

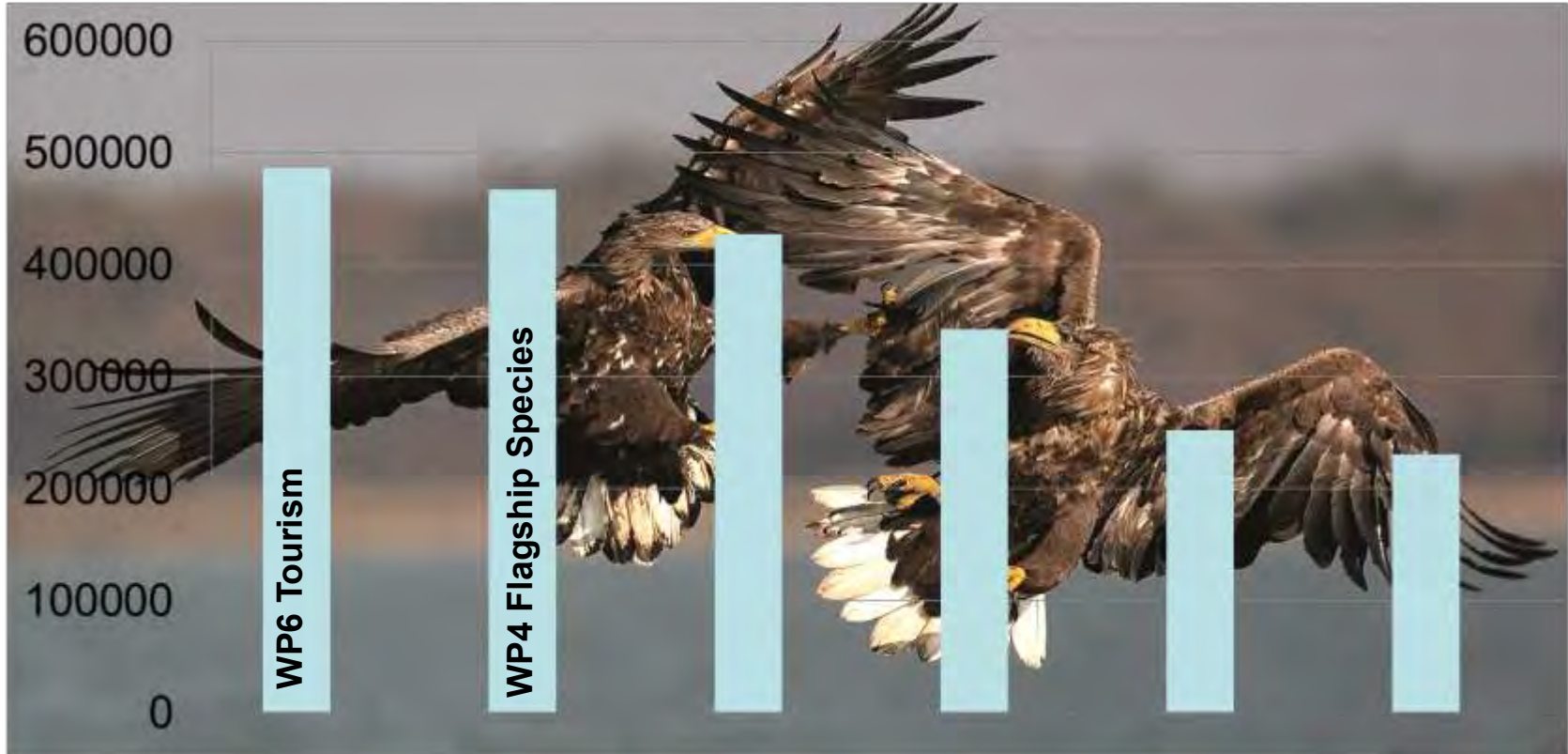
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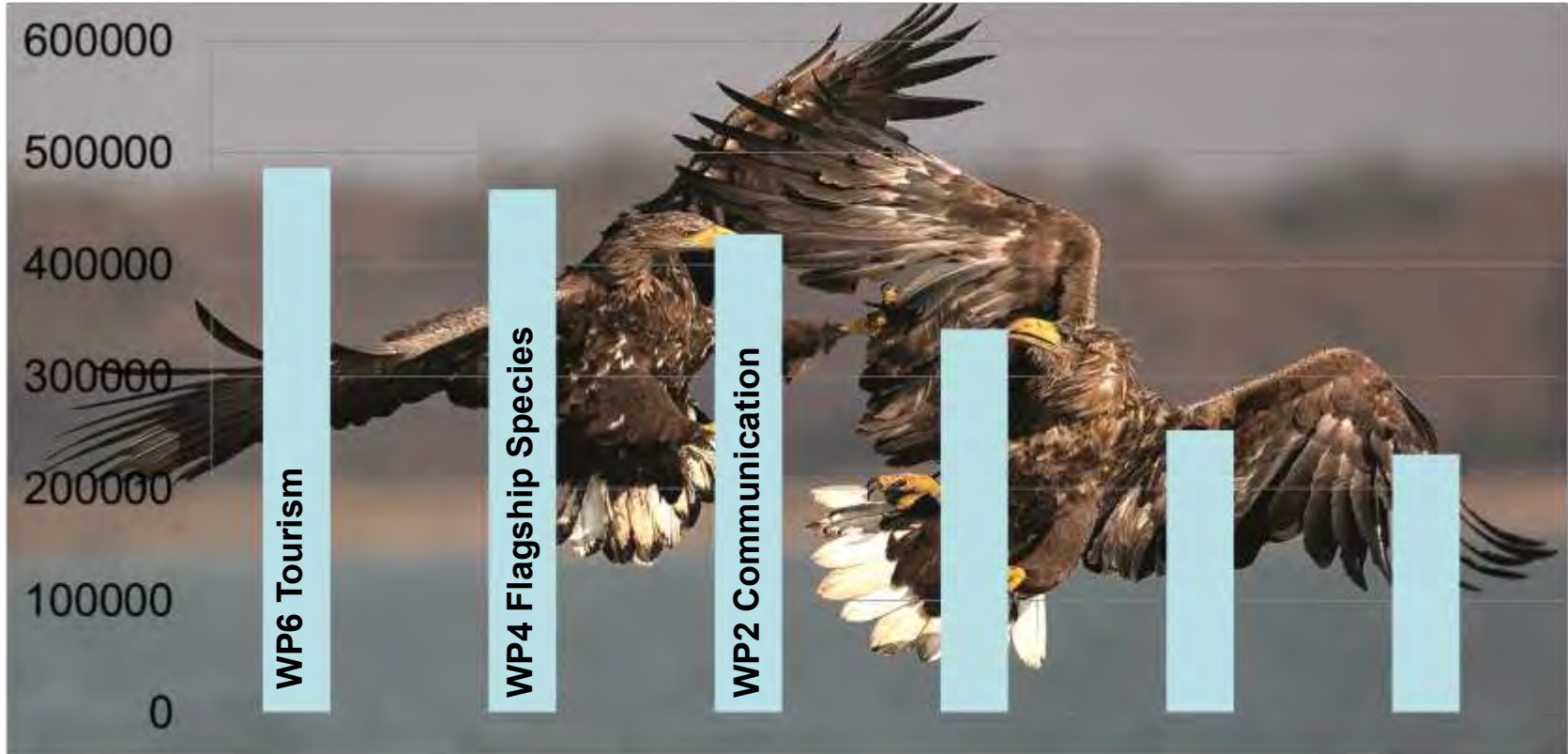
