

# MEASURES

Managing And Restoring Aquatic Ecological Corridors  
For Migratory Fish Species In The Danube River Basin



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Lead partner:  
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

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MEASURES aims to create ecological corridors by identifying key habitats and initiating protection measures along the Danube and its main tributaries. In this sense, sturgeons and other migratory fish will act as flagship species in support of our goals.

Migratory fish species represent a historical, economic and natural heritage of the Danube and are indicators of the ecological status of its watercourses, especially concerning the function of the river as an ecological corridor. Transnational management of these corridors and restoration actions, as well as restocking with indigenous species are essential.

### **In the three years of the project, MEASURES means:**

- » developing and testing a methodology for mapping and identifying habitats for migratory fish species;
- » design a harmonized strategy for restoring ecological corridors and supporting implementation in future management plans;
- » restocking of two native species to conserve their genetic pool in Hungary and Romania, establishing a network for the coordinated repopulation of the target species and composing a manual for the operation of broodstock facilities that will provide the offspring needed for future re-population efforts;
- » the implementation of the MEASURES Information System will facilitate the access of relevant information to experts, decision-makers and the general public to the relevant information available.

Concrete input into future drafts of policy and management plans will secure the consideration of our project outcomes into sustainable measures aimed to restore the function of ecological corridors.

### **Project partners:**

**Austria** - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

**Bulgaria** - WWF Bulgaria, Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

**Croatia** - Karlovac University of Applied Sciences

**Hungary** - National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, Research Institute for Fisheries

**Romania** - Institute of Biology Bucharest, Romanian Academy Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development Ministry of Waters and Forests, WWF-Romania

**Serbia** - Institute for Multidisciplinary Research, University of Belgrade

**Slovakia** - Trnava University in Trnava, Faculty of Education

**Slovenia** - Institute for Ichthyological and Ecological Research REVIVO

### **Associated strategic partners:**

**Austria** - International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, Danube River Network of Protected Areas

**Germany** - Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries - a member of the Research Association Berlin e.V.

**Netherlands** - World Fish Migration Foundation,

**Romania** - Ministry of Environment, Biodiversity Directorate, River Administration of the Lower Danube Galati,

**Hungary**: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Angling and Fisheries Management, Duna-Drava National Park Directorate