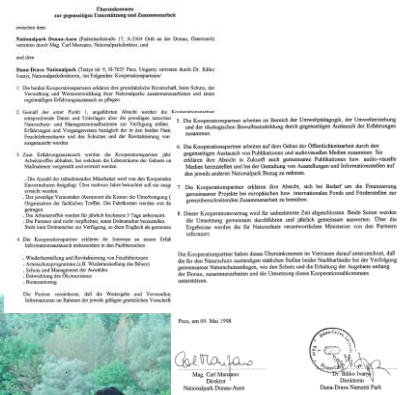


DANUBE PARKS – The Danube River Network of Protected Areas

10 years for Nature Conservation along the Danube

*Georg Frank, DANUBE PARKS Secretary General
EUSDR Environmental Pillar
Stakeholder Seminar
Budapest, 17th October 2017*





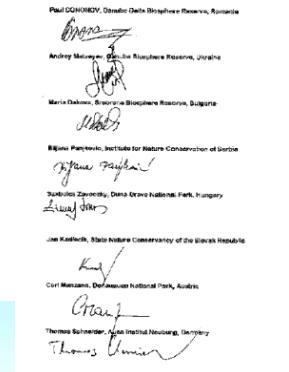
1990ies: bilateral co-operations

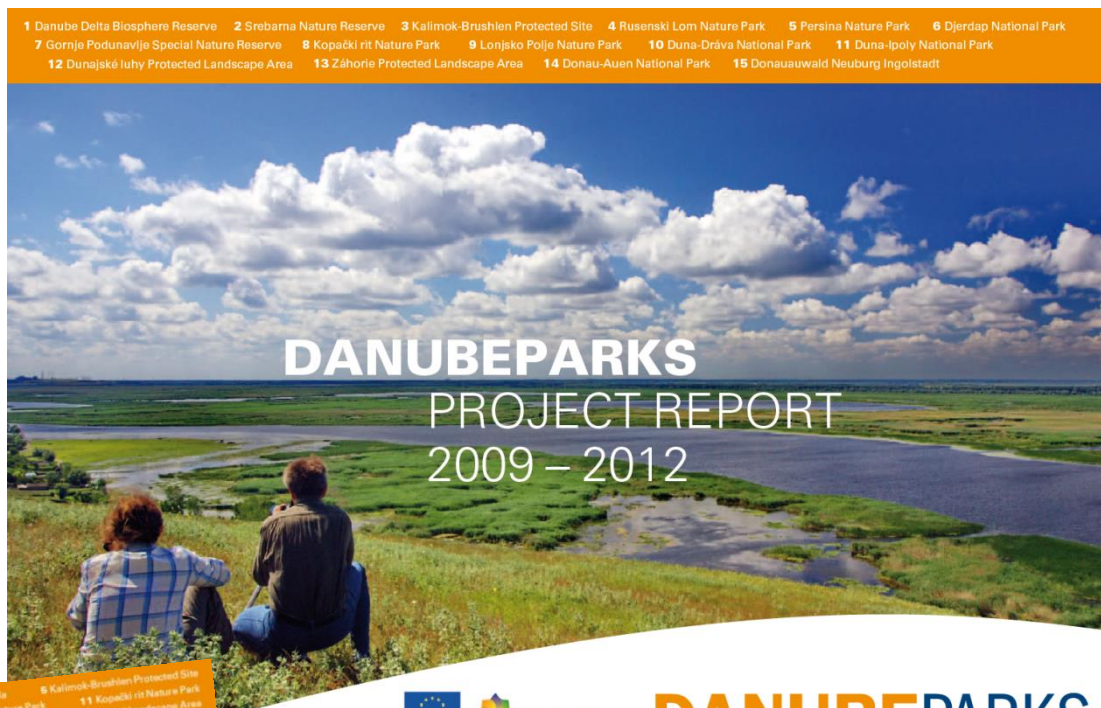


2000ies: cross-border projects



2007: Declaration of Tulcea





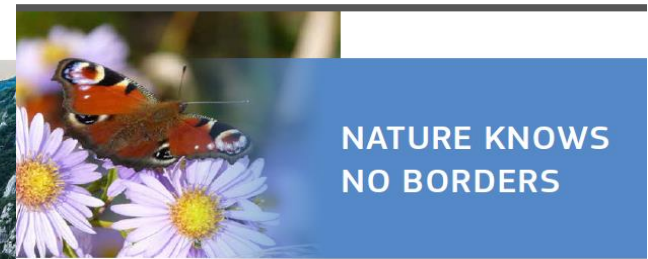
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„...the EU Natura 2000 Award for its **ambitious, friendly and trustworthy** cooperation **crossing all borders** and its **concerted efforts** to preserve the Danube's natural heritage.“







The Danube is the longest river in the European Union and the most international river in the world, stretching 2857 kilometres through ten countries, including dozens of protected areas and national parks. The contribution made by these protected areas to the conservation of Europe's natural heritage is of immense importance now and for future generations.

