal for leading representatives of the protected areas to remove such gaps or to start the necessary processes to do so.”

Jan Štursa, Senior Scientist, Krkonoše National Park (CZ), which received the certificate with Karkonosze National Park (PL) in September 2004.

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