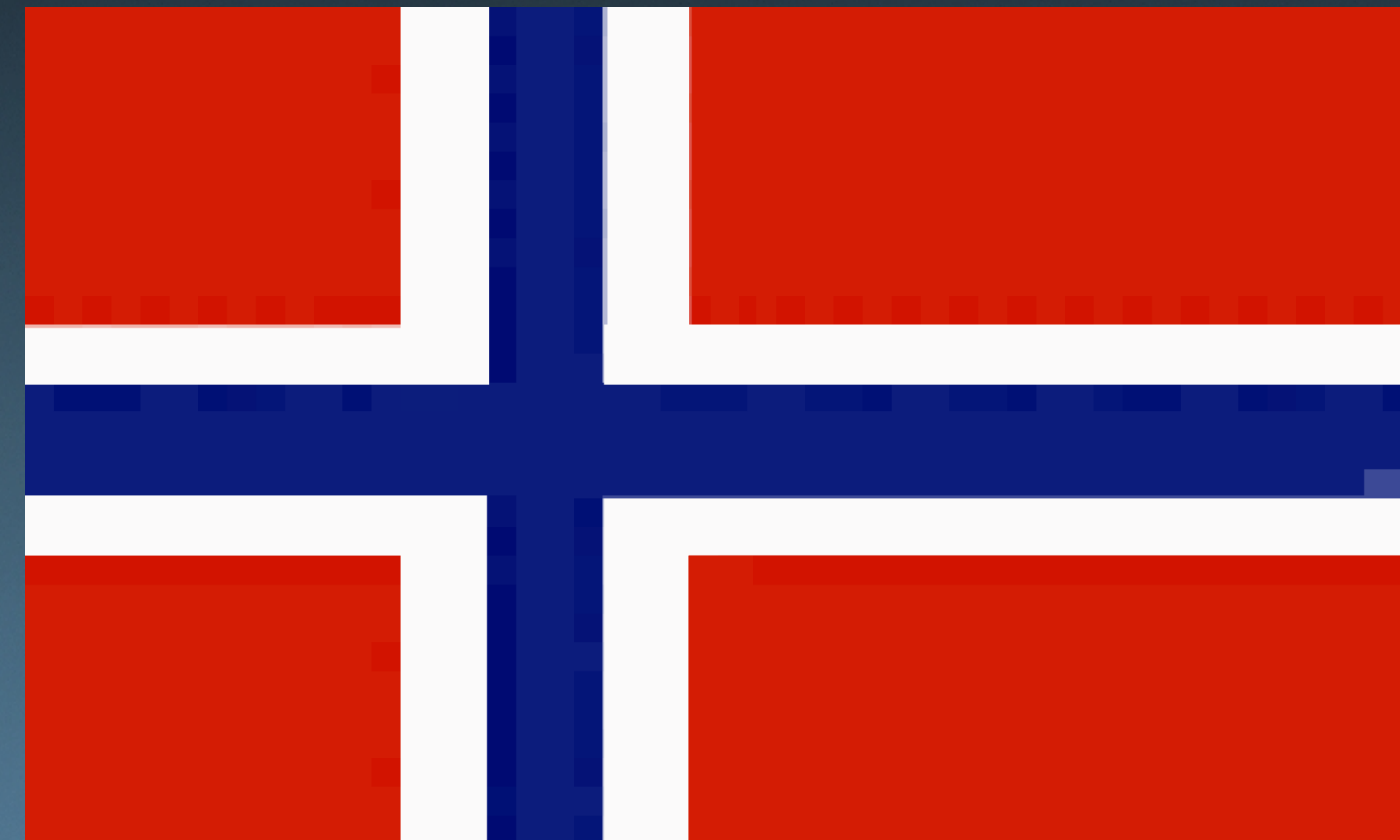


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Our mission is to create  
environmental knowledge enabling  
positive change



# GRID-Arendal

- Norwegian foundation, 1989
- Supports UNEP
- Transforms environmental data into credible, science-based information products
- Delivered through innovative communication tools and capacity building services





