Towards a future coherent Trans-European Nature Network (TEN-N)

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The Project in a Nutshell

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The ambition of NaturaConnect is to co-create with key decision-makers and stakeholders, knowledge, tools and capacity building to support EU Member States in realizing the objectives of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

- 30% of land and sea protected, 10% thereof strictly
- Build the Trans-European Nature Network

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The Consortium

17 Research institutions

5 Policy and practitioner organisations

**Lead:** International Institute for Applied System Analyses (IIASA), AT

**Co-lead:** Martin-Luther-University, GE

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Objectives

1. Define a blueprint for a Trans-European Nature Network (TEN-N) that addresses protected area gaps
2. Identify opportunities for protecting and restoring multifunctional corridors across spatial scales
3. Review and disseminate best spatial planning practices and funding mechanisms
4. Bring together biodiversity and ecosystem service data and predictive models to support the design of TEN-N
5. Engage stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of TEN-N across administrative levels and sectors, co-designing tools and guidelines to maximize the uptake of the project results

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Case studies

T8.1 The Danube-Carpathian transboundary region
T8.2 Finland
T8.3 France
T8.4 Portugal
T8.5 The Doñana region
T8.6 Leipzig-Halle peri-urban floodplains

Working in the region with BOKU (project partner covering scientific work), the Carpathian Convention, the ICPDR and EUSDR

Stakeholder engagement for co-creation

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The Role of WWF-CEE

Stakeholder engagement, capacity-building, policy & governance

- **Communication** at all channels
- **NaturaConnect Moodle** including capacity-building and training materials
- Review and synthesis of best practices in **governance and land-use policies** to implement TEN-N (June 2024)
- Factsheets on public, private, and blended **financial support options** for TEN-N and recommendations for each case study (October 2024)
- Engaging with relevant stakeholders for **co-creation of several project deliverables** – we will get in touch with you!
- Dissemination/exploitation of project results in the Danube-Carpathian region

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Looking forward to engaging with you!

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