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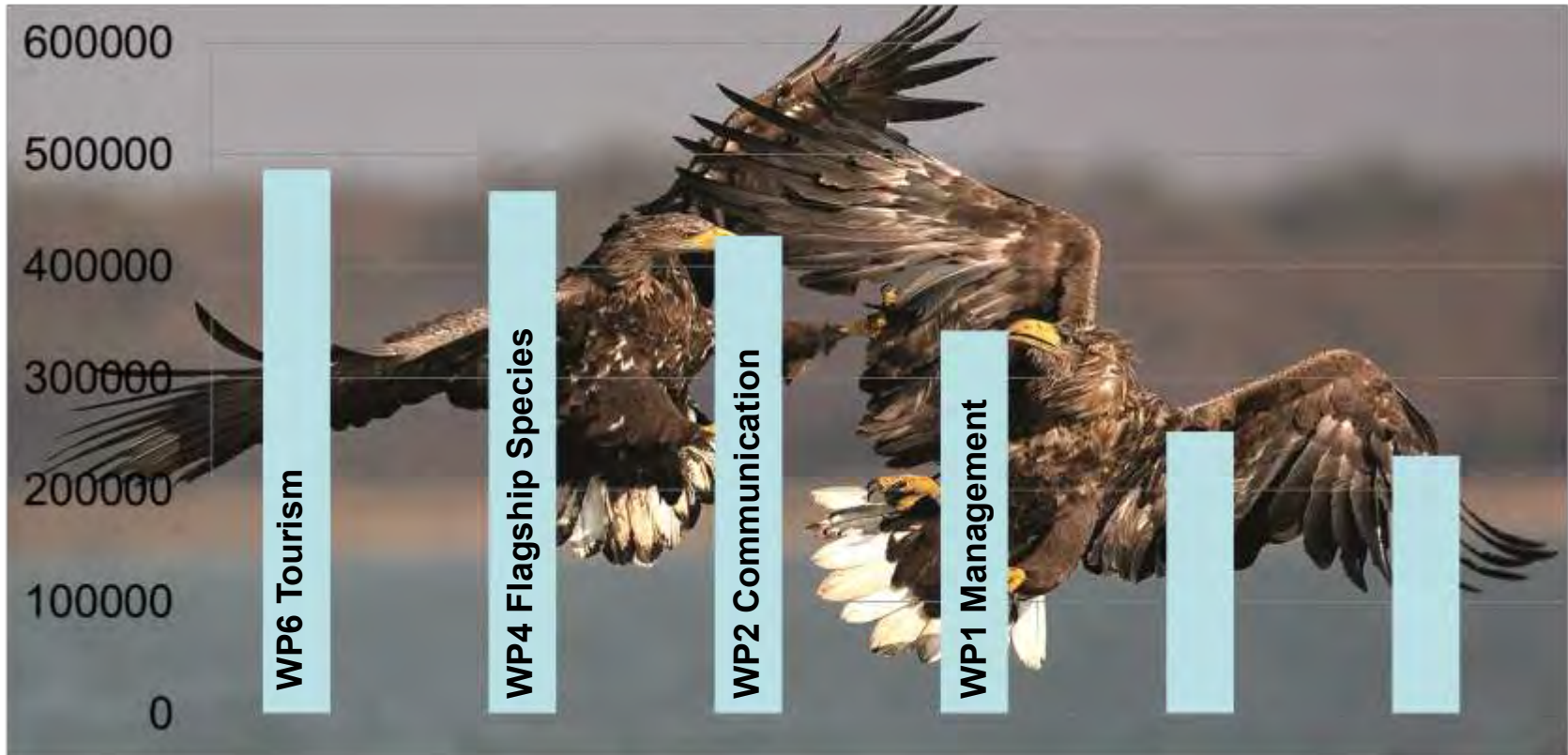