River Protected Areas, to manage these areas wisely, to exchange and promote management expertise, and to improve knowledge of the river's ecological status, as well as the economic, social and environmental impacts. The network is taking action for the prevention, control and reduction of pollution in the flood plains and wetlands in the Danube Basin, and raising awareness of the river's international importance and of sustainable development.

DANUBE PARKS – the Danube River Network of Protected Areas – was founded in 2007 with the signing of the Declaration of Tulcea in Romania. Joint projects are crucial to achieving the initiative's goals which, along with the continuing informal cooperation from the national parks and protected areas, are made possible mainly by the framework of cooperation across the Danube Region – the EUSDR.

Rivers are interrelated ecosystems, and nature does not recognise borders. Thus, nature conservation efforts along this most international of rivers need to find transnational answers and initiatives.

As stated in the Declaration of Tulcea, the network is determined to improve conservation of the Danube

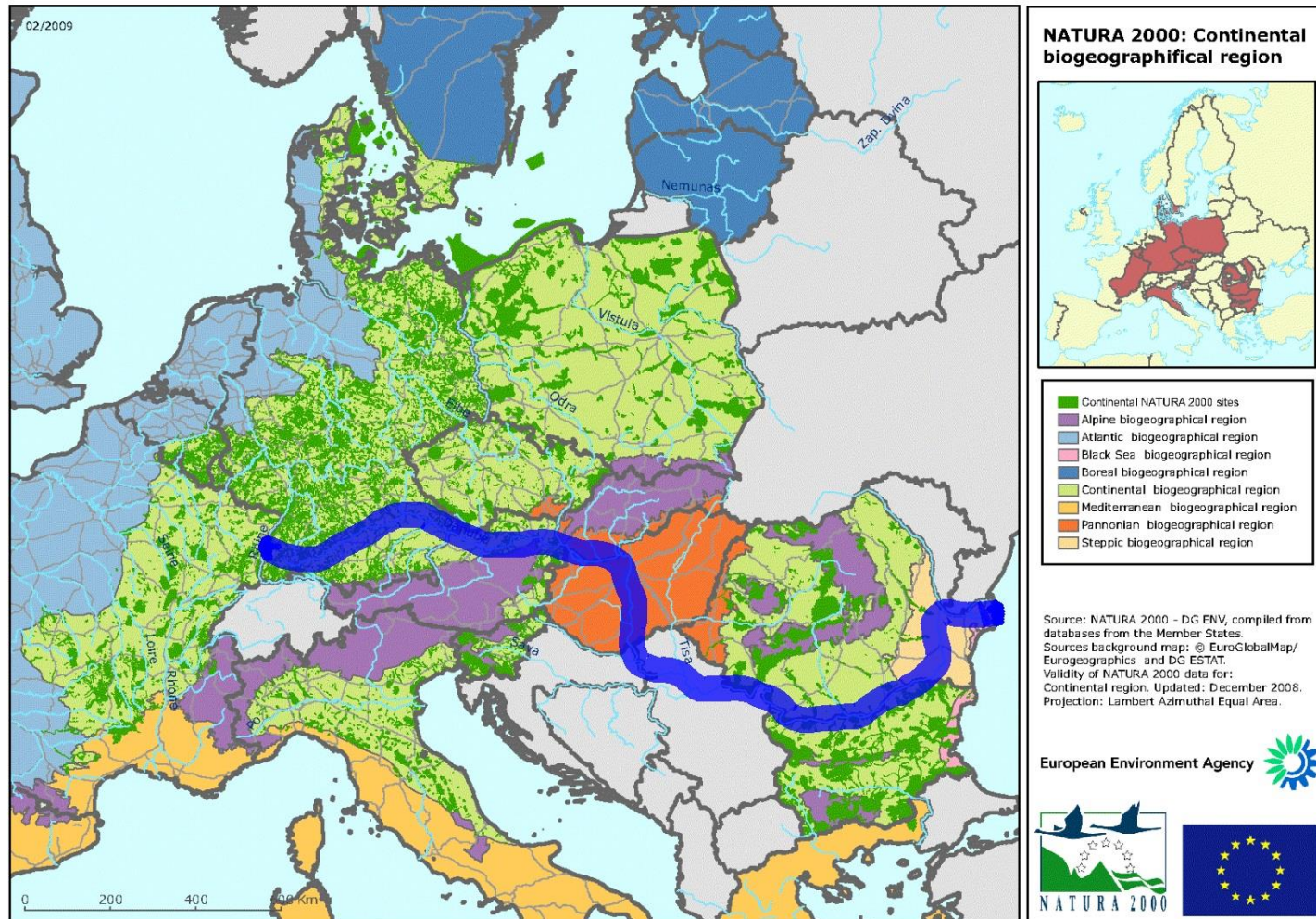


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„It is now a **recognized label** for Nature Conservation in the Danube Region. ...established a **fruitful transfer of know-how**....started region-wide **initiatives**...helped to develop a **stronger voice at the policy level**.“

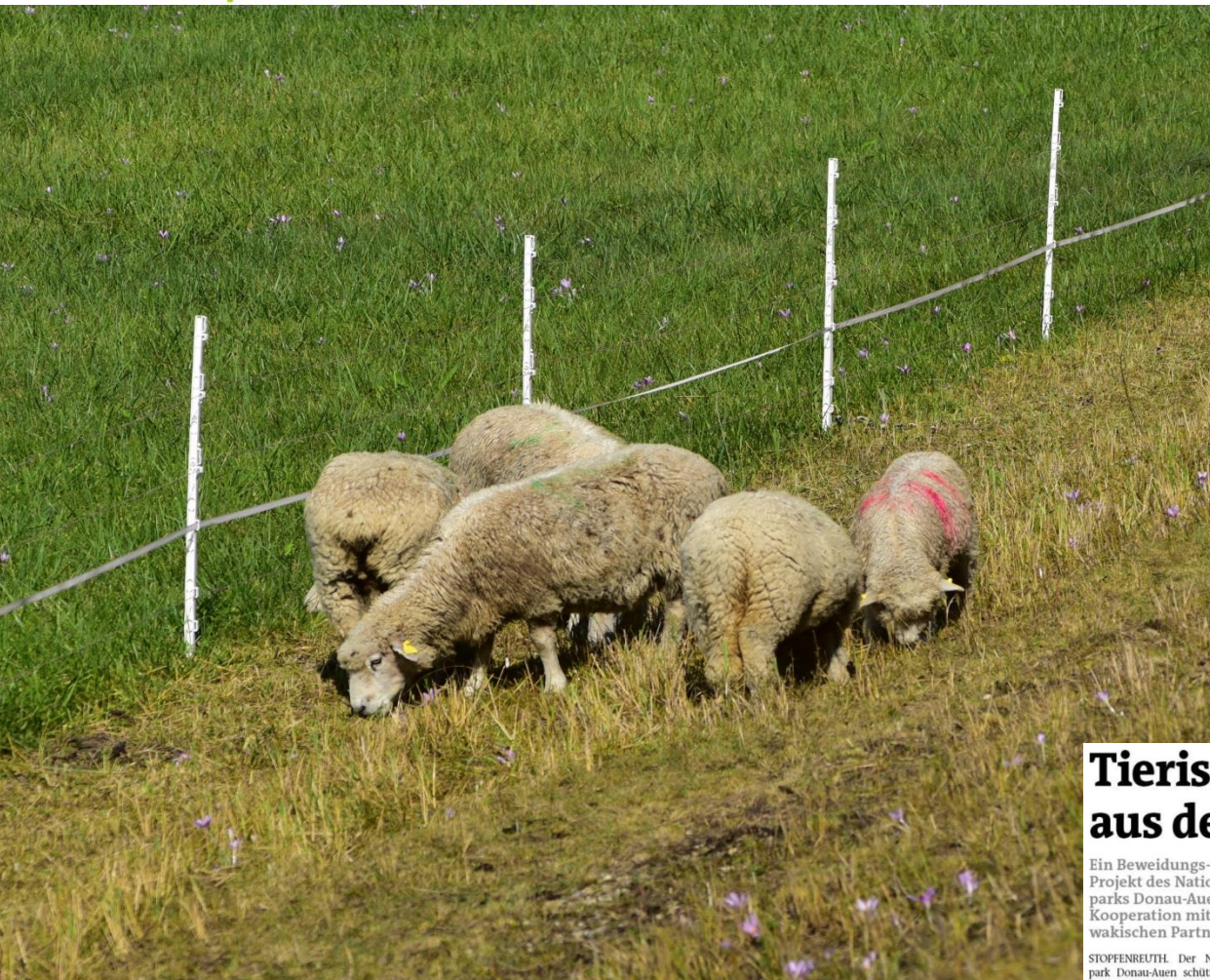
Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor



Danube Dry Habitat Corridor



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Facebook page for Danubeparks Network of Protected Areas.

