

Overview of the sessions

- General presentation of SO 2.3
- What is not fitting SO 2.3 – typical mistakes
- 1st and 2nd Call projects and the addressed topics

Expert contributions

- Strategic insight into the addressed thematic field
- Experiences of a successful applicant
- Questions and Answers

Areas of intervention



Innovation



**Transport
& Energy**



**Environment
&
Culture**



Governance

SO 2.3: Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors



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.

Achieving 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.

- transnationally relevant ecological corridors
- reduction of fragmentation of ecosystems, reducing barriers
- improving interlinking of natural habitats
- protected areas and their relevant adjacent areas
- harmonised & integrated approaches (nature protection, land use, water management, spatial planning, transport)

- Transnationally relevant ecological corridor missing
- Not addressing eco-connectivity issues between protected areas
- Project main scope instead of connectivity generally on
 - Biodiversity issues;
 - Ecosystem (services);
 - Nature protection, or protected area / habitat management;
 - Green infrastructure;
 - Agricultural, permaculture issues; soil management

Weaknesses of previous applications

Missing connectivity aspect / transnationally relevant eco-corridor

- Green infrastructure - connectivity in context of urban sprawl
- Sustainable land management in peri-urban and rural areas
- Management of environmental resources of a bio-geographic area
- Management of protected areas without interlink between them
- Addressing “Danube tributaries” without defining which ones and where

Technological focus – tool development

- ESS mapping & assessment for management of bio-corridors in general
- Decision support tool development - potential usage for ecological corridors in general

DANUBE parks CONNECTED

Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor



Restore and maintain connectivity in different habitat elements of Danube River

- WILDisland CORRIDOR - habitat
- DRY HABITAT CORRIDOR – long-distance functionality
- Riparian Forest Corridor – fitness check
- Danube flyway – collision free bird migration
- “DANUBE HABITAT CORRIDOR Guiding Principles”

MEASURES

**Managing and restoring
aquatic Ecological corridors
for migratory fish species in
the Danube River basin**



- Identifying key habitats of migratory fishes
- Initiating protection measures (including repopulation) along Danube corridor and its main tributaries.
- Harmonised strategy for corridor restoration

coop MDD

**Transboundary Management
Programme for the planned 5-
country Biosphere Reserve
“Mura-Drava-Danube”**



- Joint Management Programme for the future TBR MDD
- Guidelines for Dynamic River Corridor Development
- Development of MDD action plans
- Joint concept and development of River Schools – awareness raising

REFOCuS

Resilient riparian forests as ecological corridors in the Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve



- Boosting riparian forest resilience in TBR MDD corridor
- Silvicultural methods for forest management and conservation as basis for eco-corridor
- Increase availability of appropriate planting material to be used when natural regeneration fails

Sava TIES

**Preserving Sava River Basin
Habitats through
Transnational Management of
Invasive Alien Species**



- Strategic framework for cross-sectorial, transnational management
- Control and eradication of IAS, threatening connectivity in Sava River basin riverine corridor

DaRe to Connect

Supporting Danube Region's ecological Connectivity by linking Natura 2000 areas along the Green Belt

- Defining ecological corridors between Natura 2000 areas on transnational level - Green Belt in DR
- Guidance on planning and establishment of transnational ecological corridors derived from local / regional pilot actions
- Transnational strategic vision "Green Belt in the Danube Region 2030"



ConnectGREEN

Restoring and managing ecological corridors in mountains as the green infrastructure in the Danube basin



- Harmonized, innovative solutions and guidance to identify ecological corridors and connectivity gaps in the Carpathian ecoregion and 4 pilot areas
- Strengthening cross-sectorial (nature protection, spatial planning) capacities for identifying and managing ecological corridors

Various approaches and topics

- Develop harmonised methods and tools to identify ecological corridors
- Harmonising and improving management practises of habitats, protected and adjacent areas
- Integrated approach - key stakeholders and cross-sectorial actors
- Joint strategies, action plans, management programmes developed together with tools and solutions to be tested in pilot areas

Various geographic focus

- River corridors (Danube, Mura-Drava-Danube TBR, Sava River)
- Mountainous areas (Carpathians),
- Specific natural corridor of Green Belt of Europe

NO RESTRICTIONS



*Remember the scope of
SO 2.3!*

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