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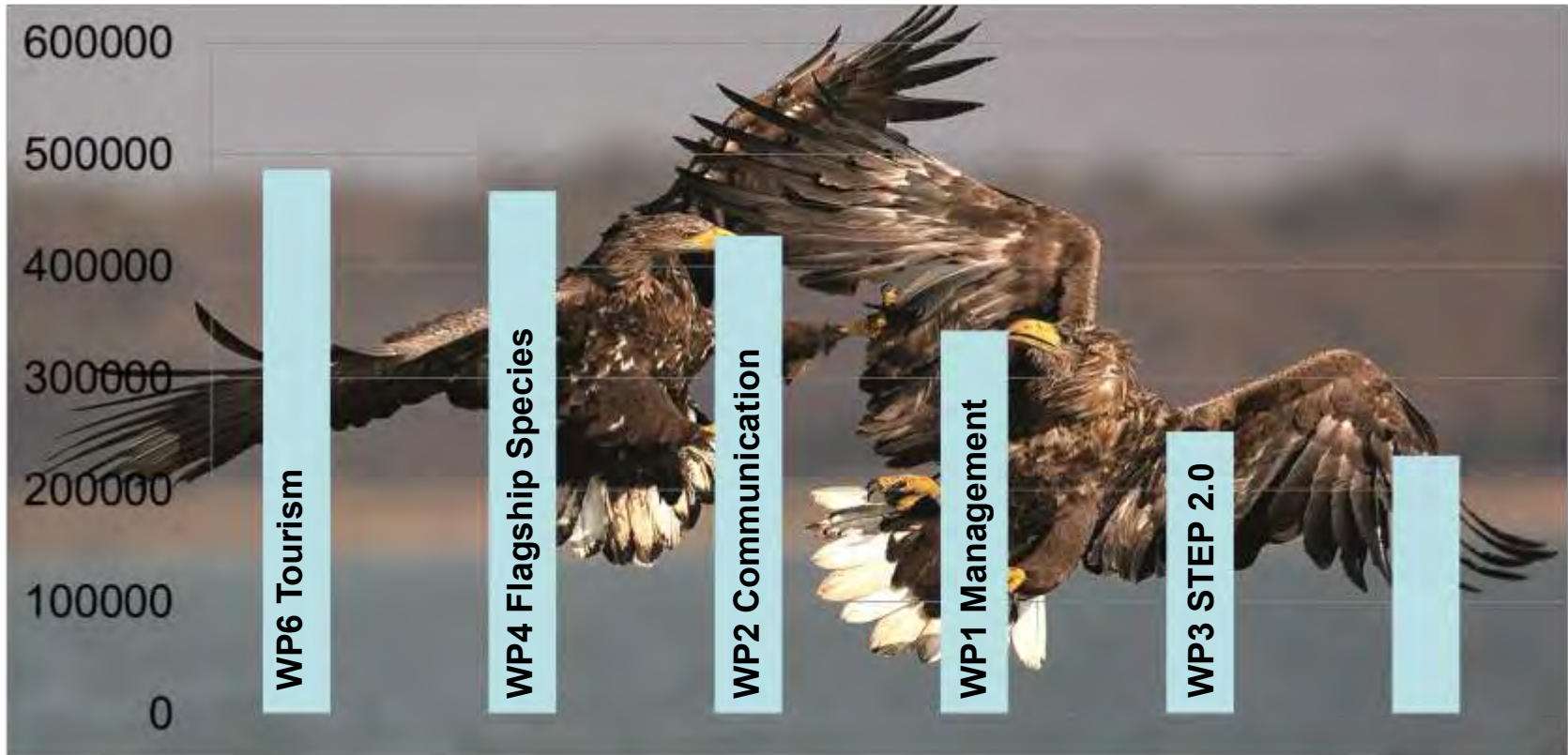
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