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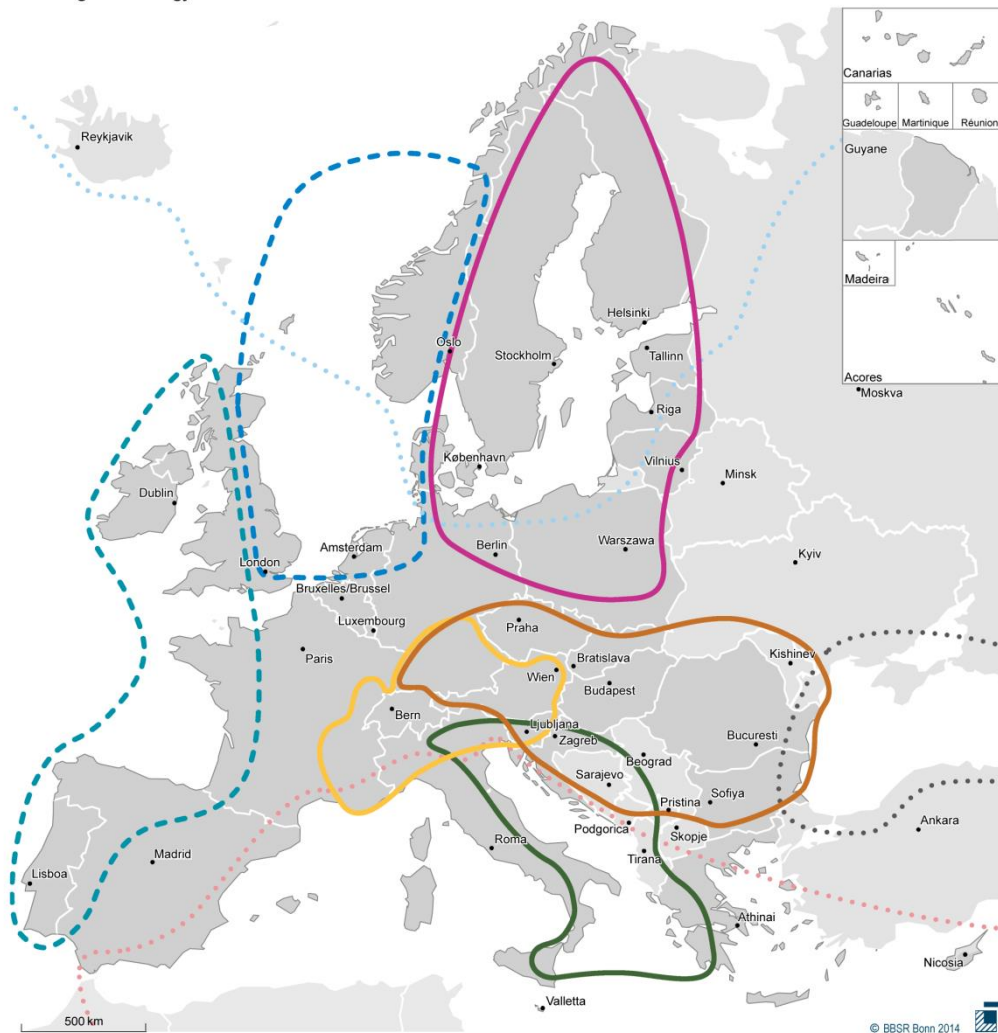
## ***Success Stories of the EUSDR***

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Core areas of macro-regional strategies

EU strategies of new type

- Danube Region Strategy
- Baltic Sea Region Strategy
- Alpine Region Strategy\*
- Adriatic and Ionian Region Strategy

Other EU strategies

- Mediterranean Strategy
- Northern Dimension
- Black Sea Synergy

Strategies at macro-regional level

- North Sea
- Atlantic Arc

Data basis: Spatial Monitoring System Europe, European Commission  
Geometric basis: GIK GeoMarketing, NUTS 2 regions  
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\*EU strategy for the Alpine Region currently in preparation  
Core areas of macro-regional strategies are schematically displayed and do not match actual borders.



## Macro-regional Strategies in Europe

„Macro-regional Strategy“ (MRS) for cooperation in common and region-specific thematic fields.

