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Five countries, three
rivers, one vision -
presentation of
Common Workplan
TBR

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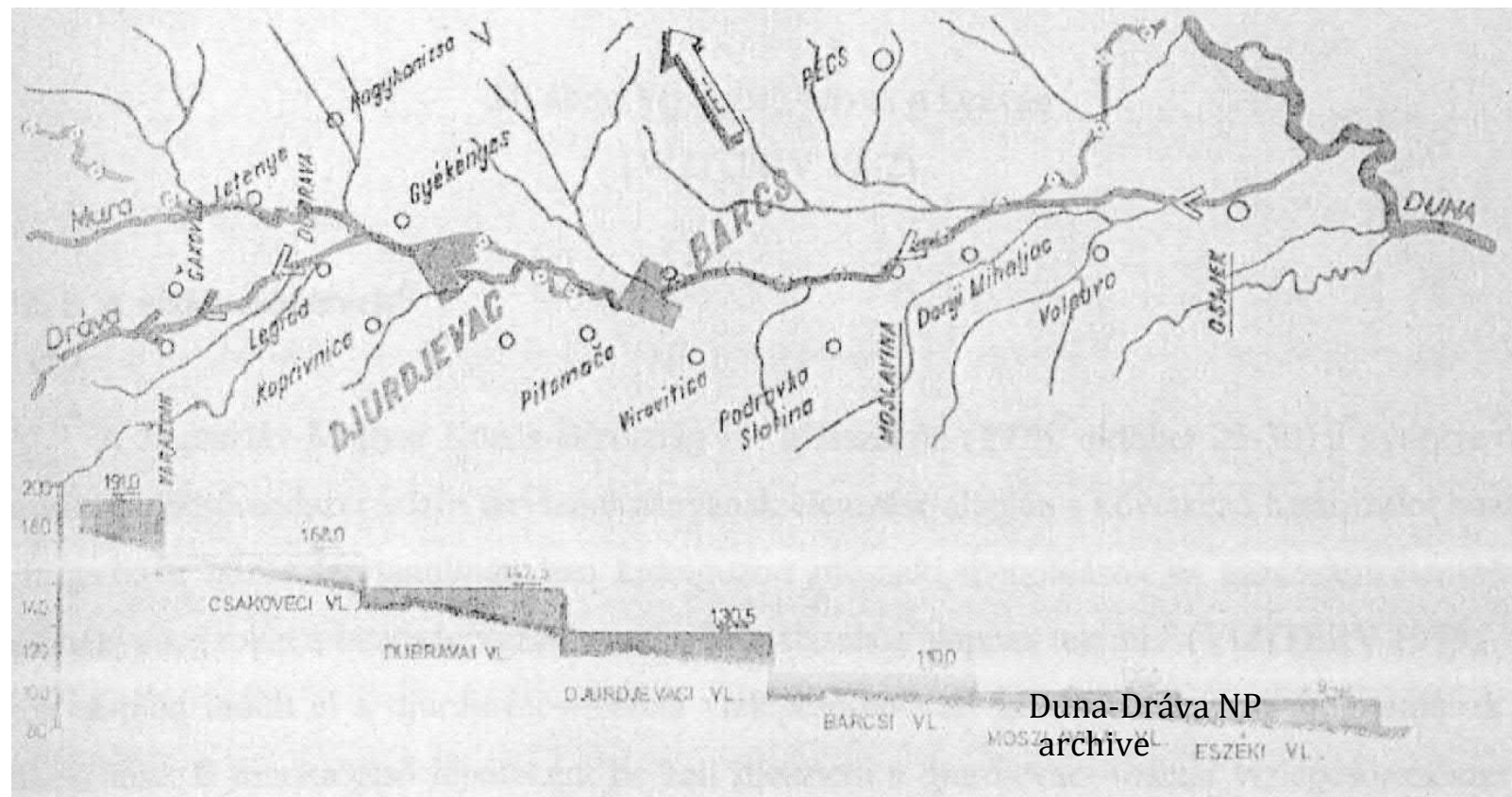
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History and background

