



Priority Area 06

Preserving Biodiversity, Landscapes and the Quality of Air and Soil

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Priority Area 06 of the EUSDR at a glance

- Coordinated by Germany (Bavaria) and Croatia, both acting as Priority Area Coordinator (PAC)
- Thematic focus: Biodiversity, Landscapes, Air and Soils
- Highly stakeholder-driven, based on 6 Task Forces
- Focus on on-site activities **while at the same time** contributing to higher-level frameworks such as the
 - EU Green Deal
 - EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
 - CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
 - Natura 2000 (EU Habitats Directive, EU Birds Directive).





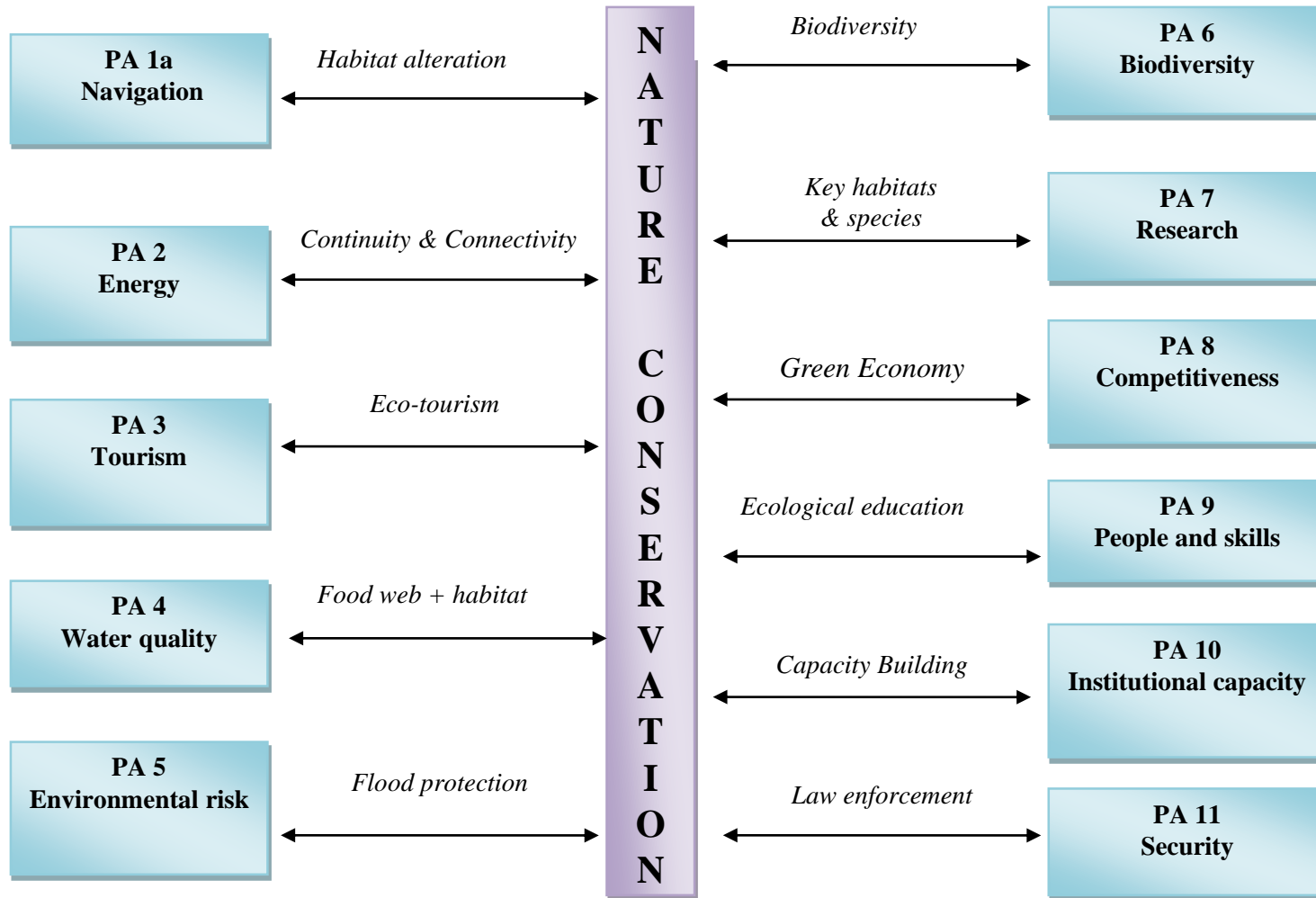
EUSDR PA6 - Targets from Action Plan

PA 06 Target	Related Topic	Focus	Associated Task Force
T1: Improve management of Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas through transnational cooperation and capacity building	Biodiversity	Management of protected areas	Danubeparks Masterplan Bavarian Danube
T2: Strengthen the efforts to halt the deterioration in the status of species (e.g. Danube sturgeon species) and habitats occurring in the Danube region and covered by EU nature legislation.	Biodiversity	Endangered umbrella species	Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF) Danubeparks
T3: Reduce the introductions and spread of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in the Danube Region	Biodiversity	IAS as serious threats	Danube Region Invasive Alien Species Network (DIAS)
T4: Maintain and restore Green and Blue Infrastructure elements through integrated spatial development and conservation planning	Landscapes Ecological Connectivity	green and blue infrastructure and integrated spatial planning	Danubeparks Masterplan Bavarian Danube Danube Landscapes Task Force
T5: To improve and/or maintain the soil quality in the Danube Region	Soil	Soil-related ecosystem services, sustainable development	SONDAR
T6: To decrease air pollution in the Danube Region	Air	Air pollution in the region	Task Force Air Quality (TFAQ)





PA 6 Connection to other PAs (exemplary model)





Current threats and opportunities for Biodiversity in the Danube Region

- Current threats to Biodiversity: climate change, loss of biodiversity, landscape fragmentation, soil degradation, pollution.
- Enhancing ecosystems essential for EU's and Danube Region's economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. EU Green Deal calls for transformation!
- Ecosystems in the Danube Region provide valuable ecosystem services. Extremely important for the socio-economic development and human wellbeing.
- EUSDR and Priority Area 06 contribute to green transition in the Danube Region.





Three defining biodiversity objectives for the Danube Region

#1 Protection and Enhancing Biodiversity as green backbone of the Danube Region

Basis: Establishment of a network in the Danube Region with local and regional stakeholder groups. PA 6 example: “Masterplan Living Space Bavarian Danube”

Green
Patterns

#2 Fostering Ecological connectivity and green Infrastructure in the Danube Region

Strengthen transnational cooperation to establish green infrastructure (GI). Making links with other macro-regional strategies (EUSALP, EUSAIR and EUSBR). Objective of PA 6 Workplan.

Connecting
the Patterns

#3 Transnational Habitat Connection in the Danube Region

Creation and restoration of migration opportunities between habitats for migrating species. Take into account economic and socio-economic needs. Project example: WePass (Iron Gates).

Create a web
of biodiversity





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