EU Strategy for the Baltic Region (EUSBR – 2009)

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR – 2011)

EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR – 2014)

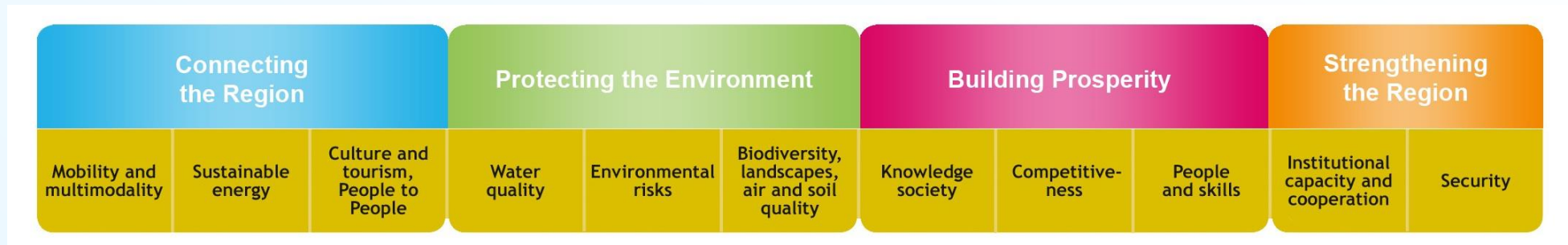
EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP – 2016)

Place-based approach – territorial coherence

Stakeholder-based approach – Multilevel governance

How to measure success? How to involve people?  
What would be a real added value?

## 4 Pillars – 11 Priority Areas of the EUSDR



- **Bavaria** (Bavarian State Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection) together with **Croatia** (Ministry for Environmental and Nature Protection) is coordinating **Priority Area 6**: Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils.
- Different starting positions in each of the Priority Areas in 2011.
- Process matters: how to organize the implementation? Who shall implement? How to involve Stakeholders?
- PA 06: networking – structuring and organizing - implementation

## Task Forces and Work Groups of Priority Area 06

- Due to the complexity of PA 06, Task Force were initiated, dedicated to one specific issue (which is complex in itself again).
- Task Forces comprise actors from **Civil Society** (NGOs, Stakeholders), **Scientific Community** and **Public Authorities / Policy Level**.
- Task Forces are the implementation level of PA 06 and formally linked to governance of PA 06 / EUSDR.
- Task Force chairs are Observers of the PA 06 Steering Group.

### Current seven Task Forces and Work Groups of PA 06:

- Danubeparks – Network of protected areas
- Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF)
- Masterplan Bavarian Danube
- Danube Region Invasive Alien Species Network (DIAS)
- Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region (SONDAR)
- Task Force on Air Quality (TFAQ)
- Task Force on pesticides and chemicals (TFPC)





## Success Stories of Priority Area 06 of the EUSDR

- Networking of protected areas alongside Danube River **DANUBEPARKS**, development of follow-up activities. DANUBEParksConnected with indepth pilot activities WildIslands and Danube Free Sky. From Network to Danube driving force for ecological connectivity and nature protection.
- Initiation of international **Danube Sturgeon Task Force – DSTF** with members from science, NGO´s, intern. Organizations and public authorities. Elaboration of Strategy and Action Plan „**Sturgeon 2020**“ with comprehensive Work Plan for implementation.
- Initiation of international **Danube Region Invasive Alien Species Network – DIAS** with members from science, NGO´s and authorities. Strategy and Action Plan, aligned to EU Regulation 1143/2014 on IAS.
- Bavarian Stakeholder-Network, Development of a **Masterplan** for securing and development of **biodiversity** at Bavarian stretch of the Danube River, jointly elaborated by NGOs, municipalities and regional governments, public authorities.
- Task Force on **Air Quality**, defining a strategy for reducing CO2 emissions from Residential heating with wood and coal. Close cooperation with Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the EC.



## Current developments in PA 06 and EUSDR: “the yeah´s”:

Seven Task Forces and Working Groups well established within PA 06, covering several of the PA 06 targets and actions.

Solid basis for concrete project developments, also in all other PA´s.

Good cooperation and alignment of targets and funds with Danube Transnational Programme. Seed Money Facility to “grow” EUSDR / DTP projects.

DTP Capitalisation Strategy – matching of projects with the EUSDR.

## Current developments in PA 06 and EUSDR: “the omg´s”:

Flexible approaches within implementation processes tend to be shortened.

Tendency to streamline the Priority Areas.

Stakeholder involvement is regarded as positive, given structures however sometimes do not match with this objective.

Unexploited potentials in cross-sectoral cooperation, based on actual needs and demands.

Still too sectoral approaches among Priority Areas. Strong need for horizontal exchange.





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Territorial coverage of the Danube region  
for the Danube region strategy

The Danube Region

14 Countries  
more than 110 Mio. inhabitants.

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR, adopted in 2011) refers to the entire Danube Region and addresses four thematic pillars:

1. Connecting the Region
2. Protecting the Environment
3. Building Prosperity
4. Strengthening the Region

