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DANUBE WILDISLAND RAMSAR REGIONAL INITIATIVE

STRATEGIC WORK PLAN

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DANUBE PARKS – Danube River Network of protected Areas

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Executive Summary

The Strategic Work Plan 2025–2030 of the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative provides the strategic framework for coordinated wetland conservation and restoration actions in the Danube River Basin during the period 2025–2030.

The Initiative supports the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands at regional level by promoting cooperation among Danube countries, protected area administrations, research institutions, and civil society organizations.

The Strategic Work Plan aligns with the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025–2034, adopted through Resolution XV.3, and adapts its global goals and targets to the specific ecological and governance context of the Danube River Basin.

The plan focuses particularly on the conservation and restoration of river islands and floodplain wetlands (WILDIslands), which represent key ecological components of the Danube River system and provide important ecosystem services such as biodiversity conservation, flood mitigation, water purification and climate regulation.

The Work Plan is structured around four Strategic Goals, corresponding to the goals of The Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025-2034:

1. Address and reverse wetland loss and degradation in the Danube Region
2. Ensure the wise use of all wetlands in the Danube Region
3. Effectively conserve and manage the Ramsar Site network
4. Enhancing implementation of the Convention on Wetlands

For each strategic goal, the document defines targets and priority actions to be implemented through regional cooperation, pilot restoration projects, research activities, knowledge exchange and policy dialogue.

The Strategic Work Plan also defines the institutional framework for implementation, including the roles of the Steering Group, the Coordination Office, and thematic working groups.

Implementation of the plan will be supported through project development, partnerships with international organizations, and funding from European, international programmes, and others.

A separate Communication Strategy, will support the implementation of the Work Plan by strengthening outreach, visibility and stakeholder engagement across the Danube Region.

Through this Strategic Work Plan, the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative aims to contribute to the long-term conservation, restoration and sustainable management of wetlands in the Danube River Basin, supporting biodiversity, ecosystem services and regional cooperation.



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1. Vision

A Danube River Basin where wetlands, floodplains and river islands are conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining their ecological integrity, supporting biodiversity and ecosystem services, and contributing to resilient landscapes and sustainable societies.

2. Mission

The mission of the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative is to strengthen regional cooperation for the conservation, restoration and wise use of wetlands in the Danube River Basin by facilitating knowledge exchange, supporting transboundary initiatives, promoting innovative monitoring approaches, and mobilizing stakeholders and resources for effective wetland management.

3. Link with the Communication Strategy

Effective communication and outreach are essential for achieving the objectives of the Strategic Work Plan.

To support these efforts, the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative developed a dedicated Communication Strategy, which will complement and operationalize the communication objectives outlined in this Strategic Work Plan.

The Communication Strategy:

- defines key messages and communication priorities
- identifies target audiences at regional, national and local levels
- establishes communication tools and channels
- supports awareness-raising on wetland values and ecosystem services
- increases visibility of the Ramsar Convention in the Danube Region.

The Communication Strategy serve as an operational document guiding communication activities throughout the implementation of the Strategic Work Plan.

4. Goals

Goal 1: Address and reverse wetland loss and degradation in the Danube Region

Goal statement: The drivers of wetland loss and degradation in the Danube River Basin are addressed through integrated restoration, reduction of pressures, and improved ecological knowledge, contributing to the recovery of wetland ecosystems and their services.

Target 1.1: Wetland extent and ecological condition are maintained or restored.

This target focuses on restoring degraded wetlands and improving their ecological condition through coordinated restoration planning and implementation across the Danube Basin.

Activities include:

- DANUBEPARKS restoration plan (basis for national restoration plans)
- Action plan for dyke removal and relocation
- Pilot restoration actions (e.g. oxbow restoration in Čigoč)
- Joint river restoration projects (river regulation modification, side branch reconnection, riverbank restoration)
- Floodplain dynamization (Upper Danube sections)
- Grassland and dry habitats restoration

Target 1.2: The drivers of wetland loss and degradation are identified and addressed

This target aims to reduce key pressures such as invasive alien species, unsustainable land use and hydro morphological alterations through targeted management and prevention measures.

