



# Protected Landscape Area Danube Floodplains



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# SKHU project: Preparation Activities of the Szigetköz – Žitný Ostrov Nature Park and Joint Nature Protection Activities



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The project activities include:

- elaboration of the Environmental Study and the Management Plan of the Nature Park based on several workshops aiming at the involvement of all local stakeholders;
- creation of 3 mobile interactive exhibitions and a mobile lab that will be exhibited in 6 environmental education centres and 30 schools on both sides of the border;
- enhancement of eco-mobility, by developing the already existing eco-mobile fleets of the partners, and the organisation of field programs using these extended fleets;
- organisation of joint environmental education initiatives involving students from Szigetköz and Žitný ostrov, including the organisation of workshops for disabled persons from both sides of the border;
- development of a Geocaching Greenway by placing 20 new geocaching spots and creating a geocaching app including 15 geocaching routes on foot, by bike and by canoe



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Lead partner:

Fertő-Hanság Nemzeti Park Igazgatóság

Partners:

Regional Development Agency Šamorín

State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic

Pisztráng Kör Egyesület

Mosonmagyaróvár Város Önkormányzata



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Project duration: 1.07.2017 – 30.6.2019

Official documents used by Hungarian partners

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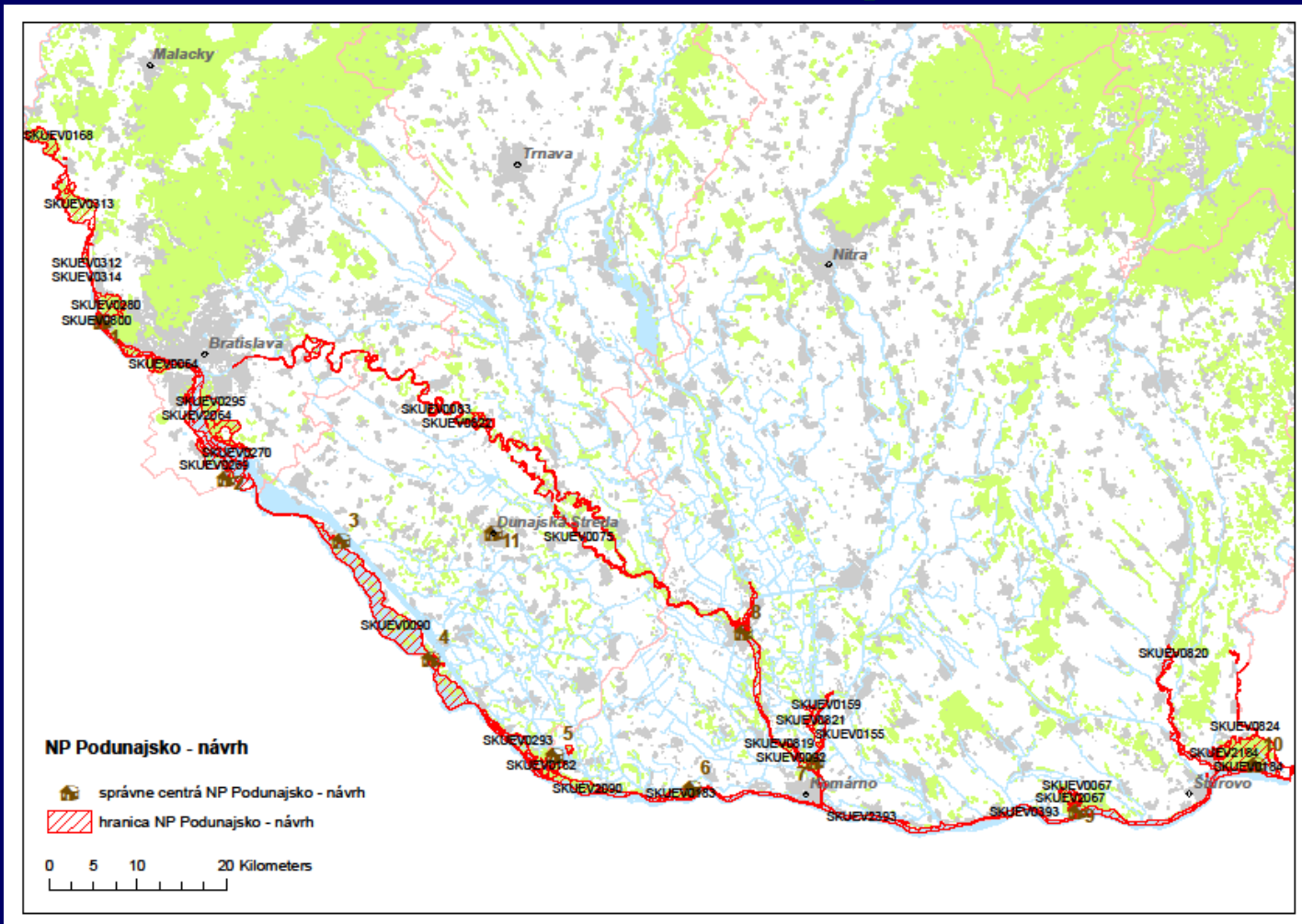


