DANUBEPARKS STEP 2.0
Anchoring the Danube River Network of Protected Areas as Platform for Preservation of Danube Natural Heritage

Kick-off Conference
Ingolstadt, 23rd October 2012

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1. Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve
2. Srebarna Nature Reserve
3. Kalinov-Brushluen Protected Site
4. Parina Nature Park
5. Special Nature Reserve Gornje Pudunavlje
6. Nature Park Kopacki Rit
7. Duna-Drola National Park
8. Duna-Ipoly National Park
9. Danube Flood Plain Protected Landscape Area
10. Zahorje Protected Landscape Area
11. Danus-Auen National Park
12. Danube Flood Plain Restoration Area Neuburg-Ingolstadt

SOUTH EAST EUROPE
Transnational Cooperation Programme

DANUBE PARKS
network of protected areas

Programme co-funded by the EUROPEAN UNION
Task Force Meeting
Birds (Vác, June 2010)

Sturgeon Workshop
(Orth, Dec. 2010)
=1st private meeting

River Morphology
Workshop
(Orth, May 2011)

Wedding 2012
Congratulations!
• Development DANUBEPARKS STEP 2.0  
  (Conference Orth, Sept. 2011; Workshop Budapest, Oct. 2011)

• Submission of Project Proposal (24th Nov. 2011)

• **Approval** (July 2012)  
  (342 applications/37 approved, top-ranking)

• Conditions (fulfilled August 2012)

• Replanning of Project Periods

• Preparation of Subsidy Contract (expected soon)
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14 Project Partners (8 ERDF, 2 ERDF 20%, 4 IPA)
17 Observer Partners (incl. 3 potential network partners)

Budget: 2.461.525 € (DANUBE PARKS I: 8.300 €/month/PP; STEP 2.0: 7.300 €/month/PP)
Period: September 2012 – August 2014
Project Structure DANUBEPARKS STEP 2.0

WP1 - Project Management

WP2 - Communication & Dissemination

WP3 – STEP 2.0 – Sustainable Transnational Environmental Platform

WP4 - Flagship species go for stakeholder

WP5 - River Morphology goes Policy

WP6 - Building joint quality for joint tourism services
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**act. 4.1. DANUBE PARKS POPLAR** (Black poplar conservation)

- **TFM Novi Sad (2012/12): Preparation**
- **TFM Kopacki rit & DDNP (2013/5)**
- **Mapping, online cadastre, sampling & genetic study, labelling**
- **Pilot Aforestation (SVK, BG)**
- **Conference DANUBE PARKS & forest sector (Novi Sad (2014/4))**
## WP4 Flagship Species go for Stakeholder

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### act. 4.2. Bringing WTE Action Plan to Life
- TFM Persina (2012/11): priorities
- TFM Kopacki rit & DDNP (2013/5):
- TFM Bratislava (2013/1): preparation
- TFM Rusenski lom: detailed planning
- Danube-wide winter count & events (2014/1)

### act. 4.3. Wide public service for Eagles (winter counts)
- TFM Persina (2012/11): priorities
- TFM Kopacki rit & DDNP (2013/5):
- TFM Bratislava (2013/1): preparation
- TFM Rusenski lom: detailed planning
- Danube-wide Implementation Strategy finalized
- Danube-wide winter count & events (2014/1)
Visions & Perspectives
What can we expect of WP4?

• (base for) Danube-wide follow-up project (LIFE+ White-tailed Eagle)

• Danube-wide conservation/monitoring campaign: attractive for the public (events!), attractive for the NGOs – long term perspective (?)

• Concrete Danube-wide conservation of valuable solitary trees by involvement of forestry sector (labelling)

• Conservation for Black poplar (solitary trees, old stands, rejuvenation areas) as contribution for Danube-wide habitat network
WP4 River Morphology goes Policy
WP5 River Morphology goes Policy

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act. 5.1.
DANUBEPAKRS in the ICPDR Joint Danube Survey

act. 5.2.
Action Plan Morphology

Danube-wide monitoring Little-ringed Plover & Sand Martin (2013/5-6)

JDS Public Events (2013/6)

TFM Bratislava (2013/1): Preparation

Elaboration Action Plan Morphology (conservation, restoration, sediment management)

JDS Reporting

Joint Conference with NEWADA duo (Vienna, 2013/9)
Visions & Perspectives
What can we expect of WP5?

• direct communication of DANUBEPAKKS approach on river morphology to water management and navigation sector (e.g. Danube-wide statement for sediment management)

• long-term perspective for Danube-wide monitoring programme

• Danube-wide concept for conservation of river dynamic habitats as base for Danube-wide habitat network (e.g. Protected Danube Islands)
WP6 Building joint Quality for joint Tourism Services
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**act. 6.1.**
**DANUBE PARKS Visitor Centre**

**act. 6.2.**
**Assessment & Quality Guidelines**
- TFM Neuburg (2012/11): Preparation
- TFM Duna-Drava NP (2013/fall): planning details
- TFM Duna-Ipoly NP (2014/3): concept finalised

**act. 6.3.**
**Social Diversity in Tourism Offers**
- Concept DANUBE PARKS visitor centre
- Development

**act. 6.4.**
**Carrying Capacities**
- 2013/4: Assessment Tour (incl: TFM DINPI)
- Publication & Report
- Elaboration
- TFM Duna-Drava NP: test & exchange
### WP6 Building joint Quality for joint Tourism Services

#### Act 6.1. DANUBEPARKS Visitor Centre
- **TFM Duna-Ipoly NP**
  - **Period 1:** 2012/10-2013/3
  - **Period 2:** 2013/4-2013/6
  - **Period 3:** 2013/7-2013/12
  - **Period 4:** 2014/1-2014/6
  - **Period 5:** 2014/7-2014/9

#### Act 6.2. Assessment & Quality Guidelines
- **TFM Djoerdap NP (2013/2): incl. digital info-corners**
- **TFM Duna-Drava NP (2013/fall): planning details, exchange of results**

#### Act 6.3. Social Diversity in Tourism Offers
- **Concept DANUBEPARKS visitor centre**
- **TFM Neuburg (2012/11)**
- **2013/4:** Assessment Tour (incl: TFM DINPI)
- **Development**
- **Elaboration**

#### Act 6.4. Carrying Capacities
- **TFM Neuburg (2012/11)**
Visions & Perspectives
What can we expect of WP6?

- Contribution to develop Danube Protected Areas as attractive tourism destination with high quality offers (for diverse target groups)

- Impulse for visitor centres with Danube-wide focus (Duna-Ipoly NP in combination with Donaumuseum & Lower Danube)

- Carrying capacity: module/elaboration process helpful for all Danube Protected Areas
Visions & Perspectives
What can we expect of WP3?

STEP 2.0 – Sustainable Transnational Environmental Platform (20 partners)
Visions & Perspectives

What can we expect of WP3?

STEP 2.0 – Sustainable Transnational Environmental Platform (20 partners)

• „Core team“ of skilled project manager – efficient communication and management (act. 3.1.)
• Strategic enlargement of the Network (act. 3.2.)
• Anchoring with Danube stakeholders (act. 3.3.)
• Develop a long-term Network structure (act. 3.4.)
Guideline for project success

• We are an effective partnership
• We build up on a good/best-practice project
• DANUBEPARKS STEP 2.0 is well designed
• We are facing weak points of DANUBEPARKS I
• Focus on few activities – all are Danube-wide and complex
• Networking of all partners is needed – take over responsibility
• WPs are more than a list of activities – we have a vision!
Good Luck for our Cooperation in DANUBE PARKS STEP 2.0!