EUSDR PA6: updates on activities and outlook

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Priority Area 06 of the EUSDR at a glance

- Coordinated by Germany (Bavaria) and Croatia, both acting as Priority Area Coordinator
- Thematic focus: Biodiversity, Landscapes, Air and Soils
- Highly stakeholder-driven, based on 6 Task Forces
- Focus on on-site activities while at the same time contributing to higher-level frameworks such as the
  - EU Green Deal
  - EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
  - CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

- Carpathian Convention participates as Observer in PA 06 Steering Group.
## EUSDR PA6 - Targets from Action Plan

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<td><strong>T2:</strong> Strengthen the efforts to halt the deterioration in the status of species (e.g. Danube sturgeon species) and habitats occurring in the Danube region and covered by EU nature legislation.</td>
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<td><strong>T6:</strong> To decrease air pollution in the Danube Region</td>
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#1 Protection and Enhancing Biodiversity as green backbone of the Danube Region
Basis: Establishment of a network in the Danube Region with local and regional stakeholder groups. PA 6 example: “Masterplan Living Space Bavarian Danube”

#2 Fostering Ecological connectivity and green Infrastructure in the Danube Region
Strengthen transnational cooperation to establish green infrastructure (GI). Making links with other macro-regional strategies (EUSALP, EUSAIR and EUSBR). Objective of PA 6 Workplan.

#3 Transnational Habitat Connection in the Danube Region
Creation and restoration of migration opportunities between habitats for migrating species. Take into account economic and socio-economic needs. Project example: Measures, WePass2 (Iron Gates), Life WILDIslands, LifeLineMDD, ConnectGreen, SaveGreen, NaturaConnect, a.m.m.
Latest Activities in PA 6


- **21st PA6 Steering Group Meeting**: 11. April 2024, follow up on 20th SGM and next steps; support in implementing policy frameworks; Enhancement on Visibility of PA6 Task Forces

- **Danube Sturgeon Task Force General Assembly**: 23.-24. January 2024, Munich

- **2024**: Project Development and Application “MonStur” (Interreg B Danube Region Programme), PAC6 as ASP
Current and upcoming Activities in PA 6

- RAMSAR Regional Initiative by Danubeparks Wild Islands
- Current call in EU Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters – Migratory Fish in Danube River as one of the key topics.
- Increased Cooperation as regards ecological connectivity with AG7 / EUSALP
- EUSDR Flagships: Task Force Processes of PA6, new nominations in June 2024
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