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TransParcNet Meeting 2023 FIRE AND WATER

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

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

20-23 June 2023

INVITATION

Dear TransParcNet colleagues,
Dear special Guests,

We cordially invite you to the next TransParcNet meeting at the German-Dutch Nature Park Maas-Schwalm-Nette. With the local forecast of a hot, dry summer, combined with the consequences of climate change, this year's topic is more topical than ever: ***“FIRE AND WATER - How to deal with ‘natural’ disasters in transboundary parks cooperation?”***

Transboundary Protected Areas can work together to prevent and manage "natural" disasters.

In addition to lectures and workshops, there will be excursions to the fire and flood areas and to the Tagebau Garzweiler, an open-cast mine.

The get-together will not be neglected either. As every year, there will be a traditional cultural evening, where everyone can bring along specialities specific to the country or region. The dance and music evening will take place during a boat trip on the Maas.

Please find attached a **draft programme** and the **practical information**. Further information will be sent to participants after registration.

LINK TO REGISTER <https://bit.ly/RegistrationFormTransParcNetmeeting>
Deadline: Please register until 30 May 2023

We are looking forward to seeing you for a new lively exchange!

Best regards,

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

EUROPARC Federation

The TransParcNet meeting is an annual event **reserved** to the Protected Areas Parks certified by EUROPARC in the framework of the Transboundary Parks Programme, and to special invited guests. More information: <https://www.europarc.org/nature/transboundary-cooperation/>
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DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 20.06.2023: Arrival, registration and dinner	
17:00-19:00:	Arrival and registration at Boshotel Vlodrop
From 19:00:	Dinner at the Boshotel Vlodrop
20:00:	Transboundary Parks Task Force meeting (for task force members only)
Wednesday 21.06.2023	
9:00:	Welcome and update
09:00-09:05	- <i>A. Claassen</i> – Welcome
09:05-09:20	- <i>S. Petrosillo, T. Kalske, L. Reyrink, M. Smolej and S. Santi</i> – Update about Transboundary Parks programme and the network
09:20-09:35	- <i>M. Garriga</i> – Presentation of the guest crossborder area THREE NATIONS PARK OF PYRENEES (the Alt Pirineu Natural Park in Catalonia, the Regional Natural Park of the Pyrenees Ariégoises in France and the Sorteny Valley and Comapedrosa Valley Natural Parks in Andorra)
9:45:	Plenary lectures: Introduction cross border nature park Maas-Schwalm-Nette and disaster management (Fire & floods)
09:45-10:05	- <i>A. Claassen</i> – The park, organisational structure, area characteristics
10:05- 10:45	- <i>H. Kuijpers (historical landscape expert)</i> – landscape and borders of Maas-Swalm-Nette
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-11:50	- <i>Prof. Dr. J. G. Goldammer (Global Fire Monitoring Center / Fire Ecology Research Group, Germany)</i> – Fire Management and Wildfire Risk Reduction in Cross-boundary Protected Areas
11:50-12:10	- <i>G. Vivo.</i> – European Commission DG ECHO - online
12:10-12:30	- Debate
12:30:	Lunch at the hotel
13:30 – 14:30	- Presentations of projects of the members and networking - Interactive debate between “Transboundary Parks Projects Working Group” and participants about future projects for the network
	<i>1st PART</i>
14:30-17:00:	Excursion to the burn site Nationaal Park De Meinweg 2020 by bike and foot <i>A. Verheijden – Brandweer Limburg-Noord</i> <i>Dr. L. Reyrink</i>
18:00 – 00:00:	Dinner and cultural evening (Naturschutzstation Haus Wildenrath) Departure: 18:00 from Boshotel via Gitstapper Hof (pick up) to the Naturschutzstation Haus Wildenrath. Return: 00:00 from the Naturschutzstation via Gitstapper Hof to the Boshotel
DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LOCAL PRODUCTS	