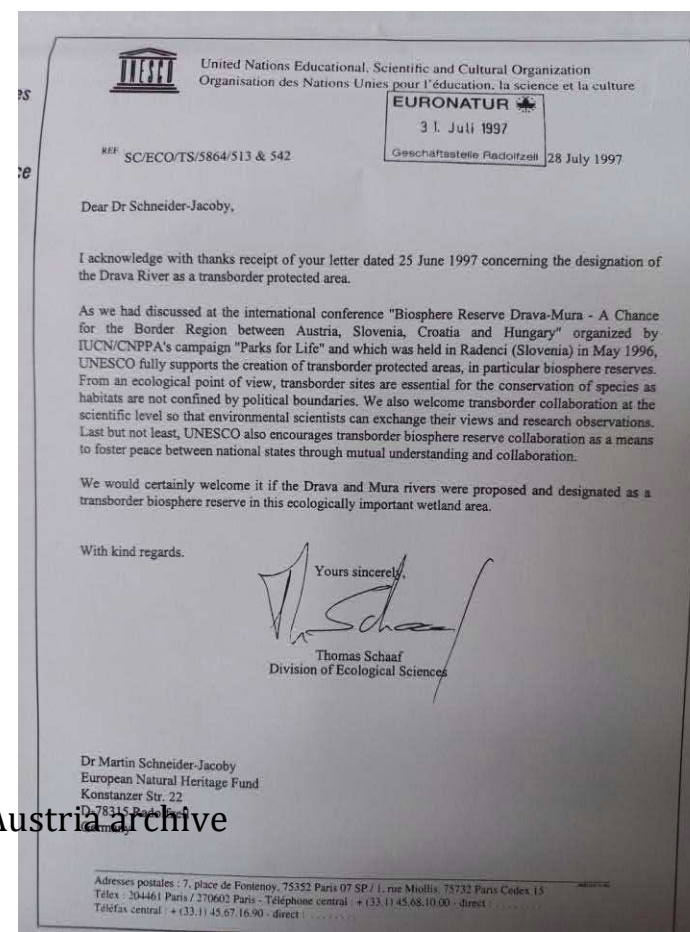
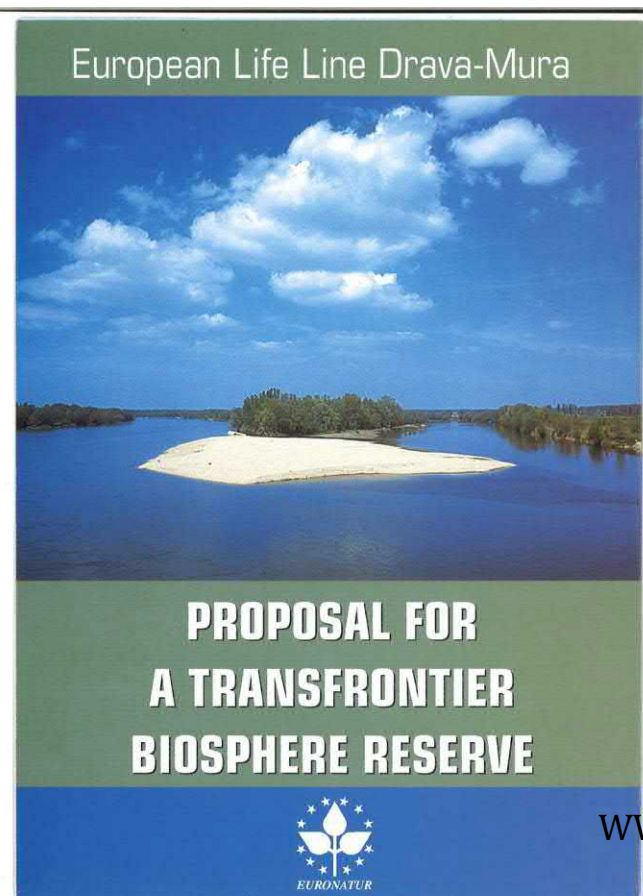
Planned hydropower dams along the River Drava (Yugoslavia and Hungary, 1976)



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History and background

- Initiative of Dr. Martin Schneider-Jacoby, EURONATUR



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Political changes, better recognition of natural values – meeting of three presidents in Kőlked, Hungary, 2007)



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Diversity as value and strength

Natural, cultural and ethnical diversity

Many years of preparation to reach a common platform to agree on long-term goals and establish the framework

Joint nomination of 5-country TBR is a success but also a start



Joint vision – connecting rivers, nature and people

Europe`s largest coherent and dynamic river ecosystem – backbone for the survival of habitats and species, including Homo sapiens

Wise use on an international and cross-sectoral scale – development is based on a trustful collaboration



Joint mission

Conservation, restoration and wise use of the Mura, Drava and Danube Rivers and its ecosystems within the world's first 5-country UNESCO Transboundary Biosphere Reserve



Long-term goals

- **Ecological conservation and ecosystem services**
- **Socio-economic sustainable development and livelihood**
- **Logistic support and capacity building**
- **Transboundary management and cooperation**

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- **Ecological conservation and ecosystem services**
 - Natural processes, natural hydrological and natural hydro-morphological regime and the corridor function of rivers to be preserved and/or restored
 - Ecological connectivity improved and maintained
 - Long-term positive influence on the conservation of key species and habitats



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Long-term goals

- **Socio-economic sustainable development and livelihood**
 - Traditional cultural landscapes preserved through the stimulation and revitalisation of traditional, nature-friendly and extensive practices of land (and river) use
 - High standards of sustainability in all sectors reducing the negative impact on nature and improving the habitat quality
 - Livelihood, security and wellbeing of local people through sustainable economic activities such as sustainable tourism



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Long-term goals

- **Logistic support and capacity building**
 - Appropriate capacities and mechanisms to address both conservation and sustainable development issues
 - State-of-the-art research and monitoring programmes, educational and awareness raising activities for a better understanding of natural values as well as conservation and restoration requirements
 - Foster the image of one connected region

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Long-term goals

- **Transboundary management and cooperation**
 - Management based on best available practice, experience and knowledge, stakeholder participation and transboundary cooperation
 - Broad common understanding of river ecosystems and natural values
 - High level scientific and technical cooperation
 - Sufficient resources for institutional development

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Operational goals

JOINT VISION & MISSION <i>Connecting rivers, nature and people</i>	
Long-term goals	Operational goals
1. Ecological Conservation & ecosystem services	1.1. <i>Conserve and restore ecosystems, habitats and species</i>
	1.2. <i>Preserve and restore natural water regimes and processes</i>
	1.3. <i>Advocate harmonised zonation and protected area management</i>
2. Socio-economic development & livelihood	2.1 <i>Enhance regional identity and protection of cultural heritage</i>
	2.2 <i>Strengthen sustainable agriculture and forestry, hunting and fishing</i>
	2.3 <i>Support spatial development and sustainable tourism</i>
3. Logistic support & capacity building	3.1 <i>Implement scientific research and monitoring</i>
	3.2 <i>Promote environmental interpretation, education and public awareness</i>
	3.3 <i>Secure information exchange and participation</i>
4. Transboundary management & cooperation	4.1 <i>Foster transboundary management and structural development</i>

Thank you!



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