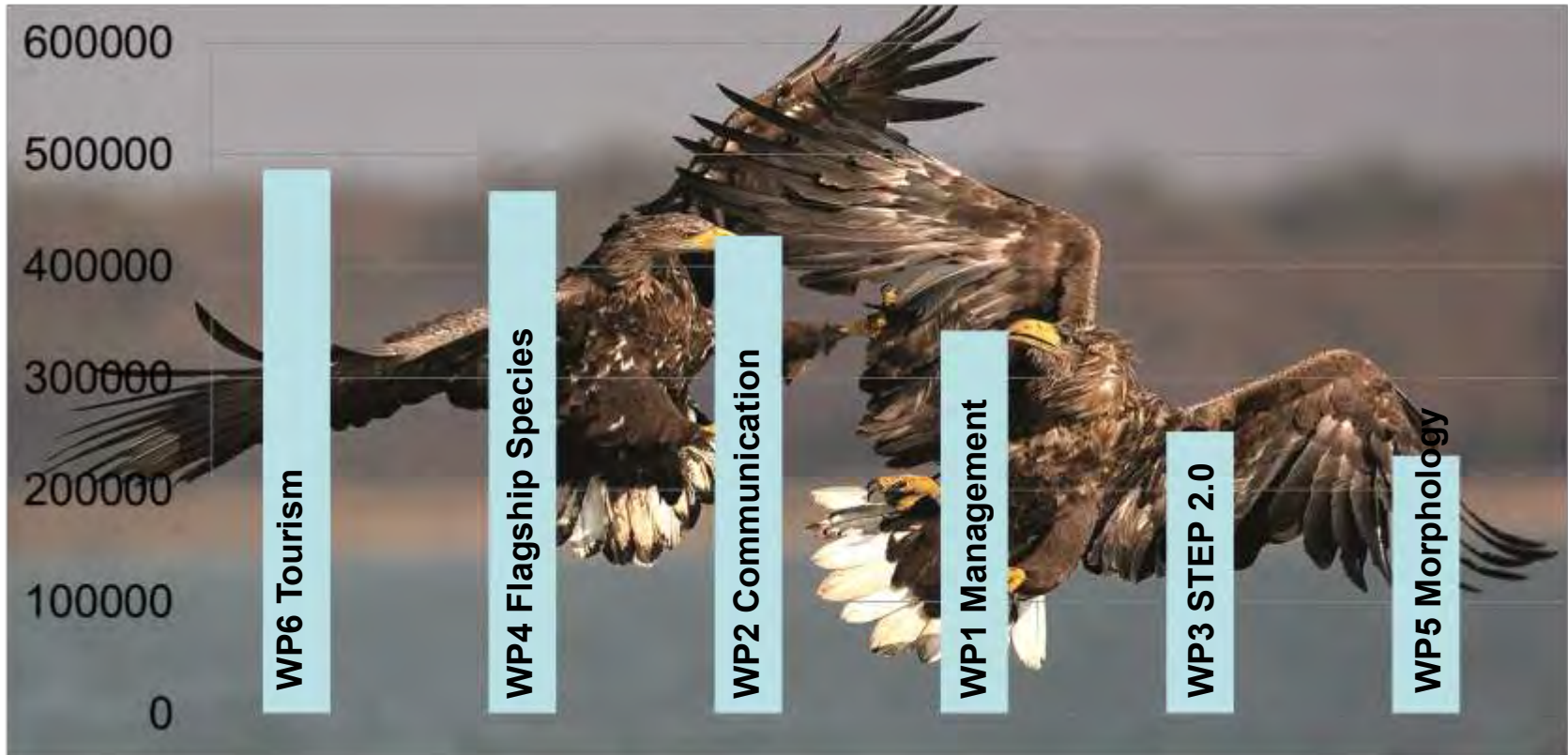
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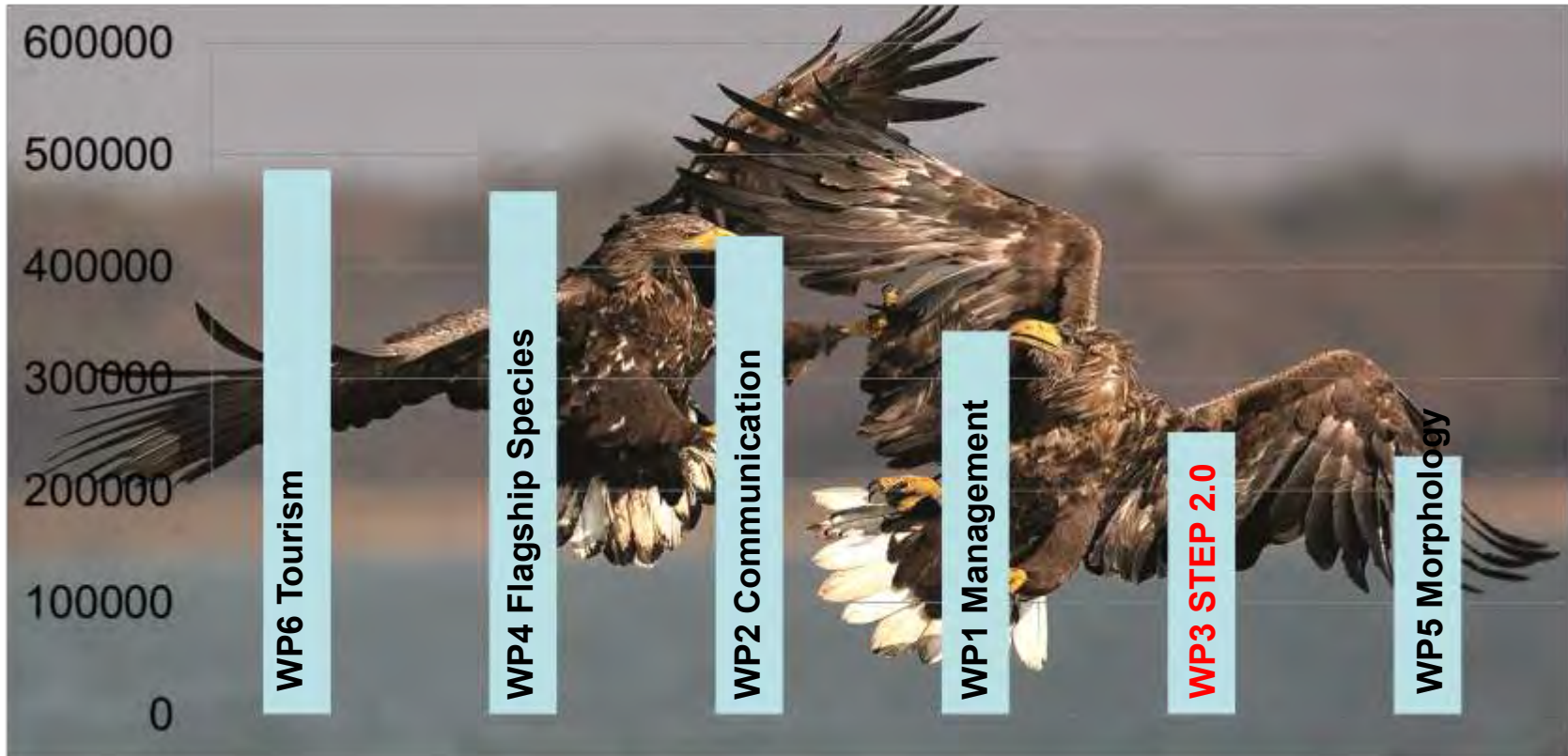
