



16th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity

EUSDR Priority Area 06

Preserving Biodiversity, Landscapes and the Quality of Air and Soil

Updates on activities and outlook

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Priority Area 06 of the EUSDR at a glance

- PA6: Preserving Biodiversity, Landscapes and the Quality of Air and Soil
- Coordinated by Bavaria and Croatia, both acting as Priority Area Coordinators (PACs)
- Thematic focus: Biodiversity, Landscapes, Air and Soils
- Highly stakeholder-driven, based on 6 Task Forces:
 - Danube Sturgeon Task Force
 - Danubeparks
 - Danube Invasive Alien Species Network
 - Soil Protection in the Danube Region
 - Danube Landscape Task Force
 - Masterplan Living Space Bavarian Danube
- Carpathian Convention participates as Observer in PA 06 Steering Group.





News from PA6 and its Task Forces

Danubeparks

- Danube Wild Islands Ramsar Regional Initiative launched in 2024, preservation and restoration of the Danube near-natural wild islands.
- New project foreseen on Danube crested newt (*Triturus dobrogicus*) as endangered umbrella species.



Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF)

- Interreg B DRP Project “MonStur”: Kick off meeting in April 2025 (Monitoring of Sturgeon populations).
- LifeBoat for Sturgeons under implementation, Europe ´s first floating sturgeon hatchery opened in April 2025.
- Efforts to foster cooperation between water and nature protection authorities.





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Danube Region Invasive Alien Species Network (DIAS)

- Cooperation with Danube4all Project (restoration of the Danube River Basin)
- Contributions to the Joint Danube Survey (ICPDR).
- Inclusion of citizens when it comes to detect and monitor IAS (“Citizens Science”).



Soil Protection Task Force (SONDAR)

- Current focus on “healthy soil, healthy food, healthy people”.
- Close cooperation with EU Missions on Soil.
- Efforts to foster cooperation between farmers and nature protection stakeholders.





Upcoming Activities in PA 6

In preparation:

- Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies Days Brussels: Joint PA 4-5-6 thematic panel "Water Quality and Quantity, Disaster Resilience, and Biodiversity Enhancement," scheduled for 24 September 2025. Reach out to other MRS as well.
- Joint PA 4-5-6 Workshop on Migratory Fish scheduled for 7 October 2025, Budapest, followed by joint Steering Group Meeting.
- EUSDR Annual Forum in Sarajevo, 5.-6. November 2025.
- Cooperation as regards ecological connectivity with AG7 / EUSALP.
- EUSDR Flagships: new nominations in June 2025.





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