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Soil Protection and Sustainable Land Use

Priority Area 06

Preserving Biodiversity, Landscapes and the Quality of Air and Soil

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Task Forces and Work Groups of Priority Area 06

Task Force	Full Name	Topic	Chair
<i>DSTF</i>	Danube Sturgeon Task Force	Saving Danube Sturgeons Implementation of Sturgeon 2020	Institute of Biology Bucharest, Romanian Academy (RO)
<i>DIAS</i>	Danube Region Invasive Alien Species Network	Measures to monitor, manage and prevent aquatic IAS	Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IBER-BAS) (BG)
<i>Danubeparks</i>	Danubeparks - Network of Protected Areas	Network of protected areas along the Danube, Ecological Connectivity	Danubeparks Association Nationalpark Donauauen (AT)
<i>SONDAR</i>	Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region	Soil protection network in the Danube region, linked to ELSA (European Land and Soil Alliance)	Government of Lower Austria (AT)
<i>TFFC</i>	Task Force Pesticides and Chemicals	Management and prevention of loss of obsolete Pesticides and Chemicals	Slovenian National Institute for Public Health (SI)
<i>TFAQ</i>	Task Force Air Quality	Measures to improve air quality, e.g. in terms of domestic fire and CO2 emissions	Joint Research Centre (JRC) (EC)
<i>Masterplan</i>	Masterplan Bavarian Danube	Systematic and bottom-up oriented measures for enhancing biodiversity at the Bavarian Danube and its floodplains	Bund Naturschutz, Auenzentrum Neuburg, Landesbund für Vogelschutz, Bavaria (DE)

Current Projects and Activities

- Study on Ecological Connectivity to identify needs for action and concrete proposals for projects to increase the understanding of the role of ecological connectivity along the Danube in all habitats (air, water, land).
- Study on Ecosystem Services: Inventory of ESS in the EU and the EUSDR States; Systematics and available data for the evaluation of ecosystem services and their economic and social benefits for humans, differentiated according to suitable sub-ecosystems (e.g: forests, river and floodplains, cultural landscape, etc.)



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Current Projects and Activities

Danube Transnational Programme – Decisions Call 2 update – Approved with conditions

Project	Objectives	LP	Comments
ConnectGreen	improving the ecological connectivity between natural habitats, especially between Natura 2000 sites and other protected area categories in the Carpathian ecoregion	WWF DCP Romania	
SavaTIES	develop a strategic framework for cross-sectoral, transnational management, control and eradication of IAS in the Sava River basin	EuroNatur Foundation (DE)	should be connected with DIAS
Dare2Connect	Ecological Connectivity alongside former Iron Curtain ("Green Belt Europe")	Bavarian Branch of Green Belt Europe (BN)	PAC 6 ASP
MEASURES	Restore Ecological Connectivity in the Danube River for Migratory Fish Species	BOKU Vienna	PAC 6 ASP. Direct connection with DSTF, first major project borne of DSTF.



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PA 06 Time Line (past and future)

What	When	Where
10 th Steering Group Meeting	27. March 2018	Budapest
Expert Seminar on Ecologic Connectivity	28. March 2018	Budapest
Cross MRS Seminar on Water Issues (Danube, Baltic, Alpine, Adriatic-Ionian)	19. April 2018	Budapest
Kick off Meeting Masterplan Bavarian Danube, Monitoring Group	tbd, June 2018	tbd
Annual Forum 2018	October 2018	Sofia
Cross MRS Seminar on Biodiversity Issues (Danube, Baltic, Alpine, Adriatic-Ionian)	tbd, Autumn 2018	tbd
Photo Contest on Biodiversity	01/2018 – 03/2019	Danube Region



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