Activities include:

- Managing alien species and planting native tree species
- Preventing the spread of invasive alien species

Target 1.3: Wetlands are integrated into sustainable development

This target ensures that wetland conservation and restoration are incorporated into broader development policies and planning processes

Activity includes: Wetlands for sustainable development in the Danube region

Target 1.4: Knowledge and data on wetlands are improved and shared

This target supports the development of a strong knowledge base through inventories, monitoring and data sharing.

Activity includes: WILDIsland inventory on tributaries (Sava, Drava, Inn, etc.)

Target 1.5: Species and habitats dependent on wetlands are conserved

This target focuses on protecting biodiversity through species-specific measures and improved monitoring systems.

Activities include:

- Implementing special species protection measures
- Applying new monitoring methodologies (eDNA, bioacoustics, drones)
- Establishing transnational monitoring (DWiRRI Coordination Office)

Goal 2: Ensure the wise use of all wetlands in the Danube Region

Goal statement: Wetlands in the Danube River Basin are used wisely, maintaining their ecological character while supporting sustainable livelihoods, ecosystem services, and stakeholder participation.

Target 2.1: Wetland ecosystem services are recognized and integrated

This target promotes the recognition and integration of ecosystem services into policy and decision-making.

Activity includes: Wetlands for sustainable development in the Danube region

Target 2.2: Stakeholders are engaged in wetland management

This target promotes participatory approaches and citizen engagement in wetland conservation and monitoring.

Activities include:

- Traditional knowledge, innovations and practices in citizen science
- Citizen science campaigns in Protected Areas along the Danube

Target 2.3: Knowledge exchange and capacity for wise use are enhanced

This target strengthens cooperation and exchange of knowledge among stakeholders.

Activities include:

- Creating a platform for dialogue and exchange of information and methods
- Workshops with local stakeholders
- Organizing international conferences

Target 2.4: Awareness of wetland values is increased

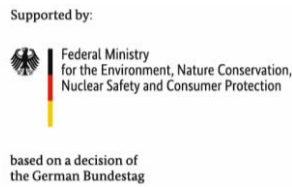
This target aims to improve communication and awareness on wetlands and their benefits.

Activities include:

- Awareness-raising campaigns
- Internal communications and regional and local conferences

Goal 3: Effectively conserve and manage the Ramsar Site network

Goal statement: The Ramsar Site network in the Danube Basin is strengthened through improved management effectiveness, expanded designation, enhanced cooperation, and increased capacity of stakeholders.



Target 3.1: The Ramsar Site network is expanded

This target supports the identification and designation of new Ramsar Sites, including transboundary sites.

Activities include:

- Planning and management of pilot Ramsar Sites (EU and transboundary contexts)
- Creation of transboundary Ramsar Sites

Target 3.2: Ramsar Sites are effectively managed

This target focuses on improving management practices and coordination among site managers.

Activities include:

- Establishing and coordinating the WILDIsland RRI Network of Ramsar Site Managers
- Sharing best practices in wetland management

Target 3.3: Capacity for Ramsar Site management is strengthened

This target enhances knowledge and skills of stakeholders involved in wetland management.

Activities include:

- Capacity building of stakeholders
- DANUBEPARKS Member Training and Study Visits

Target 3.4: Successful approaches are replicated and scaled up

This target promotes replication of good practices across the region and beyond.

Activity includes: Replicating the WILDIsland concept to other European rivers or Danube tributaries

Goal 4: Enhancing implementation of the Convention on Wetlands in the Danube Region

Goal statement: Implementation of the Ramsar Convention in the Danube Region is strengthened through improved policy integration, enhanced cooperation, sustainable financing, and effective institutional coordination.

Target 4.1: Policy frameworks support wetland conservation

This target ensures integration of wetlands into policies and strategies.