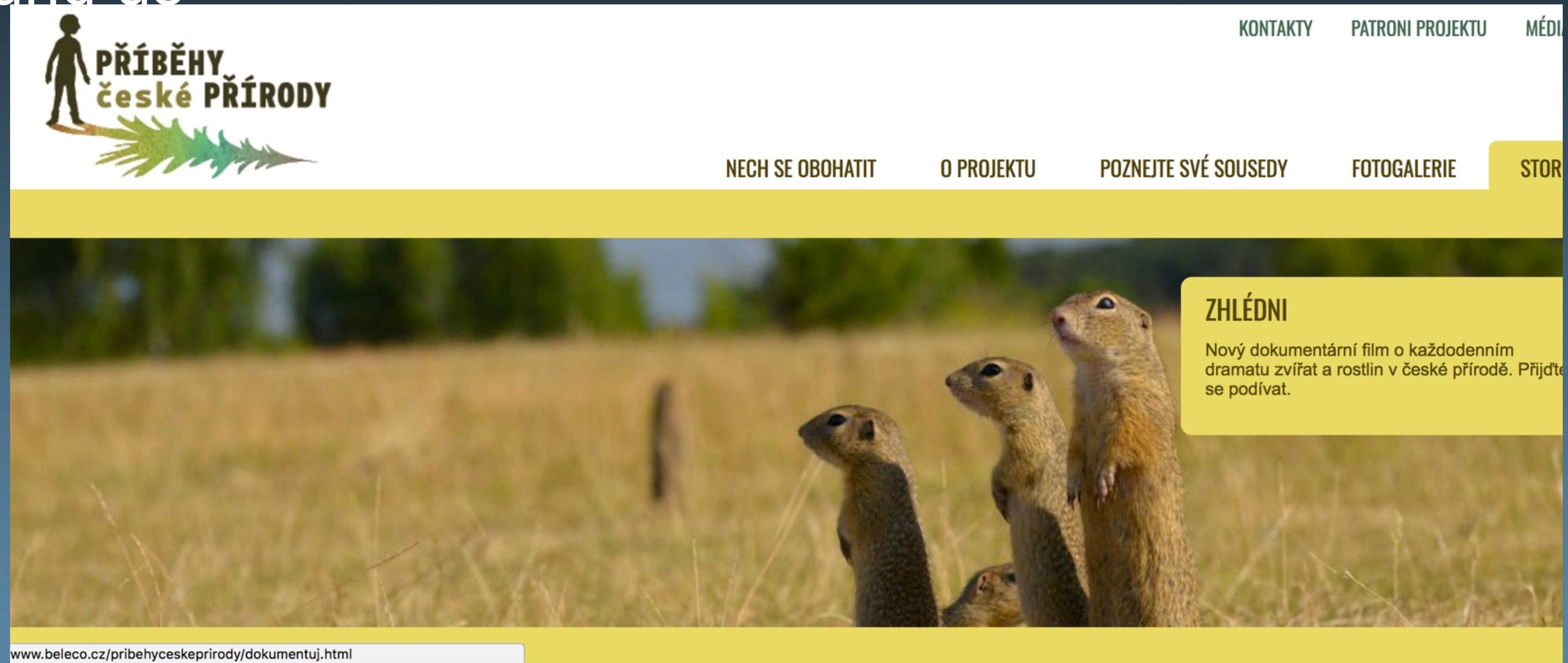
# Where we work





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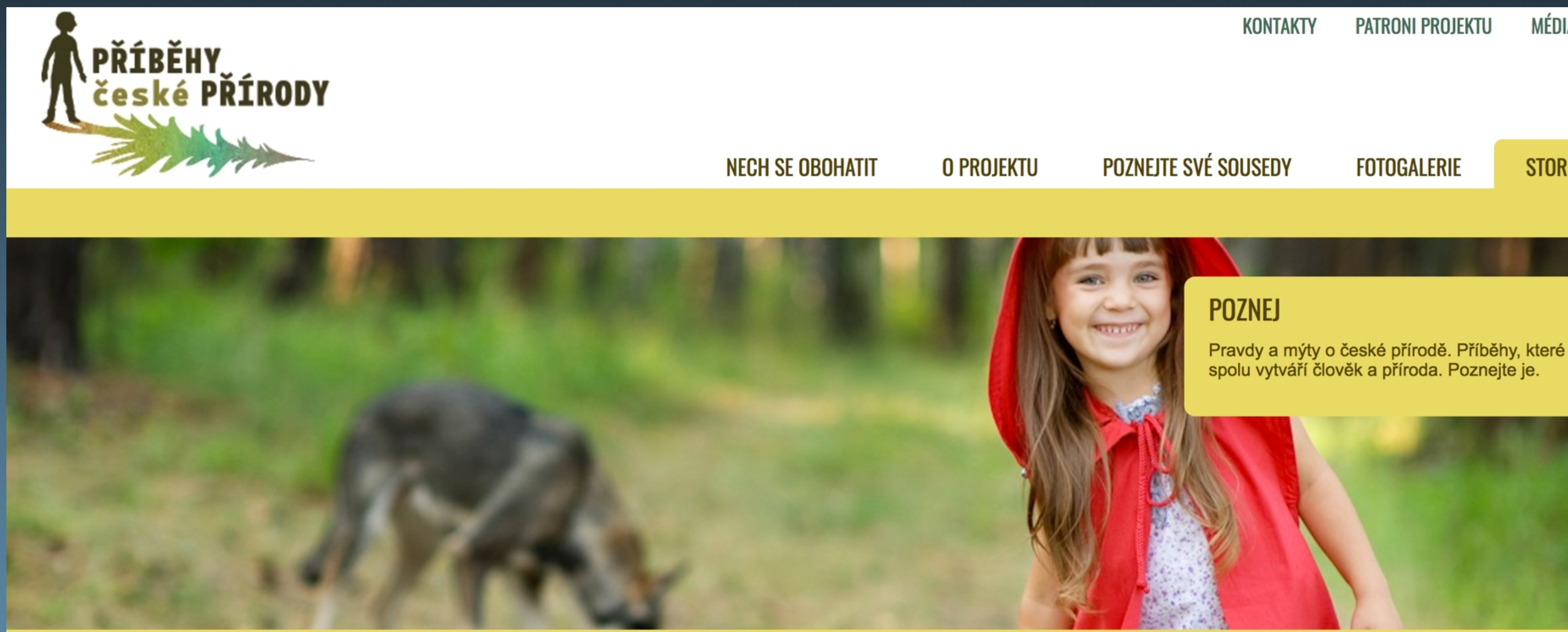
- Public education initiative with these goals:
  - introduce key changes to nature and biodiversity that occur around us





