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#### Mission Statement

To protect the Danube River and its tributaries, their biodiversity and resources, through enhancing co-operation among governments, non-governmental organisations, local people and all kinds of stakeholders towards sustainable use of natural ecosystems.





# PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

#### Goals

- > Emphasising the importance of active public participation in water protection and management
- > Increasing public awareness in management and protection of water ecosystems
- > Improving communication among all stakeholders within society
- > Making children appreciate water ecosystems by exploring them
- > Bringing people together to celebrate the natural values of the Danube River
- > Building capacities and strengthening skills of NGOs in water related issues



> Publications in 13 different languages > International, national and local events > Media activities

Tools

### **POLICY**

#### Goals

- > Encouraging proper implementation of EU water legislation
- > Seeking possibilities for NGO partnerships with governments and stakeholders at the international and national levels
- > Strengthening conservation initiatives in the Danube Region
- > Ensuring NGO involvement in the EU Water Framework Directive implementation in the Danube River Basin countries
- > Coordinating NGO involvement in water policy
- > Ensuring the voice of NGOs is heard internationally
- > Supporting national NGO policy initiatives
- > Stressing the importance of wetlands in EU policy
- > Providing international NGO support against threats harmful to Danube nature





> DEF international Water Policy Team > Working groups > Meetings > Workshops and seminars

Tools

> Conferences > Consultation

# CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WATER ECOSYSTEMS

#### Goals

- > Protecting water ecosystems to maintain their crucial role in sustaining biodiversity
- > Sharing experiences in restoration and management practices
- > Supporting and implementing local actions that benefit water ecosystems
- > Preventing actions with negative impact on wetlands
- > Promoting integrated water resource management

Tools

> Workshops

> Lectures

> Round tables

> Scientific research

> Restoration projects