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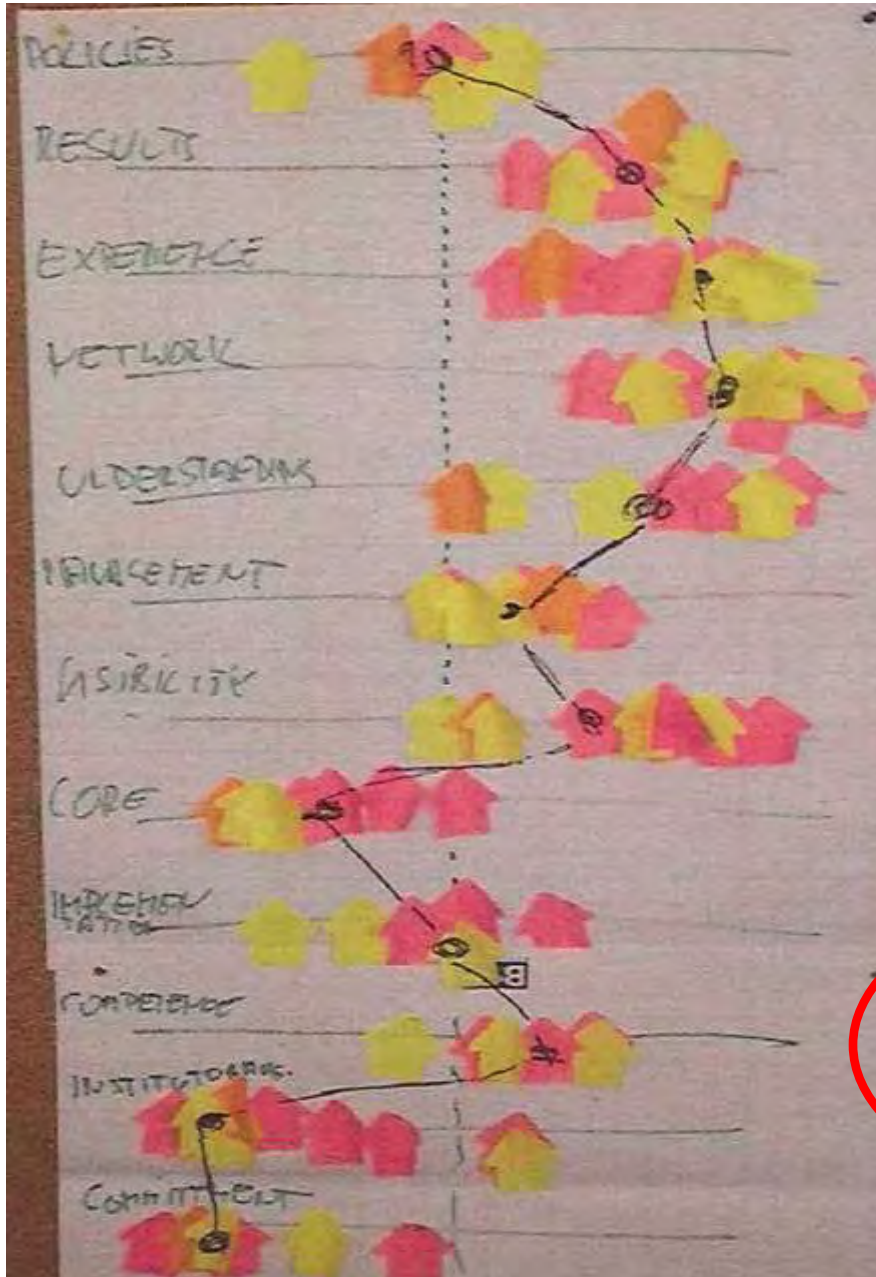
DANUBE PARKS STEP 2.0

