

EU Strategie für den Donaauraum

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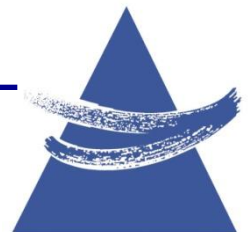


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International Networks in the Danube Region

Examples:

- @ 1948 „Danube Commission – Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube “
- @ 1970 Foundation of the „DANUBE Tourist Commission“
- @ 1994 „International Commission for the Protection of the Danube“ – Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River
- @ 2002 Danube Cooperation Process



Regional Networks in the Danube Region

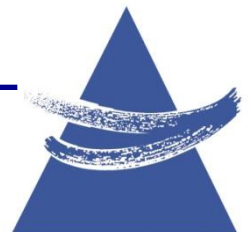
Beispiele:

- @ 1990 Working Community of the Danube Regions
- @ 2008 Foundation of „Danube Intergroup“ at CoR

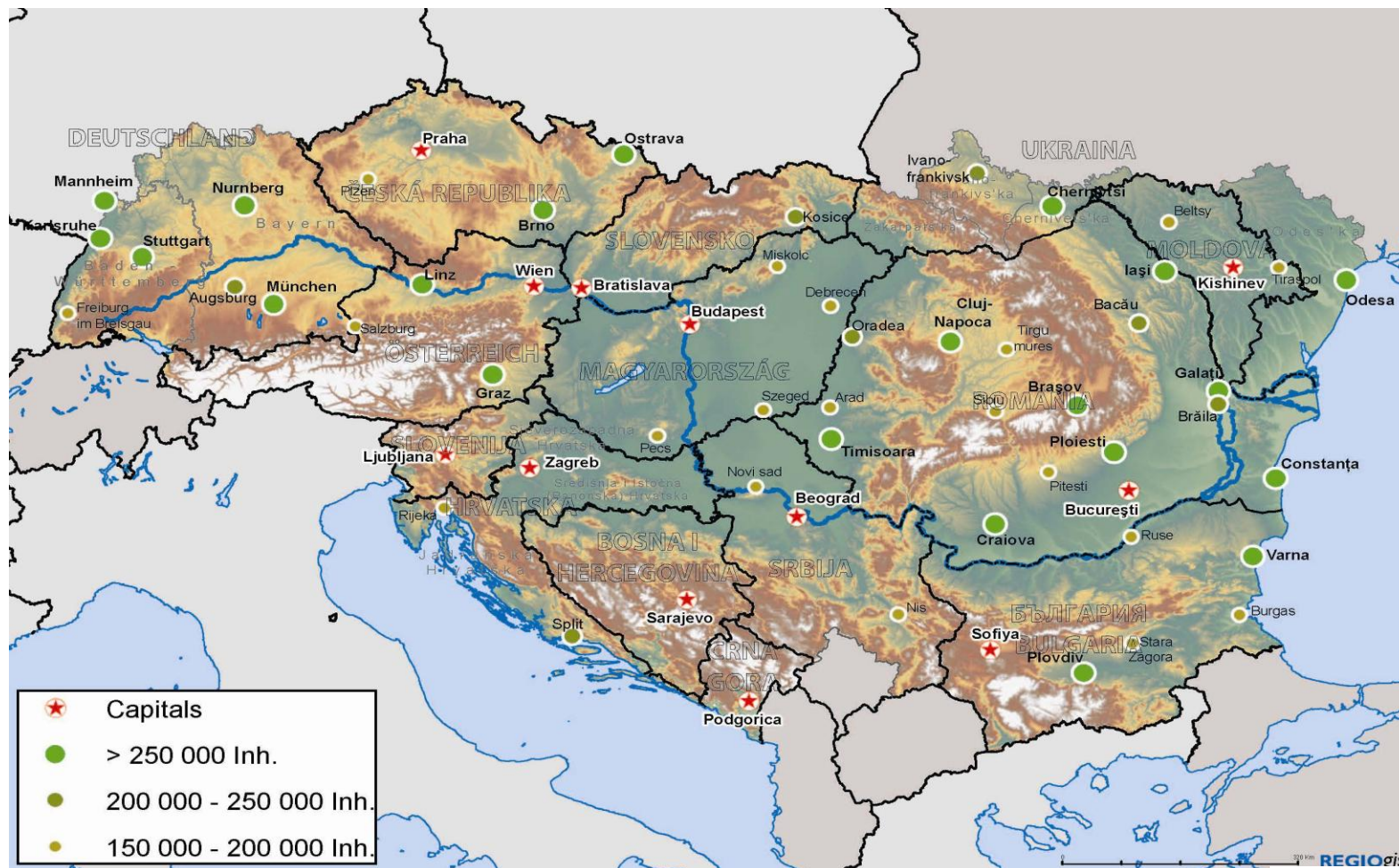
Municipal Networks in the Danube Region

Beispiele:

