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## Danube Transnational Programme

### DaRe to Connect

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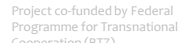
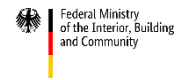
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- **Overall Budget:** 2 086 654.10 €
  - ERDF: 1 684 031.98 €
  - IPA: 89 624.00 €
- **Duration:** June 2018 – November 2021
- **Partner Consortium:** 11 partners from 8 countries  
+14 Associated Strategic partners
- **Lead Partner:** BUND Department Green Belt
- **Priority:** Environment and culture responsible Danube Region
- **Specific Objective:** Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors (SO 2.3)



- 12.500 km of living memorial landscape
- EU Commission: Modelproject for Green Infrastructure in Europe
- Traverses 8 biogeographic regions and 24 states
  - Contributes to the diversity of European nature
  - Contributes to the pan-European Ecological Network
  - Unique European memorial landscape connecting nature, culture and history
- Since 2003 more than 150 GOs and NGOs are involved in the Initiative



For more information visit: [www.europeangreenbelt.org](http://www.europeangreenbelt.org)

Building on experiences and results of several transnational projects, e.g

### R&D Project European Green Belt as part of EU Green Infrastructure

IUCN I to VI, Natura 2000, Emerald, national parks, biosphere reserves:

- Protected percentage in an 1 km-corridor:  
**47 %**
- Protected percentage in a 50 km-corridor:  
**27 %**

With decreasing distance to the border (former Iron Curtain)



the percentage of protected areas is increasing and

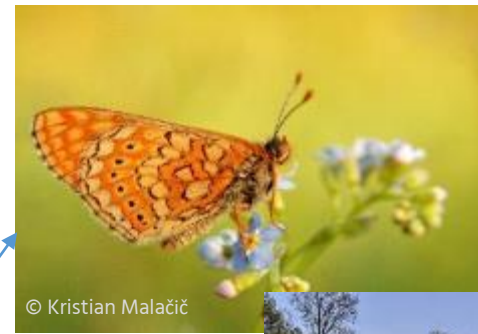


the average distance between protected areas is declining



- Identification of **ecological corridors** between existing Natura 2000 areas and other protected areas along the EGB in the Danube Region and maintain and enhance **ecosystems and their services**
- Contribute to the implementation of the **EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)** by further development of the **connectivity of protected areas** along the Green Belt in the Danube Region as **backbone of EU Green infrastructure**
- To **improve capacities** and the level of **trans-national and trans-boundary cooperation** between GOs, NGOs and on policy level
- Support the aim of the EGB-Initiative to nominate the European Green Belt as **UNESCO Worldheritage**





1. Bavarian Forest-Mühlviertel-Šumava (DE/AT/CZ)
2. Zahorie-Little Carpathians (SK)
3. Órség-Goričko (HU/SL)
4. Iron Gates-Djerdap (RO/SRB)
5. Drava River in Virovitica-Podravina County (HR)
6. Danube River oxbows (HU)

# The European Green Belt - AUT-CZ-SK

## Connectivity Functionality Index:

Combination of the connectivity and multifunctionality in terms of provided ecosystem services by broader habitats to show the suitability as ecological corridor.

### Potential as multifunctional corridor



Green Belt Buffer (50km width)

