Preparation of the Czech National Parks Evaluation

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**National parks** - NPs (4): established as independent bodies by the MoE

**Protected landscape areas** - PLAs (24): administrated by the NCA

Exception: Sumava PLA belongs to the Sumava NP
National Parks in Czechia

National parks – bodies established by the Ministry of Environment

Coordination by the MoE

MoE

NCA

24 PLAs

Krkonoše NP

Šumava NP

Podyjí NP

České Švýcarsko NP
Current Evaluation Approaches by the MoE

Regular inspections of state administration performance

New management plan preparation = evaluation of the state of NP (period 10 years)

Overall approach taking into account all aspect of NP management is missing
Proposal

In 2015, representatives of all NPs in Czechia (all EUROPARC members) suggested to the MoE to develop quality criteria and standards for Czech national parks.
All Czech NPs are Transboundary Parks
What has been achieved

2015: MoE established the Working group on preparation of criteria and standards complemented by evaluation scheme (members – representatives of all national parks and MoE)

March 2016: Working group submitted to the MoE criteria and quality standards (similar structure to the German approach)

Evaluation scheme is under preparation
Specifics of the Czech Approach

The evaluation team will be composed of: representatives of the MoE, experts from academic institutions, experts from three other NPs, representative of the Advisory Board of the NP, representative of NGO.

Part of the team will be the same for all NPs, but some members will be selected accordingly to particular NP (local experts).

The evaluation will be coordinated directly by the MoE (separately for each NP).
Timetable

2016 – finalization of the evaluation scheme and approval of the whole approach by the MoE

2017 – evaluation of all NPs
Thank you very much for your attention!