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**A Szigetköz-Žitný Ostrov Natúrpark/Nemzeti park közös kezelési terv szigetközi területekre vonatkozó részeinek kötelező tartalmi elemei, ajánlott szerkezete**



# SKHU project: Map of the proposed Nature Park Žitný Ostrov - National Park Danube Floodplains







# DANUBE parksCONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor



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The central graphic features the Interreg logo on the left, consisting of four overlapping circles in shades of green, blue, and yellow. To the right is the European Union flag, a blue rectangle with twelve yellow stars arranged in a circle. Below the flag is the text 'EUROPEAN UNION'. Underneath the flag and logo is the text 'Danube Transnational Programme' in blue, and 'DANUBE parksCONNECTED' in green.



# **DANUBE parks CONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

The programme is supporting projects developed within four Priority Axes, including “Environment and culture responsible Danube region” (Priority axis 2).

DANUBE parks CONNECTED and its approach on the development of the Danube Habitat Corridor contribute to the Programme Specific Objective SO2.3 “Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors”.

WP3 Corridor Water – WILDisland

WP4 Corridor Air – DANUBE FREE SKY

WP5 Corridor Land – Dry Habitats

WP6 Corridor Land – Forest



# **DANUBE parks CONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

Project objectives, description:

- The Danube River is first and foremost a natural phenomenon, hosting invaluable biological diversity, which needs our protection and restoration.
- The Protected Areas along the Danube River preserve the most valuable sites and natural areas, and are key players in the protection and restoration of the Danube's natural heritage.
- Fragmentation of ecosystems and isolation of Protected Areas is a major threat for biodiversity in Europe and one of the limiting factors for ecosystem services.
- For protecting the Danube's nature, our work needs to focus on the connectivity of large undisturbed natural habitats.
- An integrative approach is needed to develop Green Infrastructure and to strengthen the Danube as ecological corridor of European priority, connecting more bio-regions than any other bio-corridor in Europe.
- For achieving our aims, we need to make sure to integrate the needs of other stakeholders and cooperate closely with EU policies like the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.



# **DANUBE parksCONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

## **Project and Observer Partners**

The project partners are:

- Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, Romania
- Club Friends of Public Park Rusenski Lom, Bulgaria
- Persina Nature Park Directorate, Bulgaria
- Public Enterprise Vojvodinasume, Serbia
- Public Institution Nature Park Kopacki rit, Croatia
- Duna-Drava National Park Directorate, Hungary
- Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate, Hungary
- Fertő-Hanság National Park Directorate, Hungary
- State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Slovakia
- BROZ – Bratislava Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development, Slovakia
- Donau-Auen National Park, Austria – Lead partner
- Wachau Dunkelsteinerwald Regional Development, Austria
- Passau District, Germany
- City of Ingolstadt, Germany
- District of Neuburg-Schrobenhausen, Germany



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One Associated Strategic Partner is being treated in project communication like project partner, as it is a Protected Area and full member of the DANUBE PARKS Network (but not eligible in the 1st call for proposals of the DTP):

Lower Prut Nature Reserve – Agency Moldsilva, Moldova

The following Associated Strategic Partners are important for the integrative approach in specific Work Packages, to anchor the project outcomes on policy level, and to capitalize the reached outputs and results in other regions and networks:

- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, international
- Viadonau – Österreichische Wasserstraßengesellschaft, Austria
- ALPARC – the Alpine Network of Protected Areas, France
- Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health, Germany
- WWF – World Wide Fund for Nature, Danube Carpathian Programme, Bulgaria
- MAVIR, Hungary
- Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection, Croatia
- ENEL Distribution Dobrogea, Romania