Thursday 22.06.2023	
09:00-09:05	Welcome by our chairwomen of the board <i>M. Pollux-Linssen</i>
9:05:	- Interactive debate between “Transboundary Parks Projects Working Group” and participants about future projects for the network <i>2nd PART</i>
10:00	Plenary lectures: The big picture: causes and backgrounds lessons learned, future strategies
10:00-10:55	- <i>Prof. Dr. Schüttrumpf (RWTH Aachen):</i> Heavy rain induced Floodings in 2021
10:55-11:25	- <i>L. Bardot and S. Petrosillo:</i> How to include Climate change impact in the parks management’s plans: concrete example and results of the Natura’Adapt project
11:25-11:55	- <i>Dr. R. Jaritz and D. Berger:</i> Monitoring Garzweiler II. Effects of lignite mining on the groundwater situation and the vegetation in the wetlands along the Schwalm river.
12:00:	Lunch at the hotel
13:00:	Excursion by bike: flood sites and transboundary park
15:00:	Kasteel Daelenbroek:
15:00-15:20	- <i>G. Meijers:</i> small tour flooding 2021 within kasteel Daelenbroek
15:20-15:45	- Coffee and cake
15:45-16:30	- -Workshops <i>Crossborder prevention and management of “natural” disasters:</i> Sharing experiences – your perspective – importance of nature in resilient landscapes – challenges and lections learned
16:30 - 17:00	Return to Boshotel
18:00:	Dinner and festive evening with music and dance (Boat trip on the Maas) – Transport by bus is provided from the Boshotel. Departure: 18:00 Boshotel, 18:10 pick up Gitstapper Hof, further to Maasbracht. 18:45 boarding, 19:00 casting off, start dinner approximately: 19:15/19:30. Return: 23:00 from Maasbracht via Gitstapper Hof to the Boshotel.
Friday 23.06.2023	
08:45:	Excursion to the brown coal day mining Garzweiler: implications of mining – transport by bus, starting and ending point is the Boshotel Vlodrop. Further stops: Waterworks, Infiltration plant, Wetland 08:45 Departure at Boshotel Vlodrop for all participants. Lunch pack for registered participants. 15:00 Return to the Boshotel Vlodrop.
15:00:	End of Meeting

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

HOW TO ARRIVE:

The TransParcNet-Meeting will take place at the Boshotel Vlodrop, Boslaan 1, 6063 NN Vlodrop, Netherlands.

The next international airports are in Eindhoven Airport and Maastricht Aachen Airport in the Netherlands. We recommend travelling from both airports to Roermond Central Station by train. As there is no public transport in the vicinity of the Boshotel, we recommend to take a taxi from Roermond Central Station to the Boshotel. This is about 17 km and takes about 19 minutes by car. Taxis should be located outside the main entrance. Otherwise you can call a taxi:

Taxi Time Roermond: +31 6 81838850

Taxi Flo Taks Roermond: +31 475 231 498

We can help with planning your trip from the airport to Roermond if needed. We can also arrange transport if help is needed or arrange a group transport from Roermond Central Station.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Rooms are available at the Boshotel Vlodrop itself and at the Gitstapper Hof, Weg Zur Gitstapper Mühle, 41849 Wassenberg, Duitsland.

At the Boshotel breakfast and tourist tax is included, at the Gitstapper Hof breakfast can be booked as an option. Prices are as follows:

Boshotel, 40 rooms available:

Single room	3 nights	382,50 € per Person
Single room	4 nights	510,00 € per Person
Double room	3 nights	217,50 € per Person
Double room	4 nights	290,00 € per Person

Gitstapper Hof, 15 rooms available:

Single room	3 nights	240,00 € per Person
Single room	4 nights	320,00 € per Person
Double room	3 nights	120,00 € per Person
Double room	4 nights	160,00 € per Person

Options for breakfast:

3 nights: 45 € per person

4 nights: 60 € per person

Please note: The Gitstapper Hof has only double beds (no twin beds).

Please indicate with whom you would like to share the room when registering. Otherwise we will assign you a roommate of any gender.

The Gitstapper Hof is located 2.3 km from the conference venue (Boshotel). It takes about 10 minutes by bike to get from the Gitstapper Hof to the Boshotel Vlodrop and vice versa. Bicycles will be provided for all participants.

Boshotel Vlodrop

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FEES OF THE EVENT:

The participation **fee is € 130 per person**. After registration, participants will receive an invoice from the VVV (Vereniging voor Vreemdelingenverkeer; Groepsuitje) for the participation fee and the chosen accommodation. This must be paid within 14 days.

OTHER INFO:

We will provide bicycles for all participants. If an e-bike is needed for health reasons, this is possible for an additional charge of about 15 € per day. This has to be indicated at the registration.

Hikes and bike rides will be easy to moderate in difficulty, the terrain is mostly flat with only local, short climbs.

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