Sustainable Transnational Environmental Platform (20 Partners)



DANUBE PARKS STEP 2.0 Kick-off Conference
Neuburg an der Donau, 23rd Oct. 2012

Georg Frank



Conclusions

(Conference, Orth, Sept 2011)

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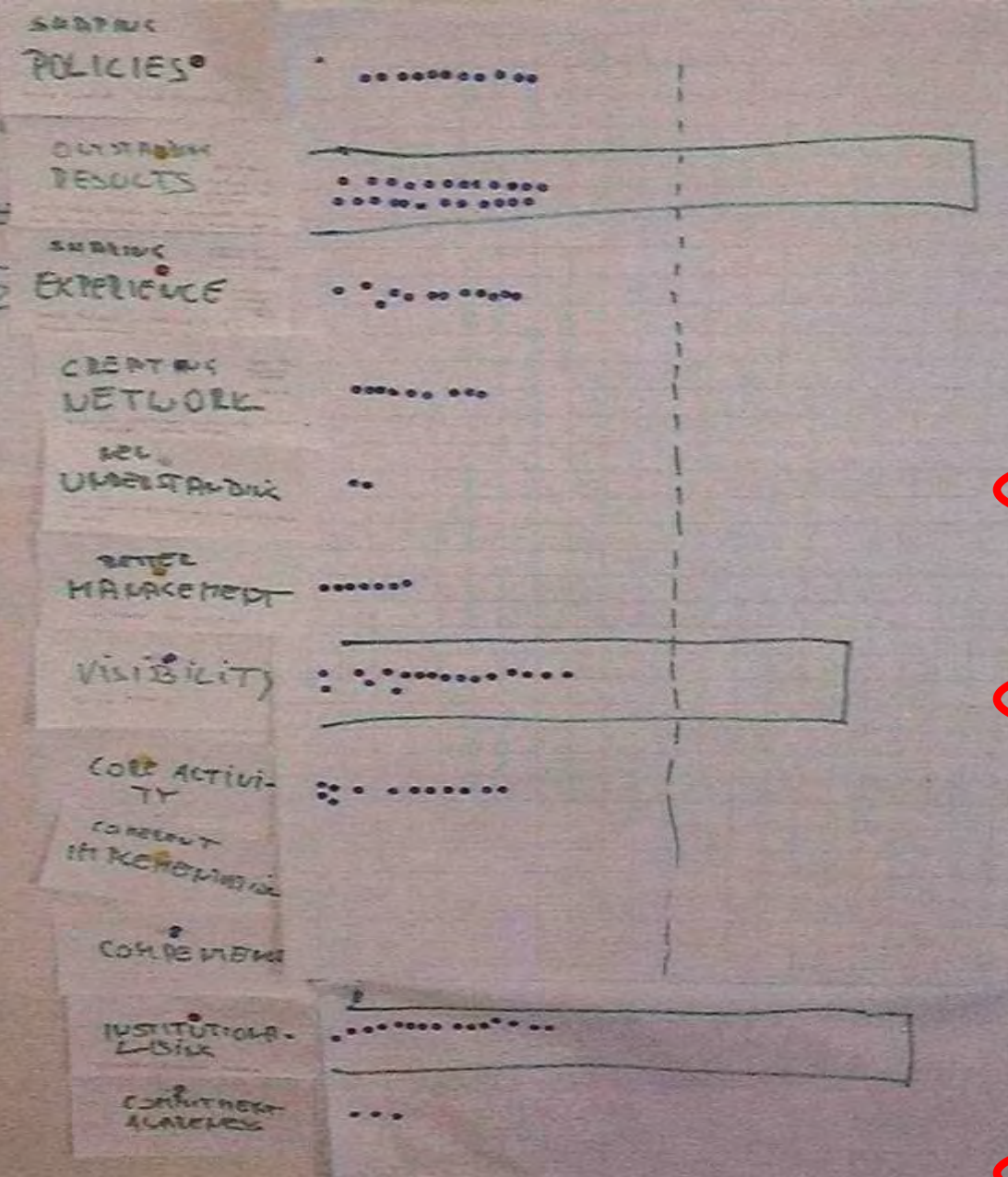
Creation of network
 experience exchange
 visible concrete outputs

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Institutionalization

Policy level

Committment on political level



Expectations

(Conference, Orth, Sept 2011)

- Concrete actions and results
- Institutionalization
- Visibility of the network (on different levels)
- policies
- core activity

expected side effect:

experience exchange

better management (skills)

What was positive?

(Conclusions of final Steering Committee Meeting, Vienna, Feb. 2012)

- **Enthusiasm of all the partners – we should not lose it!!!**
- **getting inspiration and knowledge for solutions → excursions**
- Website with interesting materials as a result of cooperation
- Distant tools of communication important, but best is still personal contact! (workshops, excursions, staff exchange)
- became friends!
- Accurate and helpful lead partner
- **Strengthened voice** of protected area on EU level – good feeling!
- Some partners speak the same language → that's helpful, if there are any questions!

What should be improved?