Activities include:

- Increasing policy-level support and advocacy
- Providing input to national and international strategies
- Aligning with the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Target 4.2: International cooperation is strengthened

This target promotes collaboration among countries, institutions and regional initiatives

Activities include:

- Fostering cooperation between countries and sectors
- Cooperation with other RRI (CWI, BlackSeaWet, MedWet)

Target 4.3: Capacity and knowledge for implementation are improved

This target strengthens institutional and technical capacity.

Activity includes: Capacity building of stakeholders (*cross-reference with Goal 3*)

Target 4.4: Communication, awareness and visibility are enhanced

This target supports outreach and visibility of the initiative and the Convention.

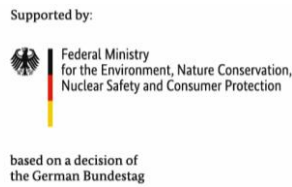
Activities include:

- Awareness campaigns (*cross-reference with Goal 2*)
- Communication activities and conferences

Target 4.5: Funding and resource mobilization are strengthened

This target focuses on securing financial sustainability.

Activities include:



- Creating new funding opportunities
- Developing and applying for follow-up projects

Target 4.6: Long-term financial sustainability is ensured

This target ensures continuity of the Initiative beyond project cycles.

Activity includes: Securing financial resources of the RRI from 2028 onwards

Target 4.7: Institutional coordination mechanisms are effective

This target ensures effective governance and coordination.

Activities include:

- Operation of the Danube WILDisland RRI Coordination Office
- Establishment of coordination offices in Upper and Middle Danube
- Development of an activity plan for the Ramsar Regional Initiative for the period from 2030 to 2045.

5. Governance Structure

The governance structure of the Danube WILDisland Ramsar Regional Initiative ensures effective coordination, decision-making and implementation of activities across the Danube Region.

The Initiative is guided by its Steering Group, supported by the Coordination Office, and implemented through the active engagement of participating countries, partner institutions and stakeholders.

Steering Group

The Steering Group provides strategic guidance for the Initiative and approves its work plans, priorities and major decisions.

Coordination Office

The Coordination Office supports the day-to-day implementation of activities and facilitates cooperation among partners.

Working Groups

The Initiative establishes thematic working groups addressing specific conservation challenges such as invasive species, wetland restoration and sustainable tourism.

All detailed provisions regarding the governance, roles and responsibilities, decision-making procedures, and operational arrangements are defined in the document “Terms of Reference of the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative”.

The “Terms of References” serves as the primary governing document of the Initiative and provides the institutional framework for its functioning, ensuring transparency, accountability and consistency in implementation.

6. Funding and Resource Mobilization

Implementation of the Strategic Work Plan relies on a combination of funding sources, including:

- contributions from participating countries and partner institutions
- European Union funding programmes
- international environmental funding mechanisms
- project-based funding
- support from the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands and partner organizations
- donations and sponsorship
- other funding that does not conflict with national and international legal frameworks.

Securing sustainable financial resources is a priority for the Initiative and will be pursued through collaborative project development and partnerships.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

The implementation of the Strategic Work Plan will be monitored through:

- periodic reporting to the Steering Group
- assessment of progress in implementing activities
- evaluation of project outcomes and deliverables.

The Work Plan may be reviewed and updated if necessary, during the implementation period to reflect emerging priorities and opportunities.

8. Alignment with Resolution XV.3

This Strategic Work Plan follows the structure of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025–2034, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties through Resolution XV.3.

The goals and targets defined in this Work Plan reflect the global priorities of the Convention on Wetlands while adapting them to the ecological and institutional context of the Danube River Basin.

Through its activities, the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative contributes to the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025–2034 by facilitating regional cooperation, supporting wetland restoration and conservation actions, and strengthening the network of wetland stakeholders in the Danube Region.

