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*EU Strategy for the Danube Region:
Priority Area 06 – Biodiversity, Landscapes, Quality of Air and Soils*

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Territorial coverage of the Danube region
for the Danube region strategy

The Danube Region

14 Countries
more than 110 Mio. inhabitants.

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region refers to the entire Danube Region and addresses four thematic pillars:

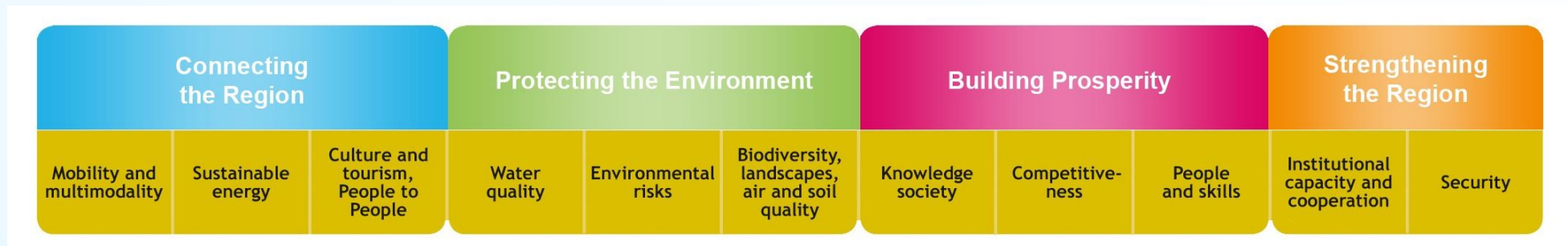
1. Connecting the Region
2. Protecting the Environment
3. Building Prosperity
4. Strengthening the Region

„Macro-regional Strategy“ (MRS) for cooperation in common and region-specific thematic fields



EUSDR

4 Pillars – 11 Priority Areas



- Coordination of implementation of the **11 Priority Areas** by two **Priority Area Coordinator (PAC)** from two countries.
- **Bavaria** (Bavarian State Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection) together with **Croatia** (Ministry for Environment and Nature Protection) is PAC for Priority Area 6: Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

Current developments within Priority Area 06

- **PA 06 Stakeholder Network**
Vision and aim to foster a permanent stakeholder organization for PA 06 related issues, engagement of civil society
- **Cooperation with Joint Research Centre (EC)**
Efforts to join forces (soil mapping, air nexus)
- **New PA 06 Task Force on Invasive Alien Species (DIAS)**
Kick Off in October 2014 in Sofia
Follow-up meeting in April 2015 in Budapest
Involvement of IAD
- **Annual Forum of the EUSDR 2015**
Focus on horizontal exchange, as promoted by PA 06 from beginning



Ongoing activities within Priority Area 06

- **Danube Sturgeon Task Force**
Pilot activities funded by TAF-DRP and START
- **Masterplan Biodiversity Bavarian Danube**
Finalization expected for spring 2015
- **Joint forces with Danubeparks network**
Networking and cooperation of protected areas
Governance an issue as well



Current developments within EUSDR

- **Funding for Project Development**
TAF-DRP and START, 2nd Call for START in May 2015
- **Danube Transnational Programme (ETC – “Interreg B”)**
Biodiversity and soil included as Investment Priority:
Priority axis 2: Conserving and protecting the environment as well as promoting an efficient use of resources
“Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure”
First Call for Project expected for September 2015
References to EUSDR and vice versa
- **Danube Strategy Point (in BRX)**
Facilitator for cooperation among PACs
Facilitator for cooperation between EUSDR and Danube Transnational Programme
Recruiting currently ongoing, shall be running until summer 2015
- **Annual Forum of the EUSDR 29.-30. October 2015 in Ulm (DE)**





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