- Sometimes **deadly deadlines** 😊 ↔ faster feedback of all partners is needed, but perhaps the **manpower** is not enough ?!
- It is necessary for getting in touch with partners to **clarify positions and expectations at the beginning** (task force meetings)
- Too much different activities to be done in short time – better to **focus on some** of them only
- **Good training for project managers** at the beginning of the next project would help → to understand that what is needed, also establish common rules of cooperation
- Always have real **practical activities and goals** - so that this network will not turn into a theoretical cooperation (like many other international networks) → many words but no outcome

What should be improved?

- People who can **communicate in English** should come to the meetings
- Intranet is not used so much
- **Clearer instructions** are sometimes necessary
- **some meetings were organized only because it should be realized,** but with not so much results
- With some partners there was **no contact yet**; so there is still lot of themes where we should communicate
- Some partners should be **more active**
- Different “main roles” (implementation, lobbying, etc) for different partners due to location, experience, etc

Declaration of Vienna



DANUBEPARKS



DECLARATION OF VIENNA

Agreement on future co-operation and joint activities of DANUBEPARKS - Danube River Network of Protected Areas

Stated on 9th June 2009, Vienna, Austria

The challenge

The Danube is ENH interrelated and interdependent ecosystem. Danube Protected Areas represent unique natural areas with ecological, scenic scientific and cultural significance of international importance, playing a key role for the conservation of the Natural heritage.

Today an intensification of cooperation of Protected Areas along the Danube corridor is needed to face actual challenges:

- Dynamic economic development imposes increasing pressure on the natural heritage.
- Ongoing habitat fragmentation and lacking strategies for habitat connectivity threaten coherence of PA and NATURA 2000 network.
- Common European objectives defined by Water Framework Directive are still waiting for full implementation in most of the Danube countries.
- The deep impact of hydro-morphological alterations in the past has been aggravated and requires coordinated counter active measures.
- Navigation projects in line with the designation of the Danube as Pan-European Transport Corridor VII put new pressure on the river ecosystem.
- Migration processes caused by climate change emphasize the importance of Danube river as ecological corridor connecting different bio-geographic regions and the role of PA as stopping stages.
- Danube PA and Danube fluvial regions lack a common corporate identity as a unique European natural heritage. They need a joint voice on European and international level.

The answer: A new Danube River Network of Protected Areas

Following the appeal launched by the "Declaration of Tulaev" (April 2007) the undersigned representatives of the 12 Protected Areas of 8 Danube countries agree on the

- establishment of a Danube River Network of Protected Areas
- as a platform for continuous transnational co-operation of Danube Protected Areas
- to develop and implement joint conservation strategies,
- coherent management practice
- and a common corporate identity of Danube River PA.

The establishment of the Network and its activities are enabled by the corresponding transnational project DANUBEPARKS in the ETC South East Europe Programme (SEE). DANUBEPARKS has been created to foster conservation agendas on transnational level and to raise the capacity of single PA by the development and implementation of transnational strategies and activities focusing on the following work packages:

1. Improvement of river morphology and river revitalization
2. Plain management and habitat recovery
3. Conservation activities for Danube flagship species
4. Implementation of NATURA 2000 & transnational monitoring
5. Danube nature tourism
6. Communication and dissemination.

The undersigned will actively participate in the project following their commitments laid down in the project proposal and the individual partnership agreements. A central DANUBEPARKS office will be established by the lead partner Danube-Auen National Park. Project partners will ensure sufficient management resources for the successful project implementation. Network partners not funded by ERDF will participate according to their financial possibilities.

To guarantee active participation of all PA and know-how transfer within DANUBEPARKS standing task forces will be established to work on each work package. A Steering Committee involving representatives of all PA will be established. Internal and external communication tools will be established to guarantee active participation and involvement of local, national and international stakeholders including the involvement of relevant stakeholders as observer partners.

To establish DANUBEPARKS as a predominant and durable key player for transnational conservation efforts, the promotion of long-term transnational follow-up projects will be invited. Additionally, the comprehensive of DANUBEPARKS in international institutions and regulations like ICPDR and the Danube Convention should be realized.

Only the partnership of DANUBEPARKS includes 12 Protected Areas from 8 Danube countries. For the future more PA partners along the Danube River and its main tributaries are invited to join the Network.



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WP3 – STEP 2.0

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act. 3.1. Building up Network Leaders					
act. 3.2. Strategic Enlargement					
act. 3.3. Anchoring with Danube Stakeholders					
act. 3.4. Building a long-term Network Structure					



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Presentation techniques (at TFM Black poplar, fall 2012)

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act. 3.1. Building up Network Leaders	Leadership (at kick-off)	International Projects (at TFM WTE, April 2013)	Moderation (at TFM tourism, April 2013)	Representation (at one conference, date: to be decided)	
act. 3.2. Strategic Enlargement					
act. 3.3. Anchoring with Danube Stakeholders					
act. 3.4. Building a long-term Network Structure					

Role of each Partner

- Coordination: NPDA
- Active participation by 1 project manager per PP at the training seminars (!!!)
- (Pro-active feedback to the workshops)