9. Methodology of Strategic Work Plan Development

The Strategic Work Plan 2025–2030 of the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative was developed through a participatory and inclusive bottom-up approach, ensuring broad stakeholder involvement and ownership. The methodology combined direct engagement, consultation, and collaborative drafting, involving:

- All members of DANUBEPARKS, including national and nature parks, biosphere reserves, and other protected areas across the Danube Basin;
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in the Danube region;
- Research institutions providing technical and scientific input; and
- Relevant ministries and Ramsar focal points from Danube riparian states.

A structured stakeholder survey was distributed by email to gather input on priorities, proposed measures, and potential project activities. In total, 25 responses were received:

- 16 responses from DANUBEPARKS members,

- 6 responses from relevant ministries, Ramsar focal points, and research institutions, and
- 3 responses from NGOs.

To complement the survey, a dedicated stakeholder workshop was held on 22nd of May 2025 in Belene, Bulgaria, offering a platform for discussion, alignment of priorities, and co-creation of the Strategic Work Plan content. The workshop allowed for the active involvement of members and direct exchange among stakeholders.

The response rate reveals that DANUBEPARKS members are highly engaged and committed to the objectives of the Ramsar Regional Initiative, whereas the comparatively low response rate from NGOs indicates limited current involvement or interest in the process, suggesting potential for future outreach and engagement efforts.

This collaborative and evidence-informed process ensured that the Strategic Work Plan reflects the shared vision, collective experience, and regional priorities of the Danube wetland conservation community.

10. Adoption

This Strategic Work Plan 2025–2030 was adopted by the Steering Group of the Danube WILDIsland Ramsar Regional Initiative on 21.04.2026 confirming the commitment of the Initiative and its partners to support the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands in the Danube Region.

Priority activities, with secured (or partially secured) funding	
Priority activities without secured funding and/or implementation mechanism	
Useful activities, but without secured recourses and/or partners	

Additionally, in the table, the priority of each action is indicated using a scale from 1 to 3, where 1 represents top priority and 3 activities of lower priority.

Goal 1: Address and reverse wetland loss and degradation in the Danube Region										
Targets:										
1.1. Wetland extend and ecological condition are maintained and restored. 1.2. The drivers of wetland loss and degradation are identified and addressed 1.3. Wetlands are integrated into sustainable development 1.4. Knowledge and data on wetlands are improved and shared 1.5. Species and habitats dependent on wetlands are conserved										
Target	Activity Number	Activity	Indicators	Links ¹	Means of implementation (tsd €)	Funds from contributions by WILDisland RRI countries	Resources	Time Frame	Status	Priority (1-3)
1.1.	1.1.1.	DANUBEPARKS restoration plan for (basis for the national restoration plans) [Supra-regional concept for the renaturalisation of the Danube by compiling existing	Restoration plan developed and adopted Number of countries applying the plan	Ramsar Target (RT) 1.1 Targets 1.3, 3.2 EU Restoration Law SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	120	NN	NN	2027-2030		1

¹ Links to other Targets and other frameworks and processes

		measures] Wetlands for sustainable development in the Danube region								
1.1.	1.1.2.	Action plan for dyke removal and relocation (Elbe River Case Study: Lenzener Elbtalau)	Action plan developed Number of pilot sites identified	RT 1.1 EU Flood Directive SDG 13 SDG 15		NN	NN	2029-2030		3
1.1.	1.1.3.	Pilot Restoration Actions (small scale restorations in each section of the Danube, e.g. oxbow restoration (in Čigoč))	Number of pilot restoration sites Area restored (ha)	RT 1.1 EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	500	EU	Interreg	2027-2030		2
1.1.	1.1.4.	Joint projects: modification of river regulations, river restoration, side branch reconnection, prevent alien species, wetland restoration, riverbank restoration	Number of joint projects implemented Length of river restored (km)	RT 1.1 RT 1.2 Activity 1.2.2 DRBMP ² SDG 6 EUSDR PA6	15.000	NN	NN			1
1.1.	1.1.5.	UPPER DANUBE: Dynamisation of the Danube floodplains between Neuburg and Ingolstadt; Dynamisation of the Danube floodplains between Bergheim and Gerolfing	Number of interventions completed Area of floodplains reconnected	RT 1.1 EU WFR ³ EUSDR PA6	70	EU	Interreg	2027-2030		3
1.1.	1.1.6.	Grassland and dry habitats restoration/ extensive management of grassland	Area reconnected (ha)	RT 1.1 EU Habitats Directive SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	350	EU	Interreg	2026-2030		3
1.2.	1.2.1.	Managing of alien species and planting of native tree species	Number of management actions Area covered	RT 1.2 EU IAS Regulation SDG 15.8	300			2026-2030		2

