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2. Call

Danube Transnational Programme

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Environment and culture responsible
Danube region

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Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors



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D2C – DaRe to Connect

Supporting Danube Region's ecological Connectivity by linking Natura 2000 areas along the Green Belt



Iron Gates, Pilot Region 4



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River Studená Vltava/Kalte Moldau,
Pilot Region 1



Lakšár Uplands, Záhorie region,
Pilot Region 2



Euphydryas aurinia,
Pilot Region 3



Dráva River,
Pilot Region 5



Danube Oxbows,
Pilot Region 6

The **EUROPEAN GREEN BELT** is an extraordinary ecological network that has developed along the former Iron Curtain. Therefore it also constitutes a living memorial landscape. Within the area of the **INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme (DTP)** the European Green Belt connects ten countries. It forms a backbone of the Pan-European ecological network and can provide significant contribution to EU Green Infrastructure (GI) and TEN-G.

CONNECTING HABITATS is the key topic of „D2C-DaRe to Connect“. The Green Belt still suffers from a certain level of not sufficiently connected habitats. Therefore the project aims to further develop the **TRANSNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY** between Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas along the Green Belt in the Danube Region and to serve towards a further implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The project aims to maintain highly valuable landscapes and ecosystems and their services (ESS).

Feasible **ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS** between Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas will be defined on a local and regional scale.

By the analysis of high-resolution satellite imagery (e.g. SENTINEL-2) a comprehensive set of information on ecological data will be set up on each side of the former Iron Curtain for the whole project area. Within six Pilot Regions data on ESS will be collected. Moreover exemplary measures will be taken to connect valuable habitats.

Furthermore **GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS** on planning and establishment of transnational corridors connecting Natura 2000 areas on local and regional level will be provided.

The results derived within the project will be mainstreamed via a transnational strategic vision „**GREEN BELT IN THE DANUBE REGION 2030**“ to be endorsed by national political stakeholders. The improvement of capacities of responsible public bodies and NGOs will lead to better a understanding and an improved knowledge exchange and cooperation. PR-work and events will give local/regional people and politicians an understanding of how the European Green Belt can contribute to ecological connectivity and ESS and therefore also to human wellbeing.

Pilot Regions

1. Bavarian Forest-Mühlviertel-Šumava (DE-AT-CZ)
2. Záhorie-Little Carpathians/Malé Karpaty (SK)
3. Őrség-Goričko (HU-SL)
4. Iron Gates-Djerdap (RO-RS)
5. Dráva River in Virovitica County (HR)
6. Danube River oxbows (HU)



Learn more about the Project:

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