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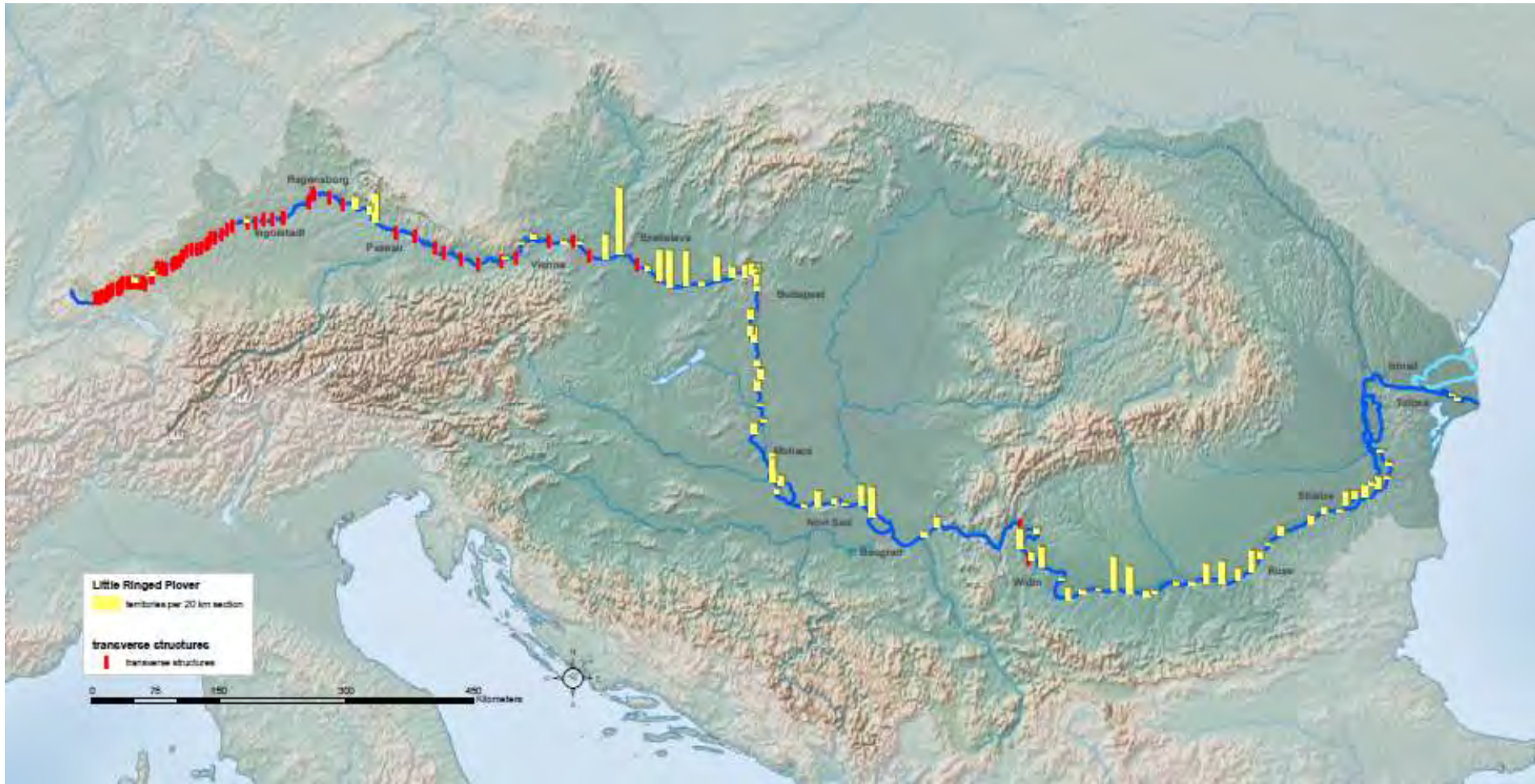
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Enlargement Strategy

- Where are gaps in our Network?
 - Which partners of your country would be important?
 - Which role could this partner play (longterm, involvement in DANUBEPARKS STEP 2.0)
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- List of potential partners (today)
 - Personal interview with PP
(contact person to be nominated today)



Involvement into Project Activities



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act. 3.2. Strategic Enlargement					
act. 3.3. Anchoring with Danube Stakeholders	Permanent representation and cooperation				
act. 3.4. Building a long-term Network Structure					



- Observer status in the ICPDR
- Cooperation with EUSDR
- Joint conferences with stakeholders of other sectors in WP4 & WP5
- Joint representation at a key conference in act. 3.1.

Role of each Partner

- Coordination: NPDA
- Shared responsibilities – stronger involvement by each partner for events in its country (e.g. EUSDR stakeholder workshop, Budapest Nov. 6th,

Annual Forum of EUSDR, 27th/28th Nov., Regensburg)

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act. 3.4. Building a long-term Network Structure	Evaluation Organisation Structures of PP	Directors Workshop (Orth, spring 2013)	Experience exchange with other Networks	Steering Committee Sept. 2013 (DDBRA): report & perspectives	

Role of each Partner

- Coordination: NPDA
- Contract for external expert to analyze PA structures
- Cooperation to compile experiences of PA structures (all PP)
- All PP: active participation at Directors workshop
- DDBRA, Djerdap: experience exchange Strategy for Baltic Sea Region & Carpathian Network of PAs
- Joint decision for future Network structure by Steering Committee



**Lets get stronger and more efficient on
a long-term!**