² Danube River Basin Management Plan

³ Water Framework Directive



1.2.	1.2.2.	Joint projects: modification of river regulations, river restoration, side branch reconnection, prevent alien species, wetland restoration, riverbank restoration	Number of prevention measures implemented	RT 1.2 Activity 1.1.4.	15.000	NN	NN			1
1.3.	1.3.1.	Wetlands for sustainable development in the Danube Region								
	1.3.1.1.	Gap analyses, identification of priorities and establishment of the new DANUBEPARKS Working Group Action Plan (SWP)	Gap analyses report developed Number of priorities identified SWP developed	RTs: 1.1, 1.3, 4.1 EU Biodiversity Strategy SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	5	Germany	EURENI	2024-2025		1
	1.3.1.2.	Working Group: Reduce the introductions and spread of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in the Danube Region (PA6 TF DIAS input needed; upscaling and replication of existing IAS projects)	Number of IAS actions implemented Number of sites under IAS management	RTs: 1.2, 1.5 EU IAS Regulation SDG 15.8 EUSDR PA6	5	EU	Interreg	2025-2028		2
1.4.	1.4.1.	WILDIsland inventory on Tributaries (Sava, Drava, Inn...)	Number of tributaries covered Database development	RTs: 2.3, 4.3 INSPIRE Directive SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	NN	NN	NN	2028-2030		1
1.5.	1.5.1.	Implementing special species protection measures	Number of measures implemented	RT 3.2 EU Birds Directive, Habitats Directive EUSDR PA6	100	EU	Interreg	2027-203		1
1.5.	1.5.2.	Enhancing new monitoring methodologies, data collection/sampling methods such as eDNA, bioacoustics monitoring, drone-assisted data collection, etc.	Number of methods applied	RT 1.4, 4.3 Horizon Europe EUSDR PA6	200	EU	Interreg	2027-2030		1
1.5.	1.5.3.	DWiRRI Coordination Office for Transnational Monitoring (Case Studies: eDNA and Bioacoustics) [e.g. eDNA for crucian carp]	Number of countries involved	SDG 17	200	EU	Interreg	2026-2030		3

Goal 2: Ensure the wise use of wetlands in the Danube Region

Targets:

- 2.1. Wetland ecosystems services are recognized and integrated
- 2.2. Stakeholders are engaged in wetland management
- 2.3. Knowledge exchange and capacity for wise use are enhanced
- 2.4. Awareness of wetland values is increased

Target	Activity Number	Activity	Indicators	Links	Means of implementation (tsd €)	Funds from contributions by WILDIsland RRI countries	Resources	Time Frame	Status	Priority (1-3)
2.1.	2.1.1.	Wetlands for sustainable development in the Danube								
	2.1.1.1.	Working Group: Sustainable Tourism practices in Ramsar Sites along the Danube (for partners with visitor centres) e.g. Trail concept in the Wittelsbach Equalisation Fund's ownership area south of the Danube between Grünau and Ingolstadt	Number of sustainable tourism initiatives Number of sites applying tourism practices	RTs: 2.1, 2.4 EU Sustainable Tourism polices SDG 8 SDG 12 EUSDR PA6	25	EU	Interreg	2025-2027		1
	2.1.1.2.	Working Group: Actions to improve and/or maintain the soil quality in the Danube Region (promotion of sustainable practices: grazing, hedges, reed bed management...)	Area under sustainable soil practices (ha) Number of implemented practices	RTs: 1.3, 2.1 EU Soil Strategy SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	5	EU	Interreg	2025-2029		2
	2.1.1.3	Climate change in the Danube floodplains e.g. testing the hypothesis of the positive effects of climate change on floodplains (heavy rainfall, floods, droughts...) with the aid of landscape models	Number of studies/models developed Number of pilot sites analysed	RTs: 1.1, 2.1 EU Climate Adaptation Strategy SDG 13 EUSDR PA6	120	EU	Interreg	2027-2030		3