- @ 2002 Foundation of „Danube Offices“
- @ 2009 Foundation of „Council of Danube Cities and Regions“



EU Danube Region Strategy- the 14 Member States



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EU Strategy for the Danube Region

@ 2008

Upon Austrian and Romanian initiative, asking the President of the EC to elaborate a

STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

@ 2009

Request of Council of EU to the DG Regio for elaboration of the Strategy for the Danube Region

@ Aim

The development of the Danube region presumes this promising transnational area of cooperation to be considered in depth on a European level, especially at the EU Commission, the EU Parliament, and the Committee of Regions of the EU

@ 3 „No's“ of the EC

NO additional financing

NO new institutions

NO new legal instruments



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- © Financing As a transnational programme by means of European financing and external aid instruments within the framework of the Cooperation with Eastern Europe. Currently, financing by means of current programs, no additional financing provided for!
- © Autumn 2009 Invitation by DG Regio to the 14 Danube Countries member states
- © 2010
 - Public consultation
 - Collection of contributions by the 14 states
 - 5 conferences at Ulm, Vienna/Bratislava, Budapest, Rousse/Giurgiu, Constanca
- © 2010-08-12 Adoption of strategy and action plan by Commission
 - for text, refer to http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/danube/index_en.htm



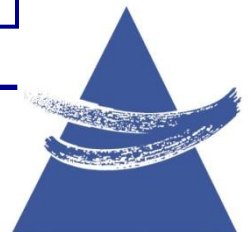
4 Columns

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Connection with the Danube
Region**

**Column II.:
Environmental Protection in
the Danube Region**

**Column III.:
Buildup of Prosperity in the
Danube Region**

**Column IV.:
Strengthening of the Danube
Region**



Column I.: Connection with the Danube Region

FIELDS OF PRIORITY	COORDINATION
1) Improvement of mobility and multimodality	<u>Inland watercourses</u> Austria (via Danube) Romania <u>Continuous roads, tracks, and air routes</u> Slovenia Serbia (Interested: Ukraine)
2) Encouraging the use of sustainable energies	Hungary Czech Republic
3) Furthering culture and tourism, the contact between the people	Bulgaria Romania



Column II.: Environmental Protection in the Danube Region

FIELDS OF PRIORITY	COORDINATION
4) Regeneration and safeguarding the quality of watercourses	Hungary Slovakia
5) Management of environmental risks	Hungary Romania
6) Conservation of biological diversity, of landscapes, and of the quality of air and soil	Germany (Bavaria) Croatia



Column III.: Buildup of Prosperity in the Danube Region

FIELDS OF PRIORITY	COORDINATION
7) Furthering of information society by means of research, education, and information technologies	Slovakia Serbia
8) Furthering of competitiveness of enterprises, inclusive of building clusters	Germany (Baden-Württemberg) Croatia
9) Investments in people and qualifications	Austria Moldova



Column IV.: Strengthening of the Danube Region

FIELDS OF PRIORITY	COORDINATION
10) Improvement of institutional capacity and cooperation	Austria (Vienna) Slovenia
11) Cooperation for enhancing safety and fighting major and organized criminality	Germany Bulgaria



The last Preparations

- © 2010-24-06 Adoption of EUSDR by the EU heads of state and government with Hungary presiding
- © 2011-01-07 Start of implementation



Territorial Cooperation: A Key Element in the Danube Region Strategy

- @ 41 Cooperation programs
- @ € 4,3 billion for activities of cooperation until 2013 (through EFRD, IPA, ENPI)
- @ Transnational networks
- @ Across all sectors





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Danube Countries Working Community

20 years of interregional
cooperation in the Danube region

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Foundation:

Signing the „Common Agreement“ on May 17, 1990 at a boat cruise from Melk to Duernstein, Lower Austria



Aims:

According to article 1 of the „Common Agreement“:

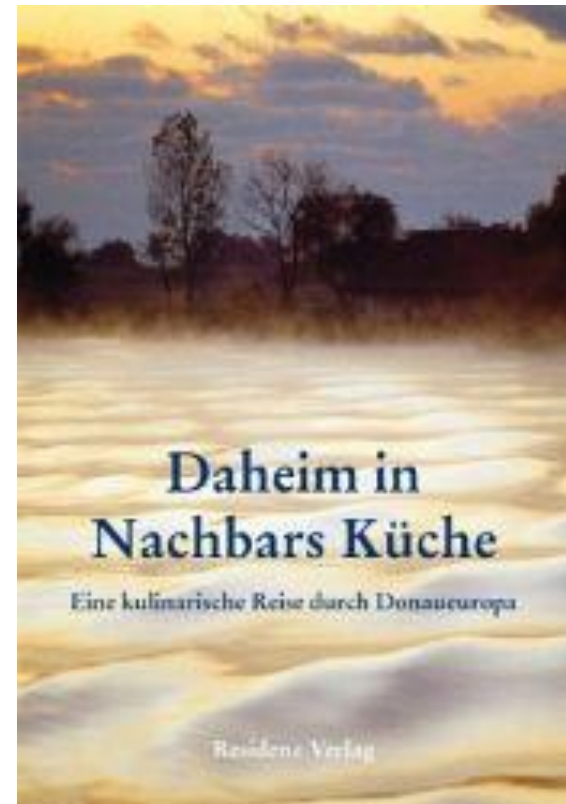
Furthering the cooperation of their members for an all-side development of the Danube region in the interest of its inhabitants and a peaceful cooperation in Europe.