# **DANUBE parksCONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

## **General public**

The relevant groups of the general public that can be informed on national or regional level, thus being in the responsibility of each single project partner, are:

- Local population in and around the protected area
- Visitors to the protected area and its information centers
- Interested public from the same country
- Local, regional and national media to inform the general public

The relevant groups of the general public that can be reached by international work, thus being mainly the responsibility of the Lead Partner (with input from all project partners), are:

- Media (international)
- Interested public from non-Danube countries





# **DANUBE parks CONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

Communication objectives for the General Public:

- ↻ All persons in direct relation with one of the Protected Areas of the project (local population, visitors) are informed about the DANUBE parks CONNECTED project, its objectives and activities
- ↻ All persons interested in visiting a Protected Area along the Danube are able to find consolidated information on them as well as on the DANUBE parks CONNECTED project; DANUBE parks CONNECTED is visible in each Project Partner office
- ↻ The media in all Danube countries is informed about the DANUBE parks CONNECTED project and repeatedly covers its activities in their issues



# **DANUBE parksCONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

## **Interest groups and experts**

The relevant interest groups and experts that can be informed on national or regional level, thus being in the responsibility of each single project partner, are:

- Local, regional and national environmental and nature protection NGOs
- Universities in the proximity of protected areas and in the Danube country capitals
- Local, regional and national forest administrations
- Infrastructure and Service Providers
- National waterway administrations and national inland navigation interest groups and associations
- Different landowners and land users



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The relevant interest groups and experts that can be reached by international work, thus being the responsibility of the Lead Partner (with input from all project partners), are:

- Network of Danube Waterway Administrations and the related team for implementation of DTP project Danube STREAM
- International NGOs such as WWF Danube Carpathian Programme, European Wilderness Society, Birdlife International, and others
- International networks of universities and internationally working researchers for all tackled issues



# **DANUBE parksCONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

Communication objectives for Interest Groups and Experts:

- ↻ All relevant people from local, regional, national and international interest groups and experts are informed in general about the DANUBE parksCONNECTED project, its objectives and activities, and in detail about the fields of work relevant for them
- ↻ All relevant people from local, regional, national and international interest groups and experts are involved within DANUBE parksCONNECTED whenever fruitful and necessary
- ↻ All relevant people from local, regional, national and international interest groups and experts are informed about the main outputs and results of the DANUBE parksCONNECTED PARKS in their field of work and supporting them
- ↻ All relevant people from local, regional, national and international interest groups and experts view the DANUBE PARKS Network as a competent and important cooperation partner and are thus interested in further cooperation after the end of the project



# **DANUBE parks CONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

## **Policy Level stakeholders**

The relevant policy stakeholders that can be informed on national or regional level, thus being in the responsibility of each single project partner, are:

- Ministries of all Danube countries responsible for environment, forestry, navigation, water, infrastructure and energy
- Regional administrations of the Protected Area regions responsible for environment, forestry, navigation, water, and energy

The relevant policy stakeholders that can be informed on international level, thus being in the responsibility mainly of the Lead Partner, are:

- The EU Danube Region Strategy including the for DANUBE parks CONNECTED most relevant Priority Areas 6 (Biodiversity), 1 (Transport including Inland Navigation) and 2 (Energy) with their Priority Area Coordinators and national representatives participating in the Steering Groups of these PAs
- The ICPDR including all relevant working groups and all national representatives participating in these
- The relevant Directorates General and departments within the European Commission



# **DANUBE parks CONNECTED – Bridging the Danube Protected Areas towards a Danube Habitat Corridor**

Communication objectives for Policy Stakeholders:

- ↻ All relevant stakeholders on policy level as well as public administrations on local, regional, national and European level are informed about the DANUBE parks CONNECTED project, its objectives and activities
- ↻ Awareness is raised for the importance of ecological connectivity and habitat connectivity is better anchored on policy level in the Danube region
- ↻ Policy makers perceive the DANUBE parks CONNECTED implementation team as competent experts in their fields of work and actively ask for their support in relevant policy development and implementation phases
- ↻ Policy makers show their support for the DANUBE parks CONNECTED project and the Danube River Network of Protected Areas in general by public action (e.g. participation in events, quotes in publications, etc.)





