

## **ANNEX 2**

### **PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE STEERING GROUP**

**Implementation of the EUSDR Priority Area 6 to preserve biodiversity,  
landscapes and the quality of air and soils**

**2013**

*Rationale: The following list provides the progress on the project labelling in the period June 2012 - June 2013. The Annex 2 produced as the part of the 1<sup>st</sup> report by PA6 in June 2012 gives a detailed overview on each project previously approved by the Steering group including deadlines, project descriptions, countries involved and funding details. In the tables provided part A) are the projects approved by the Steering group in the last reporting period, and part B) are the projects approved in actual reporting period (June 2012- June 2013)*

**A) PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE STEERING GROUP IN THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD**

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Danubeparks II</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	Project is on-going. ( <a href="http://www.danubeparks.org/?story=218">http://www.danubeparks.org/?story=218</a> )
<b>Next steps</b>	Several follow-up activities are expected from Danubeparks II and its main actors as key stakeholders for biodiversity related topics. Danubeparks Network is a reliable basis of further local and regional activities.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>SMIWASTRES</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	Project received Letter of Recommendation by PA6 Steering Group in the last reporting period. Since project was not approved by Funding Program (June 2012), it might be object of resubmission in the next reporting period.
<b>Next steps</b>	Exchange with project developer is on-going.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Fish: joint basin – joint solutions</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	Project was not awarded grant (not approved for financing).
<b>Next steps</b>	Project managers are developing other project ideas for tackling sustainable forest/water/climate change management in the Danube Region.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Green Danube Network</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	Ongoing discussion if project can be merged with strategy development (Masterplan for “Living Space Danube”).
<b>Next steps</b>	Project idea development, networking activities. Specifically, Green Danube Network will prepare the project “Blue ribbon of the Danube”, as proposed in the Action plan.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Sturgeon 2020</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	Project is labelled (Letter of Recommendation issued in January 2013), Project under preparation (for 2014). Strategy and Program “Sturgeon 2020” finalized in July 2013.
<b>Next steps</b>	Project development, concrete setting of tasks and defining next steps within Danube Sturgeon Task Force. Follow-up meeting intended for autumn 2013.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>SONDAR - Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	Project on-going. ( <a href="http://www.sondar.eu/">http://www.sondar.eu/</a> )
<b>Next steps</b>	Strengthening cooperation with policy level in the Danube Region, specifically in Bavaria. Concrete follow-up project development meeting foreseen for autumn 2013.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Bioregio Carpathians</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	The project received the Letter of Acknowledgement in March, 2013.
<b>Next steps</b>	Strengthening cooperation with policy level in the Danube Region.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Wetland restoration in the Mura-Drava-Danube area</b>
<b>Progress since the last reporting period</b>	
<b>Next steps</b>	Explore the ways to use the practical wetland restoration and organise further activities in the region

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Protecting “Europe’s Lifeline” - The creation of a Trans-Boundary UNESCO Biosphere</b>
<b>Stage of implementation</b>	Running Project 01/2011 - 12/2013
<b>Next steps</b>	Harmonizing the management in transboundary protected areas, next steps is preparation for nomination of TBR MDD for Austria, Slovenia and Serbia (following the HU and HR example). Next Meeting of the Coordination Board will be held in autumn 2013.

**B) PROJECTS APPROVED IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD (JUNE 2012- JUNE 2013)**

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>DUNNOCK</b> (Danube Network for Enhancing Communication, Knowledge and Innovation on the Environment)
<b>Action related</b>	Action 09 of PA6: <i>“To prepare and implement transnational spatial planning and development policies for functional geographical areas (river basins, mountain ranges etc.)”</i>
<b>Countries involved</b>	AT, DE, CZ, SK, SI, HR, SRB, HU, RO, BG, MD, UA
<b>Funding</b>	Potential source of funding: FP7 Project Dunnock - under evaluation, call ENV.2013.6.5-2
<b>Stage of implementation</b>	Project is under the evaluation of FP7.
<b>Description</b>	DUNNOCK, covering twelve of the fourteen countries aims at enhancing coordination and communication among them and may therefore lead to improved use of existing networking and cooperation options. This may further enhance the transfer of scientific knowledge to policy and practice, extend the ways of the research funding, and to make research more attractive for potential donors. Lessons learned from established science-policy interfaces in the environmental sector may provide the basis for linking societal actors with environmental decision making. These links may improve understanding of the way in which information and knowledge on environment influence the decision making processes and the way how research results are fed into policy.
<b>Involvement of the PACs</b>	Letter of Recommendation issued in March, 2013
<b>Next steps</b>	Project coordinators will get in contact to JRC to avoid overlapping of the activities.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Haus am Strom</b>
<b>Action related</b>	Action 15: "To educate children and young people"
<b>Countries involved</b>	AT and DE
<b>Funding</b>	1 400 000,- € Haus am Strom, 250 000 ,- € Engelhartzell; 60% promotion by INTERREG-Programm of the EU; Haus am Strom is promoted by the Allianz Umweltstiftung with 125 000,- €
<b>Stage of implementation</b>	Project completed, already finished
<b>Description</b>	In the exhibition of the Haus am Strom important themes of the Danube Strategy are communicated: Biodiversity, energy, water. For example the big European protected areas along the Danube are presented or the subject of the European sturgeons in the Danube. These contents are arranged in didactical and pedagogical very high level: The visit of the exhibition becomes to an experience and percipience becomes learning. So the guest may amplify interactively the scale of the protected areas from the Danube valley at Passau to the Bavarian Danube and proceeding to the European level. Or the visitor may not only view the big sturgeon as a mock-up but also ride on him. Awareness for biodiversity along the hole European Danube is created by the exhibition of the Haus am Strom.
<b>Involvement of the PACs</b>	Letter of Acknowledgement issued in March, 2013.
<b>Next steps</b>	The project is in the state to close. The effects of the project will go on, so that an admission as project of the Danube strategy will help to comply with the aims of the project.

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>DUNAVISION (Donauwandel 2013 (Danube Learning Journey))</b>
<b>Action related</b>	Action 14 “To raise awareness of the general public, by acknowledging and promoting the potentials of natural assets as drivers of sustainable regional development”
<b>Countries involved</b>	All Danube Region countries.
<b>Funding</b>	100.000 EUR
<b>Stage of implementation</b>	Project is on-going. ( <a href="http://dunavision.eu/">http://dunavision.eu/</a> )
<b>Description</b>	The project focuses on developing activities in the field of eco-social innovations. One main activity is a “Danube Learning Journey” which is foreseen for 2013. The purpose is to bring people together to discuss and develop ideas, measures and projects for a sustainable development, specifically to create new green jobs in the Danube Region. Background is to provide incubators and “think tanks” during the Danube Journey which creates information and awareness and combines biodiversity and nature protection with smart economic growth. It is expected that the described learning journey marks the start of further concrete activities and long-term networks to reach the aim of awareness raising, identification with the Danube region, sustainable development and green jobs.
<b>Involvement of the PACs</b>	Letter of Recommendation (January, 2013)
<b>Next steps</b>	