Financing and Procedure:

Costs are basically borne by each member, no membership fee!

For common projects, the work groups shall prepare suggestions of financing for adoption.



Institutions

- @ Conference of heads of government
- @ Work group of of chief officers



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General Secretariat at Office of Lower Austrian Government Department of Provincial Head Office

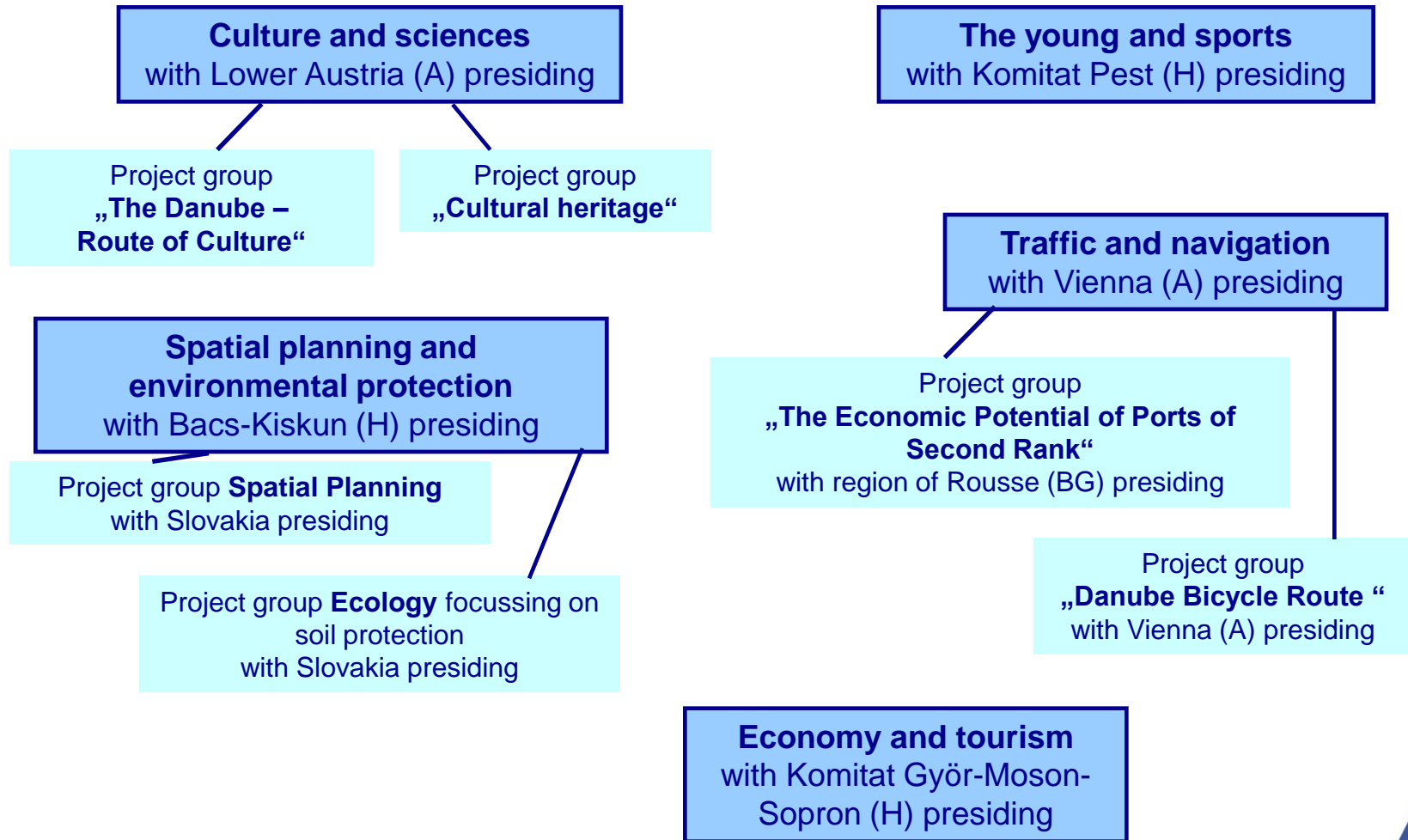
- @ Administrative preparations of meetings
- @ Coordination and documentation
- @ Homepage: www.argedonau.at



