# Output Quality Report

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| **Output title: Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Nature Oriented Visitor Guidance and Mapping** | |
| **Type of output:** | Documented learning interaction  Strategy/ Action Plan  Tool  Pilot action |
| **Contribution to PO indicator:** |  |

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| **Summary of the output (max. 1500 characters)** | |
| Please describe the output in terms of content, objective, scope and main characteristics.  This document is output 4.1 (Nature oriented visitor guidance and mapping) of work package 4 (Nature oriented trail) in the Interreg Project “Amazon of Europe Bike Trail” (DTP2-002-2.2 AOE BIKE TRAIL). Work package 4 focuses on the nature oriented trail development of the AoE Bike Trail. The main aim was to define nature oriented standards for the bike trail and its infrastructure as well as train and support partners who are responsible for the regional trail implementation in WP5.  The main focus of the guidance and mapping document is nature oriented trail implementation, therefore in a first step the ecological sensitivity of the project area was analysed. Based on the results of the analysis nature areas, stop-overs and visitor areas were defined. The document further contains the maps that show the results of the ecological analysis of the project area and maps showing the zonation inputs of the partners as well as tables listing the proposed or implemented stop-over and resting areas. These are partially corresponding to certain points and locations that have not been included in the final implementation plan, but the argumentation line used for that decision has been documented in order to serve as a basis for future bike trail development. | |
| **Added value (max. 1500 characters)** | |
| *For strategies and tools:*  Please provide a comprehensive explanation regarding the added value of the output as compared to already existing strategies/ tools of similar type.  The Nature Oriented Visitor Guidance and Mapping document contains a first ever summary of the ecological sensitivity analysis of the complete area of the future 5-country Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube (TBR MDD), and an additional buffer stripe of 10 kilometres. The purpose is to serve as planning tool for any future bike trail-related development, without restricting it to this single tourism usage. The development process was based on the methods and results of the Nature Visitor Guidance Plan for the Drava in Croatia (within project [LIFE14 NAT/HR/000115 DRAVA LIFE – Action A.4](https://www.drava-life.hr/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/A.4-Nature-Visitor-Guidance-Plan-EN-FINAL.pdf)) which is used as a basis for the Natura 2000 Management Plans across Natura 2000 areas along the Drava in Croatia. By using the methods and, partially, the same data as the above-mentioned document, the Visitor guidance and mapping document can serve a potential harmonized planning within the transboundary area, in terms of nature oriented visitor guidance. | |
| **Applicability and replicability (max. 1500 characters)** | |
| Please provide a concrete description of how the project output is to be applied in real life and could be replicated in other geographical and sectorial areas or different environments.  The document is shared with all regional coordinators involved in the AoE Bike Trail project as implementers of the bike trail along their jurisdiction who are also advised to use it in future decision making processes regarding bike trail development within the document’s target area. Chapter 3 of the document describes in detail all steps of the assessment and mapping as well as visitor guidance for biking. The Annex additionally contains the documented maps of ecological sensitivity of the area. Protected areas authorities within the future TBR MDD area will be able to use the developed methodology and the results and knowledge gained from this activity and use this output in managing their protected areas.  The methods and underlying data used for mapping habitat types, bird breeding areas and ecological sensitivity are replicable and can yield valid results for visitor or tourism management in any other geographical area. The approach used here can be a model for (transboundary) biosphere reserves (TBR or BR) establishment and functioning and can be transferred to any other planned biosphere reserve, fostered by the UNESCO Man and Biosphere Programme. The approach used for ensuring ecological connectivity can be transferred to other river systems; dissemination can be supported by the ICPDR, EURONATUR, and networks such as RAMSAR, EIP on Waters and NWRM platform. The present output supports the ministerial declaration on the establishment of the TBR MDD; signed in 2011 by all 5 countries, and the subsequently designated HR-HU, SI, SR and AT BRs. | |
| **Suggestions for improvement, if applicable (max. 1500 characters)** | |
| Please provide information on possible improvements that could be brought to the current output considering the general context in which it is delivered. | |
| **Output Quality Level** | Low  Average  Good  Excellent |

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