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*FAIRMODE PLENARY MEETING*

***Air Quality in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region  
Priority Area 06***

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Territorial coverage of the Danube region  
for the Danube region strategy

The Danube Region

14 Countries  
more than 110 Mio. inhabitants.

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR, adopted in 2011) refers to the entire Danube Region and addresses four thematic pillars:

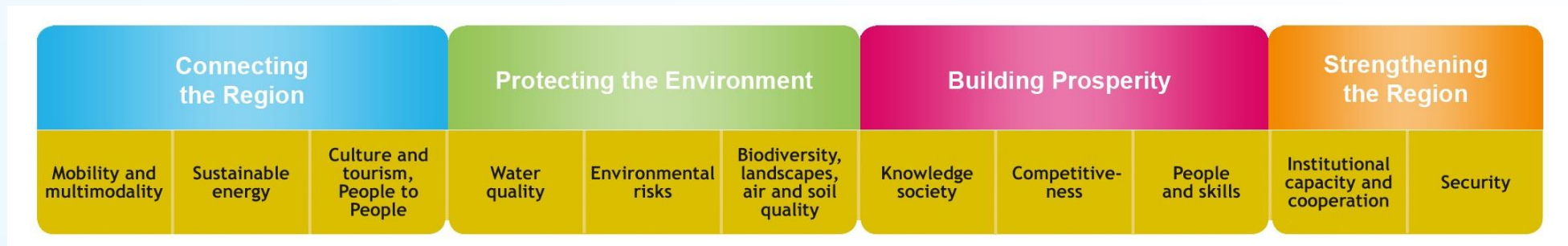
1. Connecting the Region
2. Protecting the Environment
3. Building Prosperity
4. Strengthening the Region

„Macro-regional Strategy“ (MRS) for cooperation in common and region-specific thematic fields



# EUSDR

## 4 Pillars – 11 Priority Areas



- Coordination of implementation of the **11 Priority Areas** by two **Priority Area Coordinator (PAC)** from two countries.
- **Bavaria** (Bavarian State Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection) together with **Croatia** (Ministry for Environmental and Nature Protection) is PAC for Priority Area 6: Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils
- Each Priority Area is backed up by a Steering Group, with representatives of the line ministries from Danube Countries (national policy level), observers and EC.



## PRIORITY AREA 6

### Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

#### Targets of Priority Area 6

By 2020 strengthen the work on **halting the deterioration** in the status of all species and habitats covered by **EU nature legislation** in order to achieve a significant and measurable improvement, adapted to the special needs of the respective species and habitats in the Danube Region.

Enhance the work on **establishing green infrastructure** and the process of **restoration of at least 15% of degraded ecosystems**, including soil, in order to **maintain and enhance ecosystems** and their services by 2020 in the Danube Region and to **improve air quality**.

Encourage achieving significant progress in identification and prioritization of **Invasive Alien Species** and their pathways in order to control or eradicate priority species, to manage pathways and to prevent the introduction and establishment of new Invasive Alien Species in the Danube Region by 2020.

Continue the ongoing work and efforts to securing viable populations of **Danube sturgeon species** and other indigenous fish species by 2020.

## PRIORITY AREA 6

### Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

Action Plan identifies 16 actions for Priority Area 06 – one action related to soil

**Action 13** - “To decrease air pollutants”.

*All Danube region countries have signed the **Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution**. In compliance with this Convention, there is a need to report about the level of air pollutants in the region. The action should concentrate on **data collection** and **reduction measures**.*

## Implementation of the EUSDR by PA 06

- **Coordination**

To seize ideas and project (proposals), networking with relevant actors in the Danube Region. PA 06 very much builds on Task Forces / Working Groups with specific focus (e.g. Sturgeon conservation, IAS, Soil conservation).

- **Integration**

horizontal = cross-sectoral cooperation via platform EUSDR  
vertical = connection to policy level

- **Implementation** of the EUSDR generally by projects and single activities, funded by EU- and national funding programmes.



## PRIORITY AREA 06

### Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

#### Potential synergies with FAIRMODE / Aquila

- EUSDR / PA 06 target on air quality is focusing on Danube Region
- FAIRMODE / Aquila has EU-wide approach
- Macro-regional focus could create a **Danube Region Hub** on Air Quality, joining forces between FAIRMODE and EUSDR / PA 06 / Steering Group (partly overlapping already now).
- Proposal to organize an Expert workshop FAIRMODE – Priority Area 06 of the EUSDR to explore synergies and built up cooperation.
- *Purpose of FAIRMODE - PA 06 workshop: examine how to use the FAIRMODE and other infrastructures in support of Air Quality Regulation (ERLAP, AQUILA, EIONET) to support harmonization of Air quality regulatory activities in the Danube Region .*
- *Scoping, down-scaling, concretization, application and implementation*
- *Players: FAIRMODE Expert Network, JRC, EUSDR / PA 06 (policy level, stakeholder)*



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## Examples for activities of PA 06

- Bavarian Stakeholder-Network, Development of a **Masterplan** for securing and development of **biodiversity** at Bavarian stretch of the Danube River.
- Initiation of international **Danube Sturgeon Task Force – DSTF** with members from science, NGO´s, intern. Organizations and public authorities. Elaboration of Strategy and Action Plan „**Sturgeon 2020**“ with comprehensive Work Plan for implementation.
- Initiation of international **Danube Invasive Alien Species Network – DIAS** with members from science, NGO´s and authorities. Strategy and Action Plan in preparation.
- Networking of protected areas alongside Danube River **DANUBEPARKS**, development of follow-up activities.
- **Cooperation** with other Priority Areas (e.g. PA1a, PA4, PA5...)

