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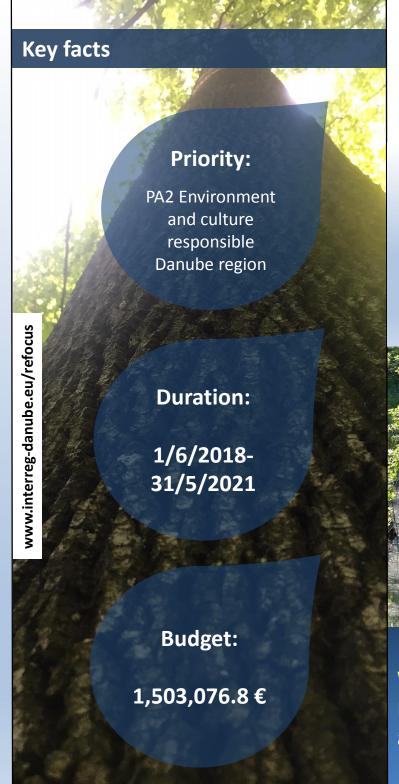
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RESILIENT RIPARIAN
FORESTS AS ECOLOGICAL
CORRIDORS IN THE MURADRAVA-DANUBE
BIOSPHERE RESERVE



What is REFOCuS project about?
It is about fostering the restoration and management of riparian forests

## UNFAVORABLE CONDITION OF RIPARIAN FORESTS

...due to high incidence of pests and diseases, unsustainable human activities and lack of guidance for appropriate management and use of forest planting material

Holistic guidelines for resilient riparian forests

Regional gene bank of riparian species

Management handbook for riparian forests

> **Planting** material use and conservation guidelines

> > Common regional planting material transfer procedure

**Spatial analysis** of the riparian corridor

Recommendations on tree species to use and promote

Demonstration sites for stakeholder education

HOW WILL REFOCUS counteract declining conditions

Pest and disease riparian forests information system & identification tool

Database on planting material for riparian forests connected to transnational seed transfer zones

**Transnational** seed transfer zones for seven riparian tree species

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