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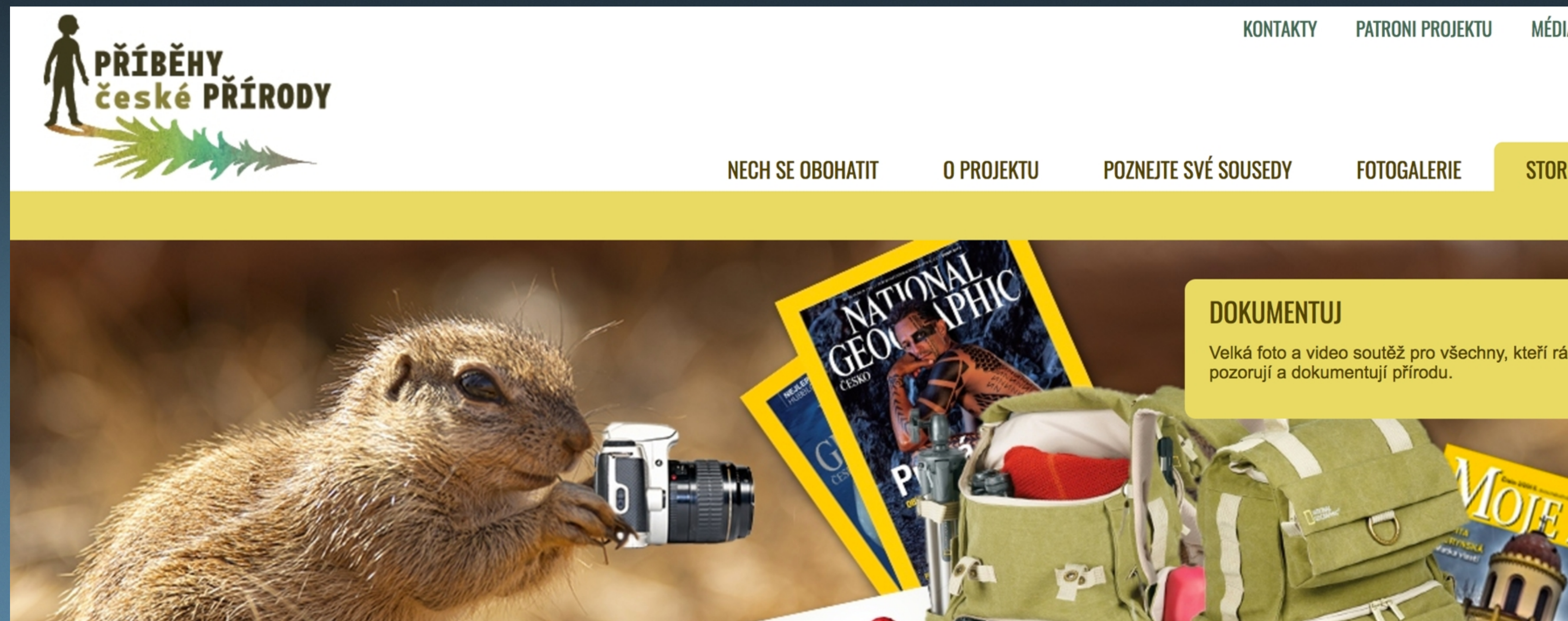
- point out that human beings are part of these changes
- stress humans are part of nature





# The Project: “Stories of Czech Nature”

- educate people to understand and protect nature for their own well being





# What we learned on EEA projects

- GRID-Arendal had projects in Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czech Rep.
- Often came in after proposal developed
- Took some work to figure out common areas of interest, and where we could be useful
- With Beleco where we were able to contribute communications expertise
- Complex financial reporting process, despite all the support from Beleco





# Benefits for both organizations



- Provided different perspectives, approaches to environmental problems
- Allowed exploration of global/national connections
- Created opportunity to share experience and perspectives with new partners



# Benefits for both organizations



- Created new partnerships and possible new ideas for future development
- For GRID-Arendal, a view into environmental issues in Czech Rep.
- For Beleco, benefits included idea exchanges based on international experience, communications support



# In the future



- Make sure Norwegian partner involved in planning from the beginning,
- Partners need information and streamlined process to make sure this happens
- Before next round of EEA grants, hold a workshop where participants could share experiences, lessons, etc.
- Use workshop as foundation of a permanent network of organizations that can work together across borders in Europe





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