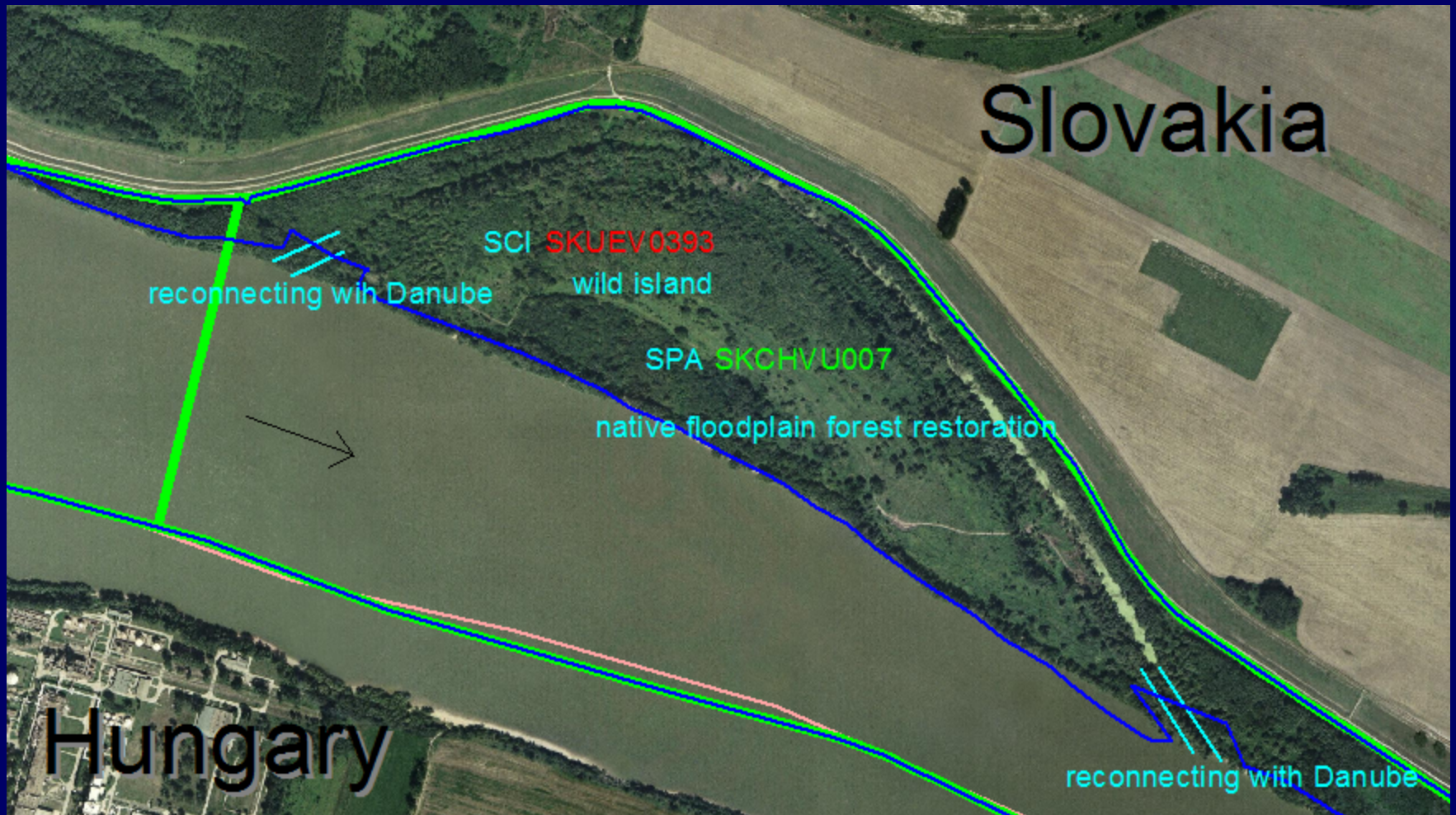
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## DANUBE parks CONNECTED project website

The website of the Danube Transnational Program <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/> hosts all approved projects, to present their projects, their news and communication on ongoing project activities. DANUBE parks CONNECTED is presented on <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/danubeparksconnected> – including all main project activities, documents for download etc, which will be updated approx. every 2 weeks.

(A specific website for DANUBE parks CONNECTED is not foreseen and not eligible within the DTP. Consequently, [www.danubeparks.org](http://www.danubeparks.org) will be updated and maintained by the work within the DANUBE PARKS Association.

# Danubeparks Connected WP3 Wildisland





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