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Háldi Transboundary Area

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Re: Award of the EUROPARC Transboundary Certificate

Dear Mr Sulkava, dear Benonisen,

You have submitted a form for the evaluation in the framework of the EUROPARC Transboundary Parks Programme of **Háldi Transboundary Area (FI-NO)**.

The evaluation has been carried out, to assess the level of transboundary cooperation. The verification report prepared by the verifiers Rolands Auziņš, lead verifier, and Stefano Santi, trainee, shows that your park fulfil successfully the EUROPARC Basic Standards for Transboundary Cooperation. On the basis of this report, the Transboundary Steering and Evaluation Committee (STEC) recommended the award of the EUROPARC Transboundary Certificate for your park to the Council.

I am happy to inform you that the EUROPARC Council agrees on the award for the
Háldi Transboundary Area (FI-NO)

We congratulate you on this achievement!

Due of the current difficulties for the COVID emergency, unfortunately we still do not know if and how we will be able to organize the usual Award Ceremony for the official handover of the Certificate: we will keep you informed.

The evaluation showed the success of your cross-border work and clearly proofs that looking after nature commonly regardless of political boundaries, eventually leads to better protected area management.

However, the EUROPARC Transboundary Award should not be seen only as recognition of your work achieved to date, but rather as a stimulus to continue improving cooperation for the benefit of nature, landscapes and communities in your common region. For this reason we advise you to carefully read the recommendations made by the verifier in his evaluation report, which you will find attached.

We congratulate you again on this award and wish you success with your future activities!

Yours sincerely,

Best regards,

Michael Hošek
President, EUROPARC Federation