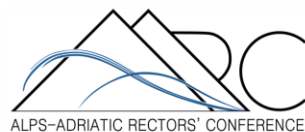


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**A sustainable future for the Danube River Basin
as a challenge for the interdisciplinary humanities**

*Danube:Future targets all 19 countries in the Danube catchment. The project was endorsed as **joint activity by the Danube Rectors' Conference and the Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference**, which link 90 universities in the region, involving the largest possible institutional knowledge-producing and disseminating group of organizational actors.*

- New **Core Partner**: University of Ruse (Bulgaria);
- Intensified **cooperation** with University of Ljubljana (Research project JESH-Program Austrian Academy of Sciences);
- Finalizing the **DF knowledge-base** of experts and projects linked to DFp and the DF PUBLICATIONS and DF WIKI;
- **Networking, regular posts and announcements** various webpages (e.g. EUSDR, EUSDR PA7, AARC, DRC, IDM, IAD, Universities ...), Social Media and DF webpage to improve the visibility of Danube:Future;
- 4th EUSDR Forum in **Ulm October 28th - 30th**: project stand in the exhibition area, workshop presentation on invitation of the “Danube Sturgeon Task Force”

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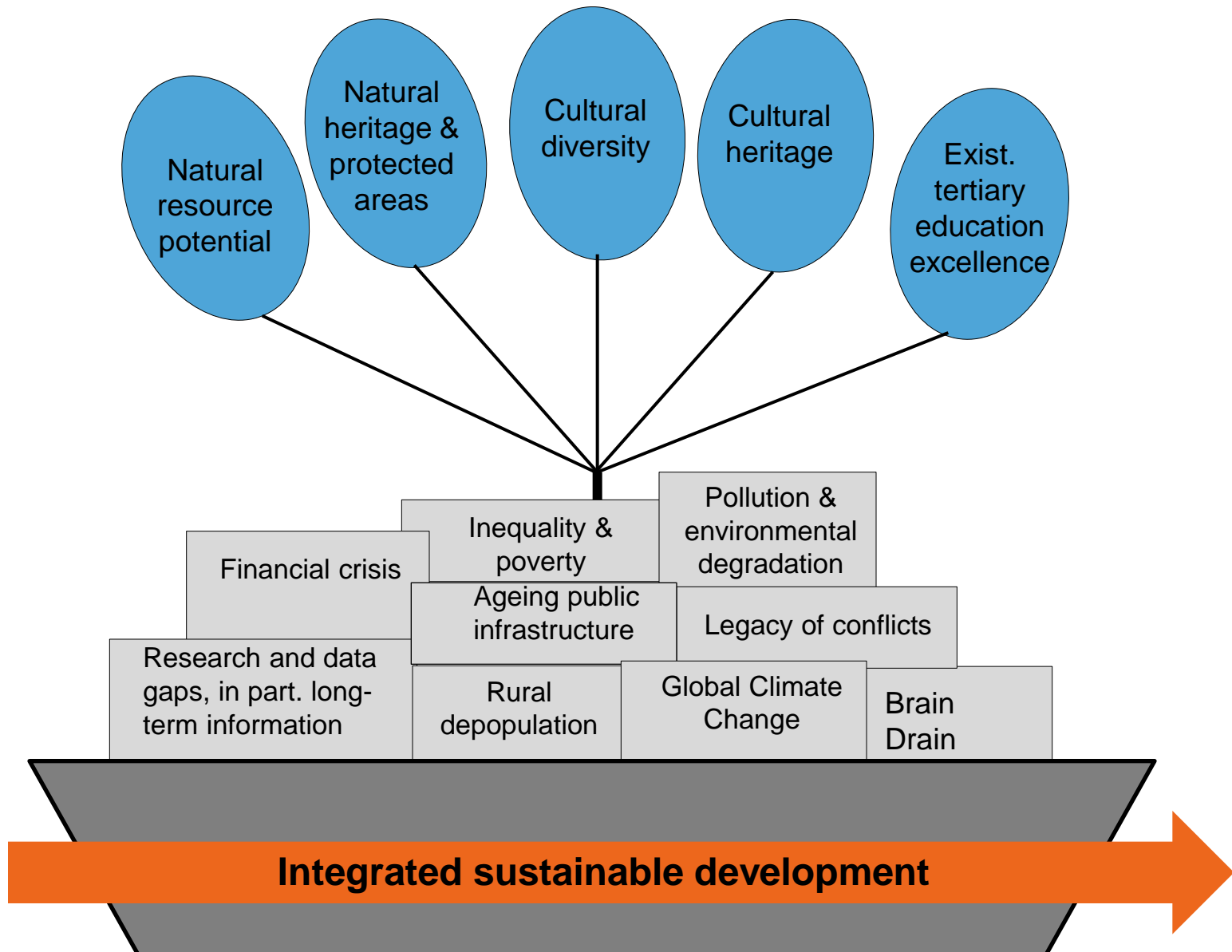
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- ✓To **support member universities** of DRC and AARC in their efforts to promote a sustainable knowledge society in the DRB
- ✓To support **the implementation of the EUDRS** by taking into account the **challenges and opportunities of the DRB**
- ✓To foster **inter- and transdisciplinary research** in the DRB within the Horizon 2020 program, especially within Societal Challenges
- ✓To provide DRC and AARC presidencies with a **document they** can share with funding institutions and agencies, e.g. DG research



Policy recommendations on national and European levels

General remark: (funded) **in-depth assessment** of the **research** and **education priorities** necessary to investigate the **role of natural and cultural heritage** for the **long-term sustainable development** of the DRB and possible avenues to strengthen this role.

- Use the Danube Region as a **REAL LABORATORY** for the European transformation to a sustainable future;
- Establish **NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS** to ensure national participation in international sustainability networks such as Danube:Future;

How Danube:Future could implement the recommendations? Which are the needs?

- Permanent staff overseeing the activities and implementation: a **Scientific (Project) Coordinator**, a **Project Administrator**, the **Management Committee**, the **International Advisory Board**
- Formation of the “**Danube:Future CONTACT POINTS**” network. A new network is needed:
 - a. to strengthen the collaboration between countries,
 - b. to disseminate the project activities,
 - c. **to gather info about the needs of the beneficiaries and stakeholders,**
 - d. to act as an information point to them.

Such network can be also used for other EUSDR Flagship Projects connected to the AARC and DRC framework.

Developing interdisciplinary research projects

- ✓ **In discussion:** Proposal for the 2nd call of the DTP to **fund implementation of NCP**
- ✓ **In work:** Cooperation with **Danube Sturgeon Task Force (PA6):**
 - ✓ Danube:Future as partner in a planned (and currently developed) **proposal for the 2nd call of the DTP**
 - ✓ **«Safeguarding Danube Sturgeons»**
 - ✓ Danube Future will be involved in tasks «Developing a knowledge pool» and «policy recommendations»

- ✓ **Contributions to Danube:Future Knowledge Base** (from June 2016)
- ✓ **Surveys** for Scholars and Universities to gain information on their experiences and needs in the Danube:Future framework (from June 2016)
- ✓ **5th EUSDR Forum**, Bratislava (November)
- ✓ Organizing the **2017 Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School** (probably Donau Universität Krems, July 2017)

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Thank you for your attention



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