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## Pilot Area 5: Drava River in Virovitica Podravina County

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# CHARACTERISTIC & UNIQUENESS OF PILOT AREA

- Preserved wetlands and forest habitats
- High biodiversity and geodiversity
- Protected and endangered species and habitat types
- Mosaic cultivated landscape
- Natural dynamic river processes
- Cultural heritage



# ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT & MEASURES IMPLEMENTED

- Opening conference in Bratislava
- Steering Committee Meeting in Noskovci
- Celebrations
- Workshops educational institutions and stakeholders
- National Conference GBE in the RC
- Research: species, ESS analysis and survey, ground thruting
- GIS and drones education
- Press: project leaflet, large brochure, memory game set
- Winter Wetlands Bike Tour



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# STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED

- The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Educational institutions
- Natural science society Drava
- Municipalities and County
- Forest management
- Water management
- Virovitica-Podravina County Tourist Board
- Sport fishing association of VPC
- Family farms



# IMPACT OF PROJECT

- Defined feasible ecological corridors
- Educated local population
- Extended knowledge of endangered species
- Estimated ecosystem services by functions
- Drafted proposals for ecological corridors
- Recognized major threats
- Acquired new knowledge and tools for the implementation of protection



# NEXT STEPS + FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES

- Preserve the favorable condition of important habitats
- Develop and implement appropriate management plans for NATURA 2000 sites
- Improve the natural state and adequate care of endangered plant and animal species and their habitats
- Preserve and protect natural dynamic river processes
- Conduct education of the local population and the school system on the importance of river systems
- Apply the acquired knowledge and tools in the protection and preservation of the area
- Control of invasive alien species
- Present important events in the media



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