



**An Open Letter to the President of European Parliament Jerzy Buzek Administration,
the EU Commissioner Janez Potočnik Administration,
the Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel Administration,
the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Petr Nečas Administration
and all European Citizens
from Cabinet Havel and European Wild Heart**

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The heart of European wild nature is beating on the border between the Czech Republic and Germany, sharing by the Šumava National Park and the Bavarian Forest National Park.

This Europe's Wild Heart is a large island of wild nature nested in the middle of cultural Central European landscape. Mountain spruce and mixed forests in all life stages, together with peat bogs and scented meadows create the unique mosaic of biotopes, which host many rare and endangered creatures. The lynx is roaming through the open forests and bog lands, the Ural Owl breeds on tree skeletons, broken by the wind, and capercaillie matting call resound in dark mornings.

We inherited this fascinating homeland from our ancestors to live, to work, to learn, to find spiritual silence and inspiration, and to share it with all our neighbours. Responsible preservation and development of our European natural and cultural heritage are our moral and ethical duty. Let the natural powers acting everywhere, where the present stage allows that.

To preserve this unique piece of European nature for next generations we call to establish the first transboundary **Central European Wilderness Area – Europe's Wild Heart** according to international criteria. **Europe's Wild Heart** has a high potential to be a valuable member of global wilderness areas network.

We are ready to help and support the European and national authorities in preparation of essential documents for declaration of the first **Central European Wilderness Area – Europe's Wild Heart**.

We believe that people will come to understand themselves in the beating **Europe's Wild Heart**.

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