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Good morning

- My name is Zbigniew Niewiadomski
- (but you can call me “Zbig”)
- I live in Poland in the second house from the South
- in the region where transboundary cooperation on nature conservation and sustainable development
- helped to build friendly relationships between nations that lost tens of thousands people in the armed ethnic conflict over 60 years ago
- separated by a border fence since that time.



**Are there any participants
working in / on transboundary
protected area/s ?**

My task here today

- is to tell you about
- the various aspects of
- **transboundary cooperation**
- between protected areas
- and **transboundary initiatives**
- for the protection of biodiversity and sustainable development
- in **mountain regions.**

Transboundary protected areas

- became my obsession for the last 18 years
- but here I have only 4 hours for the lecture
- which makes my task
- almost a “mission impossible”...

On the other hand

- **you would probably fall asleep**
- **If I keep talking for 4 hours...**
- **This is why I decided to divide this lecture**
- **into many smaller themes to be presented separately**
- **which will allow for max. 1 to 2 short (and easy) questions in between particular subjects**
- **while the real discussion can take place after lunch.**

I also decided

- **to limit the “transboundary theory”**
- **to be presented at the beginning**
- **to the absolute minimum.**
- **If you survive the theoretical part ;-)**
- **we would then move to much more inspiring and better illustrated**
- **case studies**
- **I hope you would like them**

Let's start !