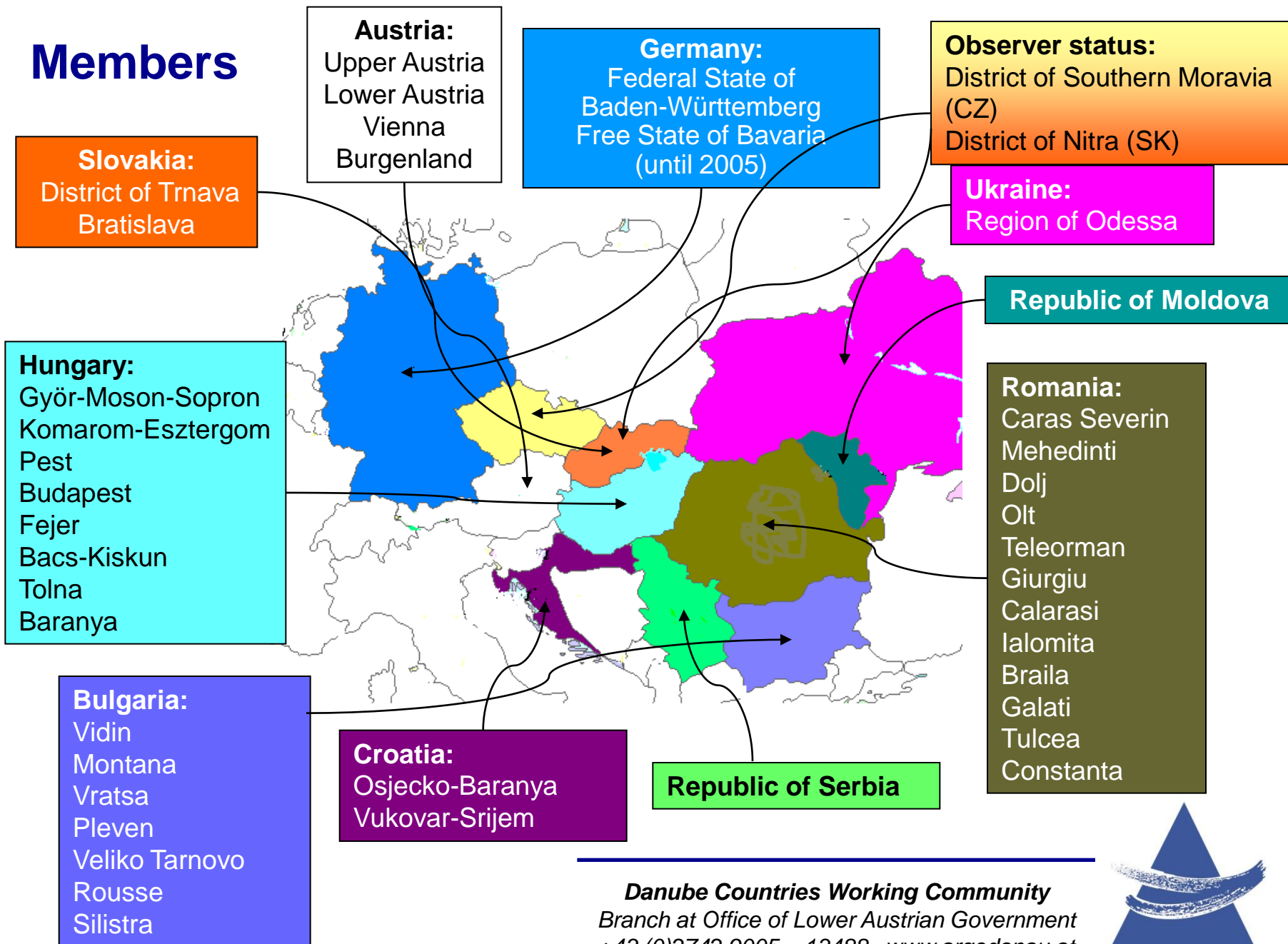
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Work Groups



Members



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Crucial Achievements and Projects

- @ „Concept for a sustainable development in the Danube region“
- @ „Declaration on soil protection “
- @ Restoration workshop at Osijek, Croatia
- @ „Digital Base Map“ of the Danube region
- @ Digital map „The Danube – Route of Culture““
- @ Contacts between economic chambers
- @ Listing of the historic-technical monuments along the Danube



Crucial Achievements and Projects

- @ „Guidelines for traffic development “
- @ „Portino – Study“, regional effects of „smaller ports“
- @ „The Danube – Route of Culture““
- @ Traffic studies
- @ Danube hanse



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