

Transboundary Parks ...following nature's design

Transboundary cooperation between protected areas makes a significant contribution to the conservation of Europe's natural and cultural heritage. Such cooperation also promotes international peace and understanding and plays an important role in the development of a common Europe.

Criteria defined by the "**Transboundary Parks - following nature's design**" initiative set the standard for quality transboundary cooperation in Europe.

To meet the standard, partner protected areas must demonstrate strong cooperation in specified areas of their work. Their cooperation must be based upon a solid, transparent and equitable framework, which facilitates the exchange of information and experience and the joint development and implementation of conservation actions. The partner protected areas must also demonstrate how they involve local communities in the cooperation and how they acknowledge and respect the national sovereignty and socio-cultural differences of all cooperating parties.

The present certificate is a renewal of the original certificate awarded in 2008 and is valid for another five years. The park has demonstrated good progress with its partners in key areas of transboundary cooperation over the past five years. It has successfully implemented steps to deepen the cooperation.



The EUROPARC Federation is delighted to present this renewed certificate to:

PASVIK-INARI TRILATERAL PARK

consisting of Vätsäri Wilderness Area (Finland)
Pasvik Zapovednik (Russia)
Ovre Pasvik National Park (Norway)
Ovre Pasvik Landscape Protection Area (Norway)
Pasvik Nature Reserve (Norway)

in recognition of their successful fulfilment of clearly defined quality criteria for transboundary cooperation in Europe and their ongoing exemplary efforts in this field.