2.2	2.2.1.	Traditional knowledge, innovations & practices in Citizen Science (e.g. horse ranger patrol, wave stress monitoring with fishermen's...) [e.g. citizen science related to the large-scale grazing projects in the riparian forest, initiated on Wittelsbacher Ausgleichsfonds]	Number of participants	RTs: 2.3, 4.4 SDG 17 EUSDR PA6	100	EU	Interreg	2027-2030		2
2.2.	2.2.2.	Citizen Science campaigns in Protected Areas along the Danube	Number of campaigns	RT 2.4 SDG 17	250	EU	Interreg	2027-2030		2
2.3.	2.3.1	Creating a platform for dialogue and the exchange of information and methods	Platform operational	RT 4.7 SDG 17	10	Germany	EURENI	2026-2027		2
2.3.	2.3.2.	Workshops also with local stakeholders	Number of workshops	RT 3.3 SDG 4	NN	NN	NN	2026-2030		3
2.3.	2.3.3.	Organizing international conferences	Number of events	RT 4.2 SDG 17	NN	Germany	EURENI	2026-2028		2
2.4.	2.4.1.	Awareness raising campaigns	Audience reached	RT 4.4 Ramsar CEPA Programme Target 4.4.1.	NN	Secretariat Core Budget + submission	EURENI	2025-2030		1
2.4.	2.4.2.	Internal communications and regional and local Conferences	Number of outputs	RT 4.4 SDG 4.7 Target 4.4.2.	NN	NN	NN	2028-2030		3
Goal 3: Effectively conserve and manage the Ramsar Site network										

Targets:

- 3.1. The Ramsar Site network is expanded
- 3.2. Ramsar Sites are effectively managed
- 3.3. Capacity for Ramsar Site management is strengthened
- 3.4. Successful approaches are replicated and scaled up

Target	Activity Number	Activity	Indicators	Links	Means of implementation (tsd €)	Funds from contributions by WILDIsland RRI countries	Resources	Time Frame	Status	Priority (1-3)
3.1.	3.1.1.	Planning and management of some pilot Ramsar Sites representative of contexts: an island site in an EU country; a transboundary site between one European country not part of the EU	Number of sites	RT 4.2 Ramsar Convention SDG 15 EUSDR PA6	NN	NN	NN	2027-2029	2027-2029	2
3.1.	3.1.2.	Creation of transboundary RAMSAR sites	Number of agreements	RT 4.2 SDG 17 EUSDR PA6	NN	NN	NN	NN		2
3.2.	3.2.1.	Establishing and coordinating the WILDIsland RRI Network of Danube Ramsar Sites Managers	Network operational	RT 3.3 Ramsar Guidelines		None	Secretariat core budget + submission	2028-2030		3
3.2.	3.2.2.	Sharing of best practices in the management of wetlands in the Danube region	Number of case studies	RT 2.3 SDG 17 EUSDR PA6	NN	NN	NN	NN		2
3.3.	3.3.1.	Capacity building of all relevant stakeholders regarding the conservation, restoration and wise use of wetlands in the Danube region, including Ramsar Sites	Number of trainings	RT 4.3 SDG 4 Target 4.3.1.	50	Germany	EURENI	2026-2027		1
3.4.	3.4.1.	Replicating WILDIsland concept to other European rivers or, at least to the Danube tributaries	Number of new regions	RT 4.2 EU macro-regional strategies	NN	NN	NN	2028-		1

Goal 4: Enhancing implementation of the Convention on Wetlands in the Danube Region

