

Danube River Network of Protected Areas

Kick-off conference for the project DANUBEPARKS in the ETC-programme for SEE

June 7th, 2009 (optional)

17:00 Guided tour through the Donau-Auen National Park Visitor Centre (Castle of Orth)

19:00 Welcome and Working Dinner

June 8th, 2009 – morning session

Moderation Manfred Kojan, ÖAR, Vienna

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 Opening & Greetings (Johann Mayer, Mayor of Orth)

9:10 – 9:40 What can we expect of DANUBEPARKS? (Carl Manzano, Speaker of DANUBEPARKS)

9:40 – 10:00 The Contribution of DANUBEPARKS to the goals of the Danube River Protection Convention (Philip Weller, Executive Secretary ICPDR)

10:00 – 11:00 Presentation of the Project Partners (5-10 min for each Protected Area)

11:00 – 11:20 Discussion

11:20 – 11:50 Coffee break

11:50 – 12:10 What does the ETC-SEE programme expect from DANUBEPARKS? – framework for project implementation (Kirill Dimanopoulos, JTS Budapest)

12:10 - 12:40 Discussion

12:40 – 14:00 Lunch in the Castle of Orth

June 8th, 2009 – afternoon session

Moderation Manfred Kojan, ÖAR, Vienna

14:00 – 14:30 Workpackages, milestones and expected outputs of ETC-SEE DANUBEPARKS - project description & management (Georg Frank, Project manager)

14:30 – 14:50 Discussion

14:50 - 15:05 Floodplain Management & Habitat Network - Objectives, activities, time schedule and outputs of Workpackage 4 (Tomas Kusik/BROZ, Slovakia)

15:05 – 15: 20 Activities for the Conservation of Flagship Species – Objectives, activities, time schedule and outputs of Workpackage 5 (Ion Munteanu/Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, Romania)

15:20 – 15: 35 Monitoring & NATURA 2000 - Objectives, activities, time schedule and outputs of Workpackage 6 (Balazs Toth/Duna-Ipoly National Park, Hungary)

15:35 – 16:00 Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Refreshing cocktails

16:30 – 16:45 River morphology & revitalization - Objectives, activities, time schedule and outputs of Workpackage 3 (Christian Baumgartner & Carl Manzano/Donau-Auen National Park, Austria)

16:45 – 17:00 Danube Nature Tourism - Objectives, time schedule, activities and outputs of Workpackage 7 (Eszter Horvathne Buchert/Duna-Drava National Park, Hungary)

17:00 – 17:15 Internal & external communication - Objectives, activities, time schedule and outputs of Workpackage 2 (Ursula Grabner/Donau-Auen National Park, Austria)

17:15 – 17:30 Discussion

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee break

18:00 – 18:30 Presentation of the Declaration of Vienna – official document for the Constitution of the Danube River Network of Protected Areas (Carl Manzano, Speaker of DANUBEPARKS)

18:45 Field trip in the National Park to the Danube

19:30 – 22:00 Trip on the Danube with the Tschaike, a historic Danube ship & campfire and picnic at Stopfenreuth at the Danube

June 9th, 2009

8:00 – 9:30 Breakfast and time for informal meetings of working groups and of the editorial committee for the Declaration of Vienna

9:30 Transfer to the City of Vienna, Café Landtmann

11:00 – 12:00 Press conference: presentation of DANUBEPARKS and signing the Declaration of Vienna

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch, Café Landtmann