



Priority Axis 2 – Environment and culture responsible Danube region

Specific Objective 2.3 – Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors



The specific objective in this field is to strengthen effective approaches to **preservation, restoring and management of bio-corridors and wetlands of transnational relevance** to contribute to the better conservation status of ecosystems of European relevance.

The main planned result is to achieve improved strategic frameworks and developed concrete solutions to **restore, conserve and improve a network of green infrastructures / bio-corridors in the Danube region** consisting of natural and semi-natural habitats to help reduce the fragmentation of ecosystems and improving the connectivity between sites in the Natura 2000 network in order to ensure biodiversity.

FURTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- The focus is on **transnationally relevant ecological corridors**, contributing to the reduction of fragmentation of ecosystems and improving interlinking of natural habitats. Protected areas and their relevant adjacent areas are the targets of the planned actions.
- Examples of potential activities: developing joint strategies and solutions for harmonised and integrated approaches in nature protection, land use, water management spatial planning and transport, reducing barriers to improve connectivity of habitats and protected areas; preparation for re-connection of adjacent floodplains/wetlands; integrated management of habitats and control of invasive alien species.

Note: Under this SO, DTP is NOT financing projects which do not focus on a transnationally relevant ecological corridor and not addressing connectivity issues, but their main scope is in general on issues related to biodiversity, ecosystems, nature protection, or protected area / habitat management, or green infrastructure, or agriculture, permaculture, soil management, or targeting only certain species.

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