DANUBEPARKS – The Danube River Network of Protected Areas

10 years for Nature Conservation along the Danube

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1990ies: bilateral co-operations  
2000ies: cross-border projects  
2007: Declaration of Tulcea
“...the EU Natura 2000 Award for its ambitious, friendly and trustworthy cooperation crossing all borders and its concerted efforts to preserve the Danube’s natural heritage.”
Menschen Kontakt Umfrage
„It is now a **recognized label** for Nature Conservation in the Danube Region. ...established a **fruitful transfer of know-how**....started region-wide **initiatives**...helped to develop a **stronger voice at the policy level.**“
Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor
Danube Dry Habitat Corridor

Cross-border grazing
14 events (Sept./Oct. 2017)
8 countries
350 participants
> 1,000 voluntary working hours
Online reach: >80,000

1st Danube Volunteers Day 2017
WILDisland Habitat Corridor

Island Inventory & conservation campaign
WILDisland Habitat Corridor

- Cross-sector co-operation
  (e.g. waterway administrations)

- Pilot restoration actions

- Joint capitalization & follow-up’s
  (e.g. with DTP Danube Stream & Danube Sediment)
WILDisland interactive online tool
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- Germany: 2.8 million birds killed/year through collision

- Many hundred killed birds/10 km and year (e.g. Elbe river)

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Table 4: Threats to the White-tailed Sea Eagle along the Danube.

Danube-wide cooperation to raise the awareness!!
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- Cross-sector co-operation (powerline operators act as strategic partners)
- Patronage by EUSDR PA6 & PA2
- Implementation of technical solutions by energy sector
- Reduction of mortality by 60-90%
How important and efficient is a Danube-wide approach on the topic of bird conservation at powerlines?

(Questionnaire, answered by DANUBEPARKS & key stakeholders)
One River, two mountains: Danube, Carpathian and Alpine Network of Protected Areas

(Alpine Convention, October 2016: MoC under the patronage by German Federal Minister)
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- Cross-over EU macro-regional strategies (EUSDR PAC6 & EUSALP AG2)

- Synergies between Projects of Alpine Space (ALPBIONET2030) and Danube Transnational Programme (DANUBEparksCONNECTED)
Alpine Carpathian River Corridor
May our initiatives leave behind positive marks in the Danube region!

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