

*Restoration of the Danube River Basin for ecosystems  
and people from mountains to coast*



# WP2 / Reconnect Rivers, Floodplains and Delta

## Relevance with the Horizon project Danube 4 All

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# Free-flowing river

## Definition?

“The 25 000 km of free-flowing rivers is intuitively easy to understand: it suggests rivers (and lakes) in a natural state, undisturbed in their natural functions, unhindered by artificial barriers.”

“However, there is **no established consensus as to what criteria would define a free-flowing river** that could count towards the EU target. Similarly, a ready-to-use indicator to measure free-flowing rivers currently does not exist.”



**Biodiversity Strategy 2030**

Barrier Removal for River Restoration



# Summary on EU legislations

	Longitudinal	Lateral	Vertical	Temporal	Flow	Sediment	Biota	Physico-chemical	Nutrients
<b>Water Framework Directive</b>	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Flood Directive</b>	X	X			X	X			
<b>Birds and Habitat Directive</b>		X					X		
<b>Integrated sediment management for WFD</b>	X	X				X			
<b>ICPDR Management Plan 2021 update</b>	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
<b>EU Strategy for Danube basin</b>	X	X			X	X	X		
<b>CEN standard for water quality</b>	X	X			X	X	X	X	
<b>Riparian Forest Corridor</b>		X					X	X	
<b>Dry Habitat strategy</b>		X			X		X		
<b>Biodiversity Strategy</b>	X	X			X	X	X		
<b>Nature Restoration Law</b>	X	X			X	X	X		

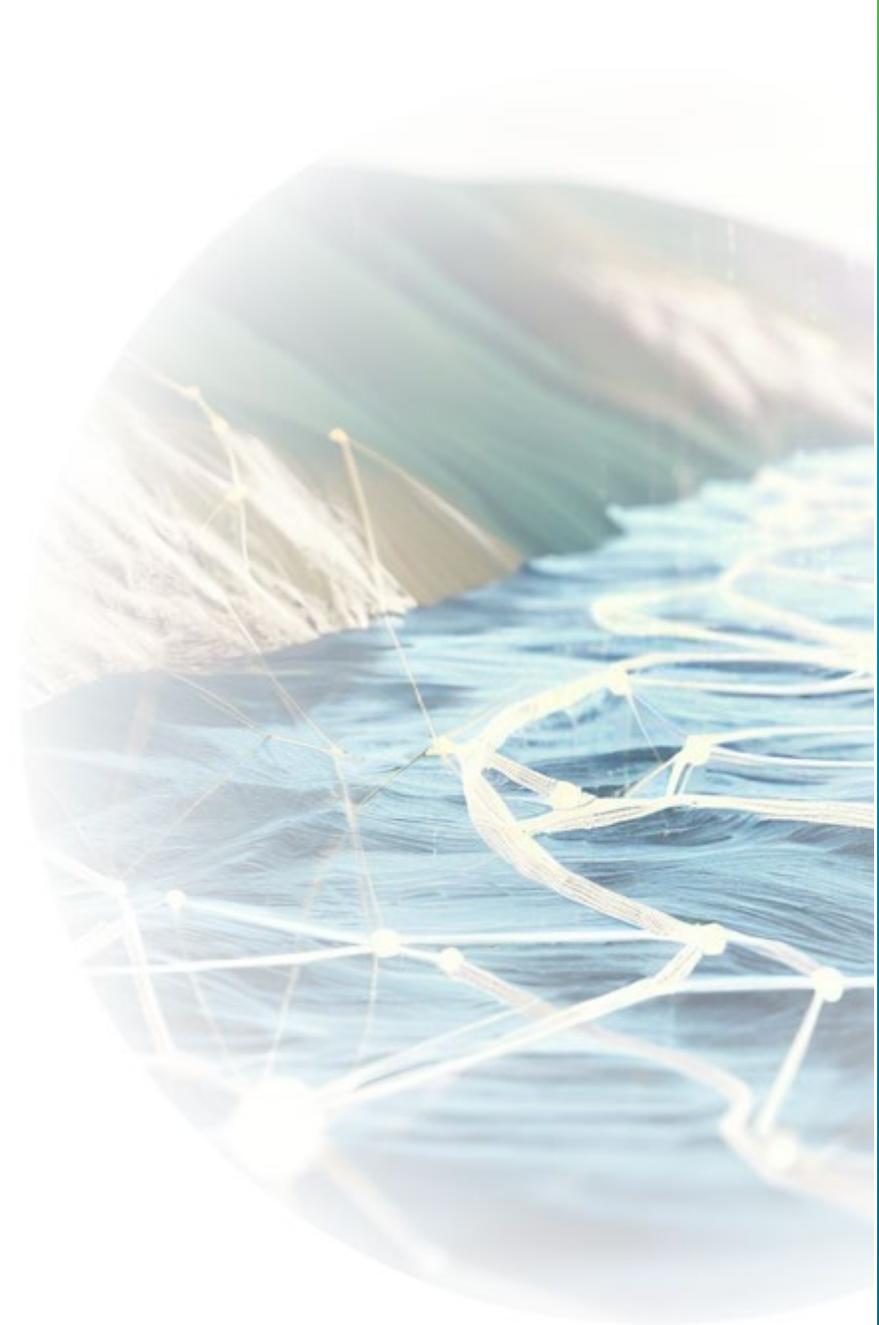


# ECRR report relevance for D4A

## Gap-filling report

- National policies are difficult to track on
- Pragmatic overview of legislative conditions and tools for adequate river continuity restoration
  - Advanced frameworks could be shown/used as best practices to engage other countries
  - Ease part of our tasks in D4A (available national databases, guidance, monitoring, among others)
- Out of the 19 countries from the Danube basin 4 provided input to the report:
  - Austria,
  - Germany,
  - North Macedonia,
  - Slovakia.

Importance of transparent policy practices on a national level!





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# Thank you!

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