



The EU Strategy for the Danube Region  
Priority Area 06

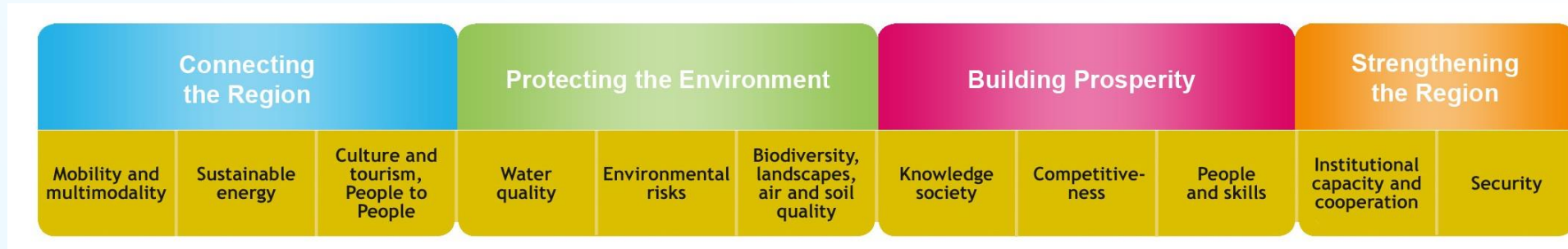
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## EUSDR

### 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 Environment and Nature Protection) is PAC for Priority Area 6: Preserving biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

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# Targets of Priority Area 06

## PRIORITY AREA 6

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

#### Targets of Priority Area 6

- To **halt the deterioration** in the status of **all species and habitats** covered by EU nature legislation and achieve a significant and measurable improvement, adapted to the special needs of the Danube Region by 2020.
- By 2020, **ecosystems and their services** are maintained and enhanced by establishing **green infrastructure** and **restoring at least 15%** of degraded ecosystems, **including degraded soils**.
- By 2020, **Invasive Alien Species** and their pathways are identified and prioritised, priority species are **controlled or eradicated**, and pathways are managed to prevent the introduction and establishment of new IAS.
- Secure viable populations of **Danube sturgeon species and other indigenous fish species** by 2020.

# Tasks of the PACs

## Implementation of the EUSDR by the PACs

- **Coordination**  
Take up ideas, networking with relevant actors in the Danube Region.
- **Concentration**  
Consolidation of implementation activities in the Danube Region for raising efficiency
- **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.





# Implementation of the EUSDR

## 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.
- Networking of protected areas alongside Danube River **DANUBEPARKS**, development of follow-up activities.
- Danube Region **Invasive Alien Species Network - DIAS**
- Close **cooperation** with other Priority Areas (e.g. PA1a, PA4, PA5...)



# Implementation of the EUSDR – current situation

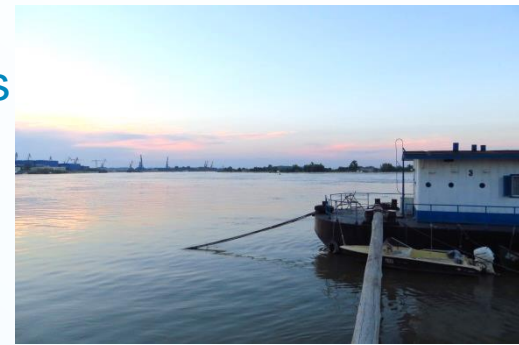
## Benefits provided by the EUSDR on project level

### Strengths:

- High political awareness and back-up for EUSDR-projects.
- Push and thrust for several initiatives and activities.
- Strategic approach, potentially higher impact and visibility of project results
- Horizontal and vertical integration enables several synergy effects.
- Equal importance of all Priority Areas.
- EUSDR as platform for new integrative solutions and measures.

### Weaknesses:

- Complexity of the EUSDR.
- diffuse funding opportunities for projects.



## Thank you for your attention!

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