Green Belt

Protected Areas

National Borders

NUTS-Regions Level 3

Water bodies

Water ways

Highways

Major Cities

### Areas of Action

Safeguard

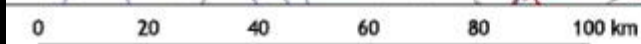
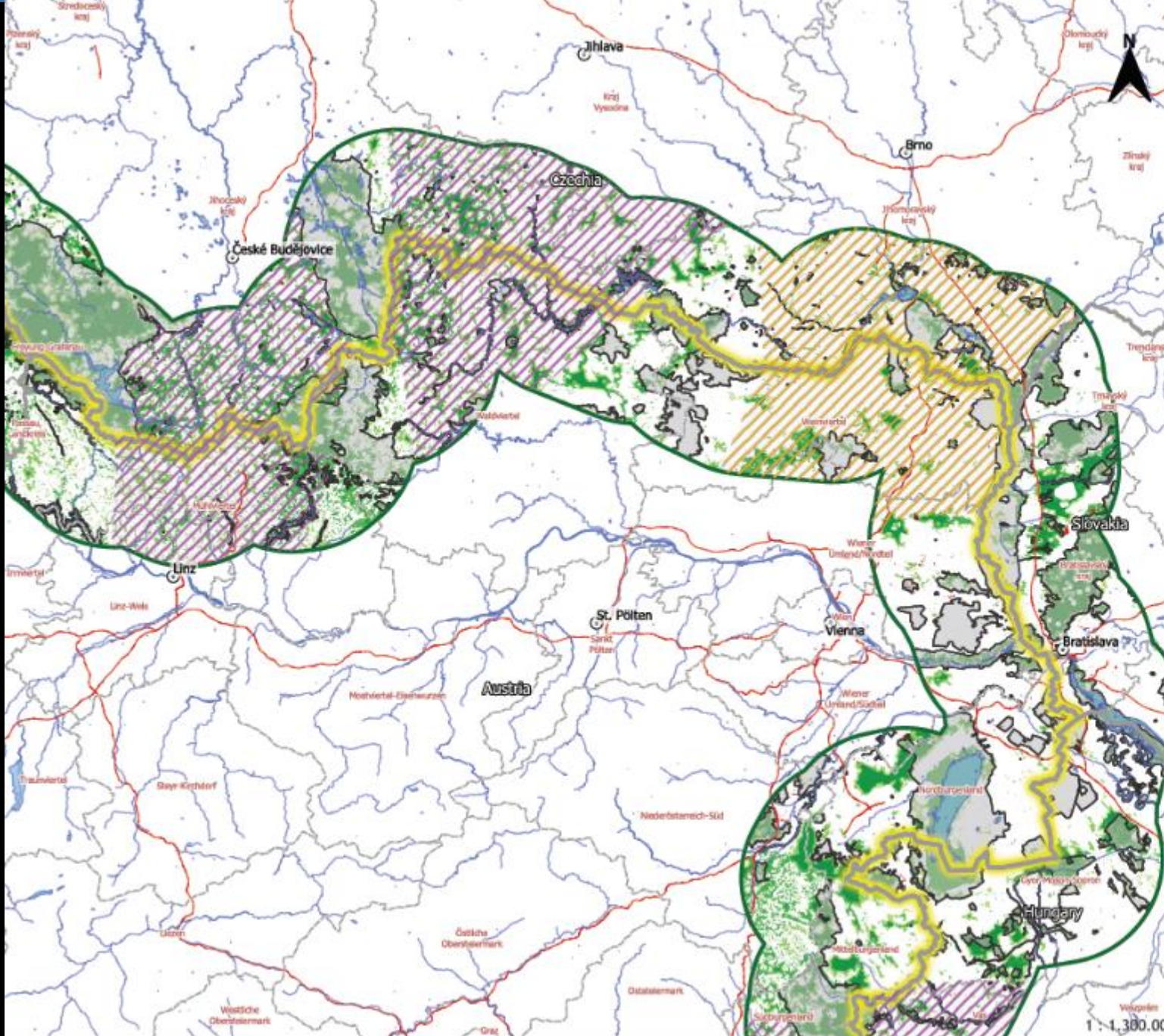
Restore

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1 : 1,300,000



Scale 1:14.000.000



**The European Green Belt - Danube Transnational Programme Area**  
**Areas of Action (AoA):**

*Crucial regions for connectivity showing the different priorities and recommendations of future activities to improve interconnectivity along the Danubian Green Belt.*

-  Green Belt
-  GB Buffer (50km)
-  Danube Region Border
- Areas of Action**
-  Safeguard
-  Restore
- European countries**
-  DTP Area
-  other countries

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- European Green Belt as Focal Region for Implementation of Policy Strategies (Biodiversity Strategy, EUSDR PA 6)
- Implementation of a TEN-G/TEN-N scheme
- Enabling agriculture and forestry to act ecologically and economically sustainable
- Improve ecological Connectivity along the EGB under consideration of local and regional specifics of nature, landscape and culture
- Foster bi- and/or trilateral trans-boundary cooperation
- Bring forward a nomination of the European Green Belt as UNESCO world natural AND cultural heritage



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