Seite Postfach Benachrichtigungen Statistiken Beitragsoptionen

258 Personen erreicht

Gefällt mir Kommentieren Teilen


Gabriella Bösze, Renata Forjan und 9 weitere Personen

Danubeparks Network of Protected Areas
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Wooly Volunteers from Slovakia maintaining the dyke in Nationalpark Donau-Auen

With: BROZ (Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie), Danubeparks Network of Protected Areas

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39.691 Personen erreicht

13.533 Aufrufe

Tierischer Rasenmäher aus dem Osten in die Schafe mähen Dam

Ein Beweidungs-Projekt des Nationalparks Donau-Auen in Kooperation mit slowakischen Partnern.

STOPFENREUTH | In der Landschaft verschwinden die vor der Sanierung stehenden (die NÖN betriebenen) Nationalpark Donau-Auen greift das Projekt auf die Schutzorganisation „BROZ“ der Tierbestand zurück. Die beweideten „Rasenmäher“-Biotopregionen sind Lebensräume und Arten zu schützen als auch den Harnen in Rahmen der Kooperation DANUBE-parksCONNECT startete bei Stopfenreuth nun eine grenzübergreifende Schafbeweidung mit halt. „den seltenen Örtchen“ die Eiablageplätze der Europäischen Sumpfschildkröte am

Pilotprojekt | Seit dem Spätsommer weiden slowakische Schafe beim H Sie sollen das Wachstum seltener Pflanzen fördern und zur Verdichtung d

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Generalkonzepte Georg Frank
„Donauparks“, einem
Netzwerk, das seit zehn Jahren
mit den Donau-Schutzflächen
zusammenarbeitet, erläutern

„Im Spätsommer wurde mit ei-
ner kleinen Herde. Beauftragt
von einigen Mitarbeitern und
ihren Lämmern, begannen Ves-
tungen die Topographie einzuwei-

Cross-border grazing

Danube Dry Habitat Corridor

- 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



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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)

PROJECT PARTNERS



WILDisland interactive online tool

DANUBE FREE SKY



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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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DANUBE FREE SKY

Photo: Wolfgang Nerb/LBV



	DE	AT	SK	HU	HR	RS	BG	RO
Forestry	L	**	C	M	H	M	H	C
Land exploitation	L	M	H	L	L	L	H	L
River regulation / drainage	N	L	M	L	H	L	M	H
Disturbance	L	**	H	M	M	M	H	C
Reduction of prey base	N	N	U	L	L	C	L	M
Shooting and trapping	N	U	C	L	L	L	M	H
Nest robbing	N	N	L	L	L	U	L	L
Poisoning	L	H	C	H	U	L	U	H
Lead poisoning	*	*	U	M	H	U	U	M
Pesticides and pollutants	N	U	U	M	U	M	U	L
Collision and electrocution	L	M	H	M	L	L	U	U

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



Danube-wide cooperation to raise the awareness!!

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- **Aussehen:** 50 cm groß, bewegliche Lamellen mit Schwarz-Weiß-Kontrast, phosphorisierende Beschichtungen zur besseren Erkennung im Dunkeln werden erprobt
- **Wirkung:** Hoher Wirkungsgrad durch bessere Sichtbarkeit und Entfernungseinschätzung für Vögel
Empfehlung des NABU nach derzeitigem Kenntnisstand. Weitere Untersuchungen sind notwendig.



