

# Háldi Transboundary Area Action Plan 2023-2024



**Reisa  
National Park**

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The plan is agreed on in JMB meeting 2. february 2023

## Structure of action plan

The Hálđi transboundary area which is cooperation between Metsähallitus and Reisa National Park, was awarded as EUROPARC Transboundary Park in decision from EUROPARC Council of 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

The practical cooperation of the partners and connected stakeholders is first and foremost done by common actions and projects that foster benefit of nature, landscapes and communities in our common border region.

The actions plan contain of a long term strategy with long term perspective. From this strategy actions are developed and prioritized in year-year plan.

## Cooperation strategy for the Hálđi area

The action plan is developed on the background of the mutual visions and ideas developed thru the project for the Hálđi cooperation area 2018-2021 and defined in the **cooperation strategy**.

### The main objectives in the cooperation are:

1. Organization of Hálđi Transboundary Area
2. Protection of common natural and cultural values in the Hálđi TBA by means of good cooperation and joint conservation actions.
3. Effective monitoring, supervision and management of growing cross-border tourism and other cross-border activities and their impact on common natural and cultural values.
4. Sharing and synchronizing information, knowledge and good practices, including other operators and stakeholders working in the area.
5. Ensuring sustainable development of cross-border nature tourism in relation to natural and cultural values.
6. Raising resources for joint actions and projects.
7. Creating contacts for wider cooperation with protected area managers in Sweden, TransParcNet and other northern countries.

### The primary fields of cooperation is

- i. Nature and landscape conservation
- ii. Conservation of cultural heritage

### The secondary fields of work is

- A. Environmental education and communications
  - B. Sustainable recreation and nature tourism
  - C. Research, survey, monitoring and supervision
  - D. Mutual understanding
1. Involvement of local communities

## Action Plan process

The decision process of action plan is normally as follows.

Oktober – November	Discussion of plans and ideas	Meeting in Joint Management Board JMB
	Discussion of plans and ideas	Meeting in Joint Advisory Board JAB
November – December	Detail planning of actions and projects	Partner organizations and administration
	Development of suggestion of action plan	Partner organizations and administration
	Decision of action plan draft	Joint Management Board JMB
	Information process to stakeholders and general public.	Partner organizations and administration
	Applications and financing process	Partner organizations and administration
January- February March	Financing decision.	
	Input to plan. Priority of actions. Actions plan final decision.	Meeting in Joint Advisory Board JAB Meeting in Joint Management Board JMB
February -	Implementation	
August- September	Start preparations for next year action plan	Partner organizations and administration

The plan process for 2023 have been postponed some due to not organizing the steering group meeting before January. There have not been established a Joint Advisory Board so far. But hope is to have first meeting June 2023.

Since the plan in practical reasons can not be finally decided before spring, the many projects and actions will be going over to next year. The action will therefore overlap between years.

## Action plan 2023 - 2024

### Overlapping actions from 2022

#### Háldi week / Hiking festival

The “Háldi week” (work title) is the practical frame for activities in the Háldi TBA area, fostering both mutual understanding between people in the local communities surrounding the Háldi protected areas, and also interpretive and informative actions towards local inhabitants and visitors to the area.

The basic idea is following a “festival” approach. That means we provide the participants a number of hiking activities over 2-3 days. In 2023 one / two of these hiking trips will be in Kilpisjärvi with participants coming with a bus from Norway. Metsähallitus will provide guiding and facilitation for this activities.

Budget: (later)

Financing: Internal funding from Halti NPS

Responsible personal: Odd H. Rudberg, Timo Karinen / Tiia Lepistö

#### Info screen management/service

There have been put in a lot of work to establish the “info screen”. It is in practice an ordinary web page that is specially adapted for viewing on a screen. This info service is good, but not accessible as it is now. It is also only in three languages, and needs to be translated to north sami and kven. Then the text must be implemented in the system manually.

There is need to renew the info screen technical. In 2021 there have been done some work to define a new “technical specification” and find what technical solutions that is on the market regarding this. Building of new system will probably not be implemented in 2023, but preparation for this have started.

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal funding from partners

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen/ Nina Storm and Tiia Lepistö

#### Participation in nature guide education

Metsähallitus and Reisa NP will participate in process with the educational organization [Lappia](#) in developing and implementation of guide training.

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal funding from partners

Responsible personal: (later)

## Common actions starting in 2023

### Printed information material

As part of the Háldi cooperation area being awarded as TBA we believe it is important to produce some kind of printed materials explaining both the cooperation and the area as such with its nature, culture heritage, social life and tourism possibilities.

What kind of material it should be must be decided by the partners capacity and amount of financing. Three types of;

**Map brochure / folder** with basic information of winter skiing in the area Reisa including trip Kilpisjärvi – Halti - Somájávri.

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal funding from Halti nps

Responsible personal: Odd Rudberg, Nina Storm, Timo Karinen / Tiia Lepistö / Pekka Sulkava.

### Pre work for Interreg cooperation project in Sweeden, Finland, Norway.

There have been some initiative for trying to develop cooperation with Interreg funding. Theme is 1. network of visitor centres in the north and 2. How to tackle climate change in management of protected areas.

Budget: No extra funding needed

Financing: Internal funding

Responsible personal: Odd Rudberg, Rune Benonisen, Pekka Sulkava.

### Hosting the TransParcNet Meeting 2024

The partners will seek to organize the meeting in first week of September 2024. Europarc federation TBA have confirmed. We send confirm week 36 (2. – 6. September 2024). Start planning for funding and organizing committee in May 2023.

Budget: (not prepared)

Financing: Internal funding

Responsible personal: Rune Benonisen, Heidi Siri.

## Meetings and events

Dates	Organizer	
02.02.2023	Rune	Meeting with Join Management Board. Decision of Action plan. (Teams)
16 <sup>th</sup> February 23	Pekka	Meeting with partners for project development in future interreg project. Kellokas.
28 <sup>th</sup> March 23	External	Conference in Tromsø. Hiking association. Possible participation from Metsähallitus.
6.-8 <sup>th</sup> June 23	External	Conference National Park Municipalities in Norway. Possible participation from Metsähallitus.
15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Pekka / Rune	Meeting with Joint Advisory Board and hotels in Kilpisjärvi. Or invited officials from area. Tourism, municipalities.
20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>th</sup> June 23	?	TBA meeting
Week 35/36	Odd Rudberg Timo	Háldi week / Hiking festival.
November ?	?	Meeting with Join Management Board and Meeting with Join Advisory Board