

# Inspiration for creating success stories for the Danube Region

## Project Implementation

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- 1 Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve
- 2 Lower Prut Natura Reserve
- 3 Small Wetlands of Braila
- 4 Ruzselski Lom Nature Park
- 5 Persina Nature Park
- 6 Iron Gates Natural Park
- 7 Kopačkit rt Nature Park
- 8 Gornja Podunavlje Special Nature Reserve
- 9 Duna-Dráva National Park
- 10 Duna-Ipoly National Park
- 11 Szigetköz Landscape Protection Area, Fertő-Hanság National Park
- 12 Dunajskó Luhy Protected Landscape Area
- 13 Záhorie Protected Landscape Area
- 14 Donsau-Auen National Park
- 15 Wachau Protected Landscape Area
- 16 Narrow Valley of the Danube In Passau district
- 17 Donaueauwald Neuburg-Ingolstadt



**DANUBE PARKS**  
network of protected areas

„...the EU Natura 2000 Award for its **ambitious, friendly and trustworthy** cooperation **crossing all borders** and its **concerted efforts** to preserve the Danube’s natural heritage.“





The Danube is the longest river in the European Union and the most international river in the world, stretching 2 857 kilometres through ten countries, including dozens of protected areas and national parks. The contribution made by these protected areas to the conservation of Europe's natural heritage is of immense importance now and for future generations.

River Protected Areas, to manage these areas wisely, to exchange and promote management expertise, and to improve knowledge of the river's ecological status, as well as the economic, social and environmental impacts. The network is taking action for the prevention, control and reduction of pollution in the flood plains and wetlands in the Danube basin, and raising awareness of the river's international importance and of sustainable development.

DANUBE PARKS – the Danube River Network of Protected Areas – was founded in 2007 with the signing of the Declaration of Tulcea in Romania. Joint projects are crucial to achieving the initiative's goals which, along with the continuing informal cooperation from the national parks and protected areas, are made possible mainly by the framework of cooperation across the Danube Region – the DUSDR.

Rivers are interrelated ecosystems, and nature does not recognise borders. Thus, nature conservation efforts along this most international of rivers need to find transnational answers and initiatives.

As stated in the Declaration of Tulcea, the network is determined to improve conservation of the Danube



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„It is now a **recognized label** for Nature Conservation in the Danube Region. ...established a **fruitful transfer of know-how**....started region-wide **initiatives**...helped to develop a **stronger voice at the policy level**.“

## **Best practice on implementation:**

A. Financial Monitoring

B. Monitoring of Activities

C. Sustainability & Durability of Results

## A) Financial Monitoring

- bureaucratic; but clear programme frame conditions – challenges are +/- predictable
- share your know-how with the PP (e.g. training seminar at the kick-off)
- set standards from the beginning on: follow the time frame, accept the deadlines
- pro-active approach (e.g. contact your FLC in advance)
- develop your team (e.g. team building)
- technical controlling tool: yes



## B) Monitoring of Activities

- joint implementation – ... and the team is doing (part of) the monitoring for you
- create added values for each single partner – ....and you will develop from monitoring to harmonization & optimization
- don't forget the unsuccessful actions of your project (we all will have some of them)
- share the visions, share the success within your team
- regular update (e.g. internal newsletter)



## C) Sustainability & Durability of Results



Nature does not accept borders!



# 1. The real need !

... and the results will be used in the future.

## 2. Concrete & Visible !

... and the public will multiply your outputs.

1<sup>st</sup> Danube-wide White-tailed Eagle Winter Census: public monitoring



## 3. Get Strategic! Go for Stakeholders and Policy!

... and your project activities will get a long-term dimension.

Photo: Wolfgang Nerb/LBV



	DE	AT	SK	HU	HR	RS	BG	RO
Forestry	L	**	C	M	H	M	H	C
Land exploitation	L	M	H	L	L	L	H	L
River regulation / drainage	N	L	M	L	H	L	M	H
Disturbance	L	**	H	M	M	M	H	C
Reduction of prey base	N	N	U	L	L	C	L	M
Shooting and trapping	N	U	C	L	L	L	M	H
Nest robbing	N	N	L	L	L	U	L	L
Poisoning	L	H	C	H	U	L	U	H
Lead poisoning	*	*	U	M	H	U	U	M
Pesticides and pollutants	N	U	U	M	U	M	U	L
Collision and electrocution	L	M	H	M	L	L	U	U

Table 4: Threats to the White-tailed Sea Eagle along the Danube.



**DANUBE FREE SKY (2017 – 2019):** reduction of mortality by 60-90%

## 4. Create future perspectives !

... and your success stories will further develop.



# 5. Build a Network for people !



... and they will all continue with the shared vision.





May our projects leave behind  
positive marks  
in the Danube region!

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