Targets:

- 4.1. Policy framework support wetland conservation
- 4.2. International cooperation is strengthened
- 4.3. Capacity and knowledge for implementation are improved
- 4.4. Communication, awareness and visibility are enhanced
- 4.5. Funding and resource mobilization are strengthened
- 4.6. Long-term financial sustainability is ensured
- 4.7. Institutional coordination mechanisms are effective

Target	Activity Number	Activity	Indicators	Links	Means of implementation (tsd €)	Funds from contributions by WILDIsland RRI countries	Resources	Time Frame	Status	Priority (1-3)
4.1.	4.1.1.	Increase policy level support / policy advocacy	Number of policy inputs	RT 1.3 EU Biodiversity Strategy EUSDR PA6		Secretariat core budget + submission		2025-2030		1
4.1.	4.1.2.	Providing input and recommendations for national and international strategies, policies, and action plans related to wetlands (e.g., EU Biodiversity Strategy, Danube River Basin Management Plan, National Wetland Plans)	Number of contributions	RT 2.1 SDG 17 EUSDR PA6	NN	NN	NN	2025-		1
4.1.	4.1.3.	Align and strengthen cooperation with the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), in particular with Pillar B: "Protecting the Environment", fostering synergies with Priority Areas PA4 (Water Quality), PA5 (Environmental Risks) and PA6 (Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air &	Number of joint actions	RT 4.2 EUSDR	NN	NN	EURENI	2025-		1

		Soil Quality) to enhance integrated wetland conservation, restoration and climate resilience across the Danube Basin.								
4.2.	4.2.1.	Foster cooperation between the participating countries and different sectors involved	Number of joint initiatives	RT 3.1 SDG 17		Secretariat Core Budget+ submission		2026- 2030		2
4.2.	4.2.2.	DWiRRI meets European RRIs (CWI, BlackSeaWet & MedWet)	Number of partnerships	RT 3.4 Ramsar RRI	NN	Germany	EURENI	2025- 2027		2
4.3.	4.3.1.	Capacity building of all relevant stakeholders regarding the conservation, restoration and wise use of wetlands in the Danube region, including Ramsar Sites	Number of stakeholders trained	RT 3.3 SDG 4 Target 3.3.1	50	Germany	EURENI	2026- 2027		1
4.4.	4.4.1.	Awareness raising campaigns	Audience reached	RT 4.4 Ramsar CEPA Programme Target 2.4.1.	NN	Secretariat Core Budget + submission	EURENI	2025- 2030		1
4.4.	4.4.2.	Internal communications and regional and local Conferences	Number of outputs	RT 4.4 Ramsar CEPA Target 4.4.2.	NN	NN	NN	2028- 2030		3
4.5.	4.5.1.	Creating new funding opportunities	Number of proposals	Rt 4.6 EU, international, national funding programmes		Secretariat core budget + submission				1
4.5.	4.5.2.	Developing and applying for a WILDIsland follow up project	Project developed	RT 4.6 EU Programmes	15.000	EU	LIFE	2027- 2033		1
4.6.	4.6.1.	Securing financial resources of the RRI from 2028 on	Funding secured	RT 4.5 SDG 17		Secretariat core budget + submission	EURENI	2025- 2027		1
4.7.	4.7.1.	Operation of the Danube WILDIsland RRI Coordination office, Lower Danube	Office operational	RT 4.2 Ramsar governance		Secretariat core budget + submission	EURENI	2025- 2027		1
4.7.	4.7.2.	Establishment of coordination offices in Upper and Middle Danube	Number of offices established Operational status of offices	RTs: 4.7, 4.2 SDG 17	700	Germany	Green Belt Funds	2026- 2036		1



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4.7.	4.7.3.	Development of an activity plan for the Ramsar Regional Initiative for the period from 2030 to 2045.	Strategic Plan developed and adopted Number of stakeholders involved	RTs: 4.6, 4.1 EU long-term policy SDG 17 EUSDR PA6	50	NN	NN	2026-2030		3
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