Photo: Hamar Produkter

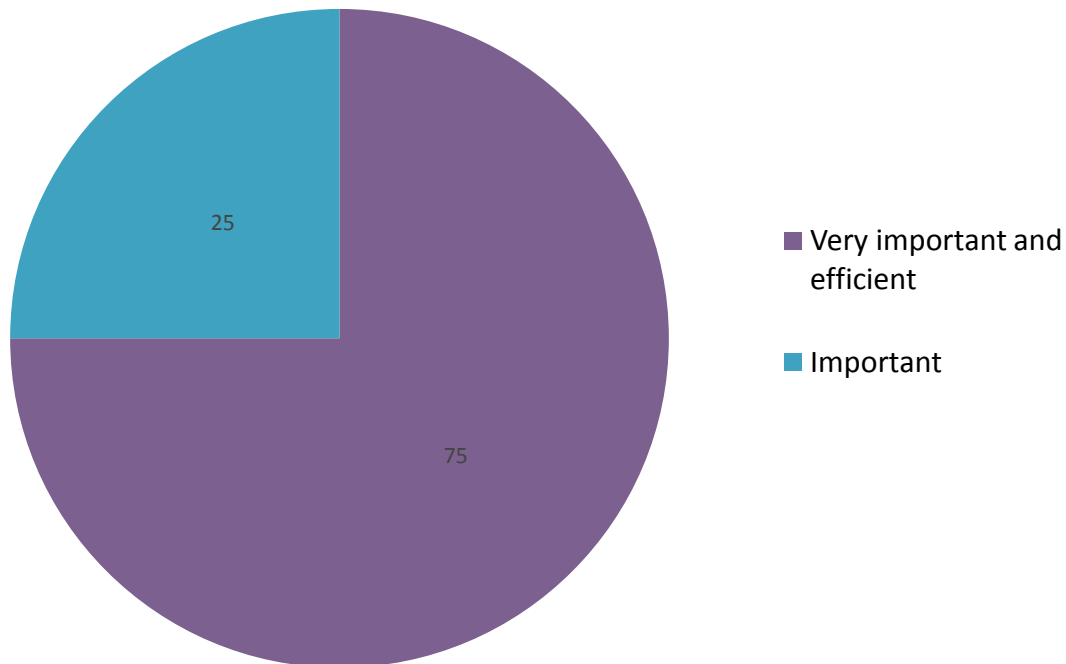


Photo: eSense Slovakia

- 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
DANUBE PARKS & 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)

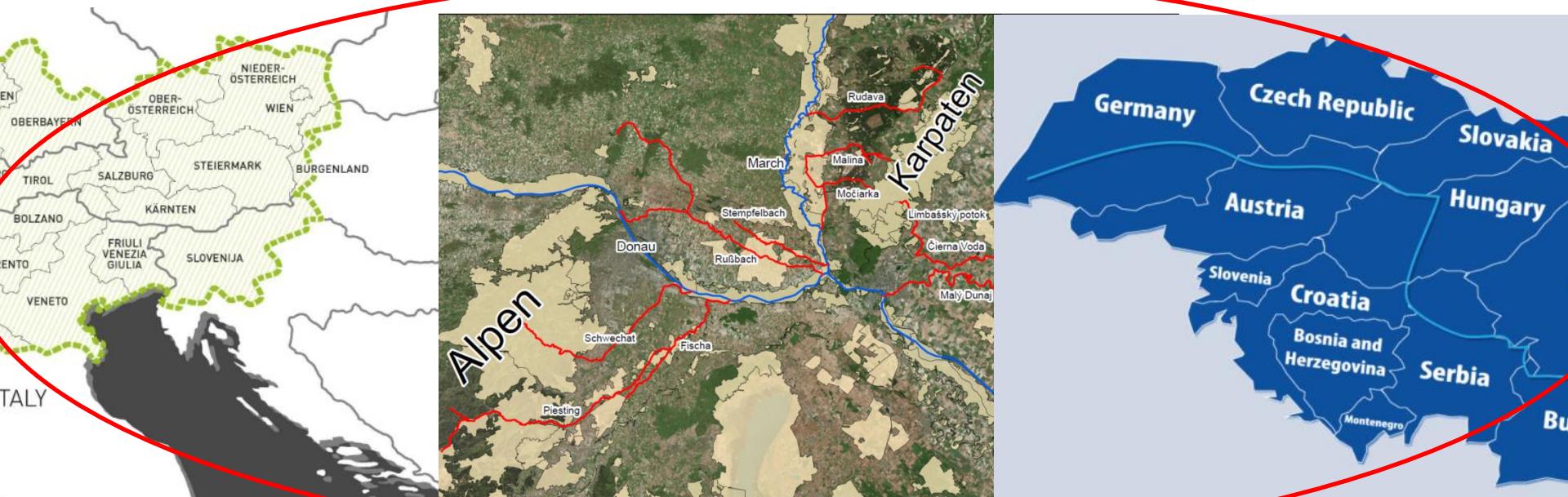
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- Cross-over EU macro-regional strategies (EUSDR PAC6 & EUSALP AG2)
- Synergies between Projects of Alpine Space (ALPBIONET2030) and Danube Transnational Programme (DANUBEparksCONNECTED)



Alpine Carpathian River Corridor





May our initiatives leave behind
positive marks
in the Danube region!

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