

# DANUBE FLOODPLAIN PROJECT

11<sup>th</sup> EUSDR PA4 Steering Group Meeting

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# Background:

- **Danube Floodplain project is highlighted in:**
  - Danube Declaration 2016 adopted by Danube Ministers,
  - DRBMP,
  - DFRMP
- **Flagship project contributing to the implementation of the *EUSDR*:**
  - Priority Area 4 "To restore and maintain the quality of waters"
  - Priority Area 5 "To manage environmental risks"
  - Priority Area 6 "To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils"
- **Continuation of the Danube Flood Risk Project**
- **Project idea supported in 2014 by EUSDR Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects**

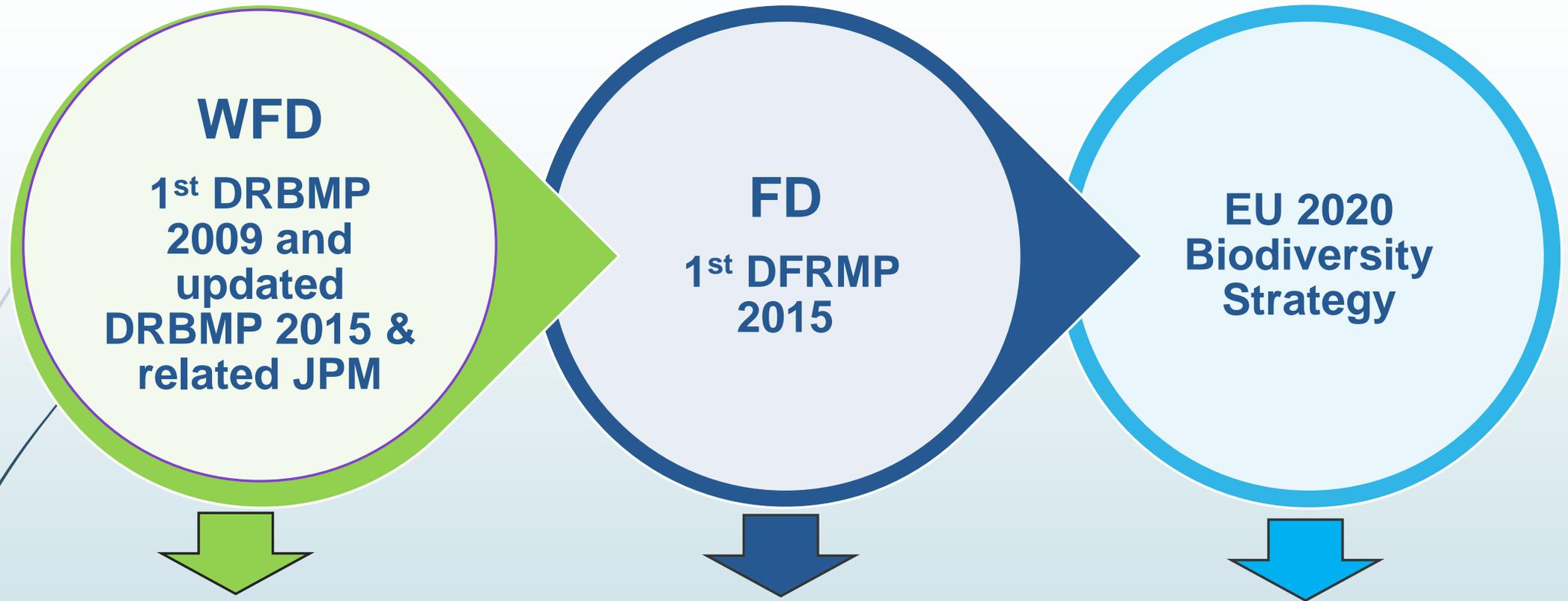
# Project Objectives:

Overall objective: Reduce the flood risk through floodplain restoration along the Danube and other DRB rivers

## The specific objectives:

- to develop a **common approach on restoring the water storage capacity of floodplains**, from upstream to downstream sections, while maximising benefits for biodiversity conservation
- to **develop best practice on using 'green infrastructure' for sustainable flood risk management** in the Danube River Basin.
- to contribute to the **more effective and integrated implementation of the WFD and FD**
- **integrating the requirements and opportunities related to other EU policies**, notably the Birds and Habitats Directives, Biodiversity and Climate policy, and of the 2020 Strategy
- to **foster cooperation** among Danube Basin countries in using restored floodplains for flood risk management
- to **demonstrate the feasibility of integrated flood risk management**, including a combination of existing classical and “green infrastructure” in selected floodplain areas
- to **stimulate stakeholder involvement and cooperation in floodplain restoration / flood risk management** planning and implementation.

# Legal framework and proposals for key outputs:



1. DRB-wide Strategy for Floodplain Conservation and Restoration;
2. Modelling effectiveness of selected floodplains and reducing flood discharge;
3. Feasibility studies for floodplain conservation and restoration in pilot areas;
4. Pilot sites with implemented measures on floodplain conservation and restoration;
5. Increased public awareness on the importance and role of floodplains.



## Major target groups

- Flood managers & river basin managers, planners, decision makers
  - Protected area managers and environmental experts
  - Local communities
  - Land owners and land users (e.g. farmers, foresters)
  - Fishermen and hunters
  - Civil society / general public/media.
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- **Estimated total costs:** >3 million Euro
  - **Geographical area:** Danube River Basin – floodplain areas along the Danube and selected tributaries (proposed: Inn, Drava, Sava, Tisza and Morava)
  - **Project duration:** minimum 3 years
  - **Consortium leader:** Romania - National Administration „Apele Romane”/Romanian Waters.

# Project application and partners:

- **Project application** – ready early November 2016 for the next call of the Danube Transnational Program (one-step application)
- A list of interested and potential partners is given **in the Annex of the Extended Concept of the Danube Floodplain Project**
- **Romanian Water Director** explored interest in being project partner or ASP
- **BayFor (the Bavarian Research Alliance)** will support the project application
- **The ICPDR FP EG participates actively in forming the project consortium** and the FP EG members were asked to send their comments and suggestions concerning the existing project proposal by 31 May.
- A number of key institutions in the DRB **expressed interest to participate.**
- **Romanian partners:** NA Romanian Waters (project leader), Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests (MEWF), National Institute for Hydrology and Water Management, agriculture authorities and stakeholders

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**Thank you!**