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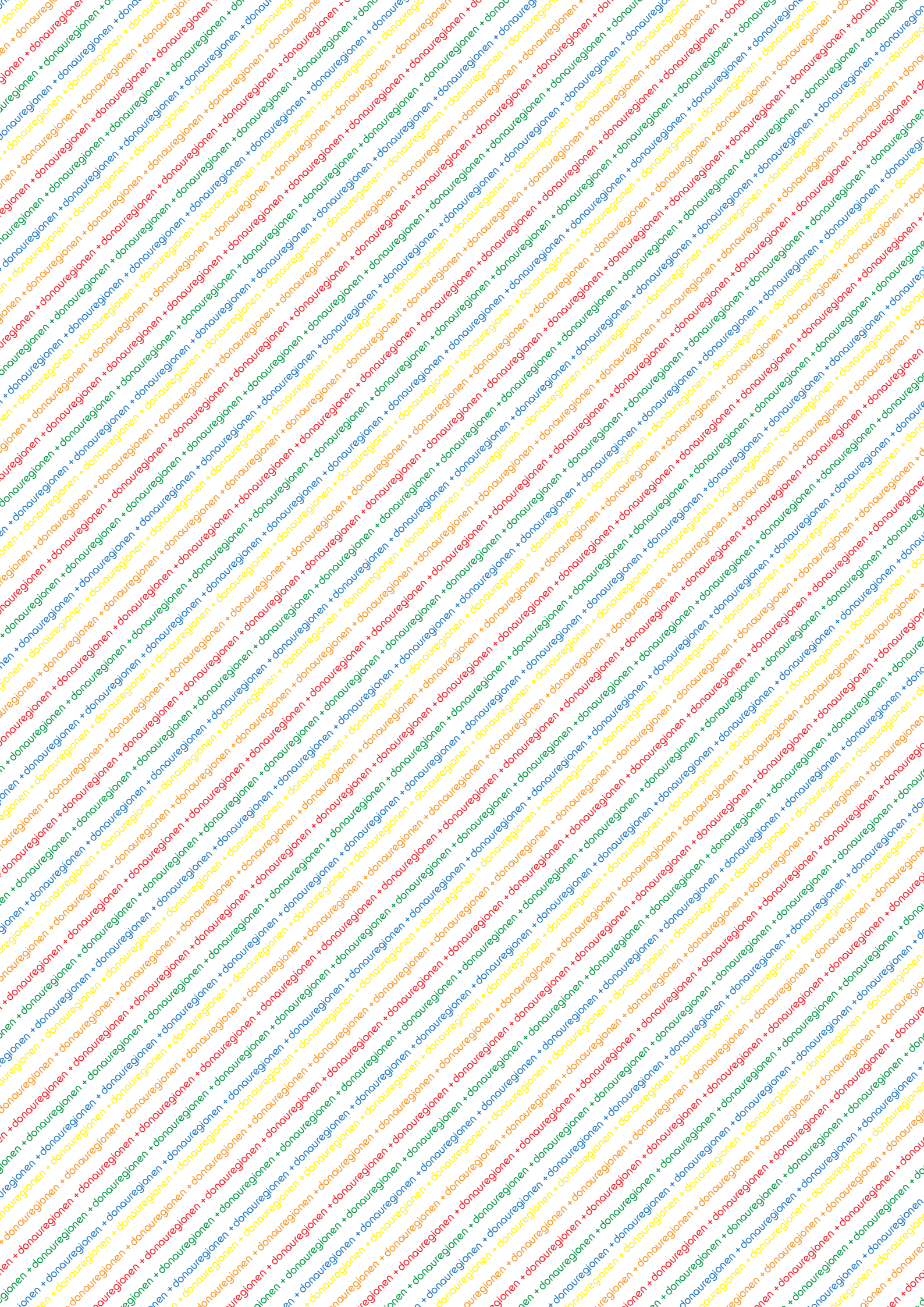
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DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

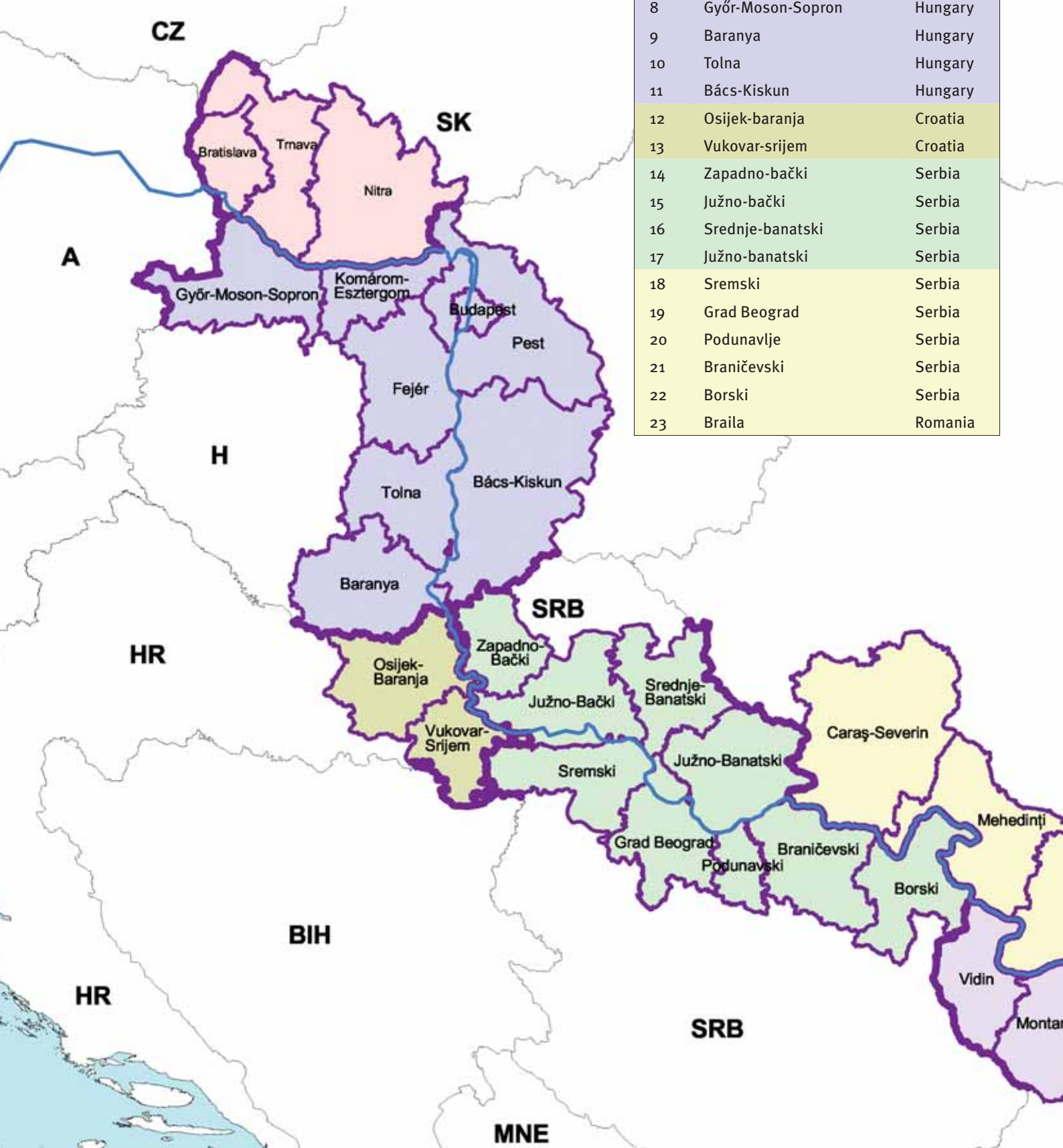
The background of the project partnership represents Spatial Planning working group of ARGE DONAULANDER, where all states participating on the project have their representatives during last 15 years. These public bodies (ministries and selfgoverning regions) as official public institutions responsible for planning at national and regional levels represent the basis of the project partnership, which guaranties the applicability of the project outputs and results. The second group of project partners are professional government and non-government planning organisations of all participated countries, who have long term experience of mutual cooperation within the ARGE DONAU activities, respectively in Interreg IIIB project Donauregionen. The Donauregionen+ project have partners from all SEE Danube countries except Austria. The project partnership have two levels. The first - international level of project partnership is based on the cooperation of the state planning institution, which will be responsible for formulation of the transregional Danube strategy based on the relevant european and state development strategies as well as on the strategies which will be generated from the second - transregional level, based on NUTS3 regions participating in so called ARGEDONAU subregions and crossdanube regions defined in the project Donauregionen. The role of these interregional partnerships will be based on bottom-up approach - identification and integration of crucial local and regional strategies and projects into wider interregional cross-danube and cross-border strategies. Important role in partnership will have a splitting of the responsibilities for individual activities of the project as it was successfully applied in the project Donauregionen. Each country will be responsible for the coordination of specific sectors and regions, but the data and planning activities in each country will be done by the planning organisation from the specific country.

LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS

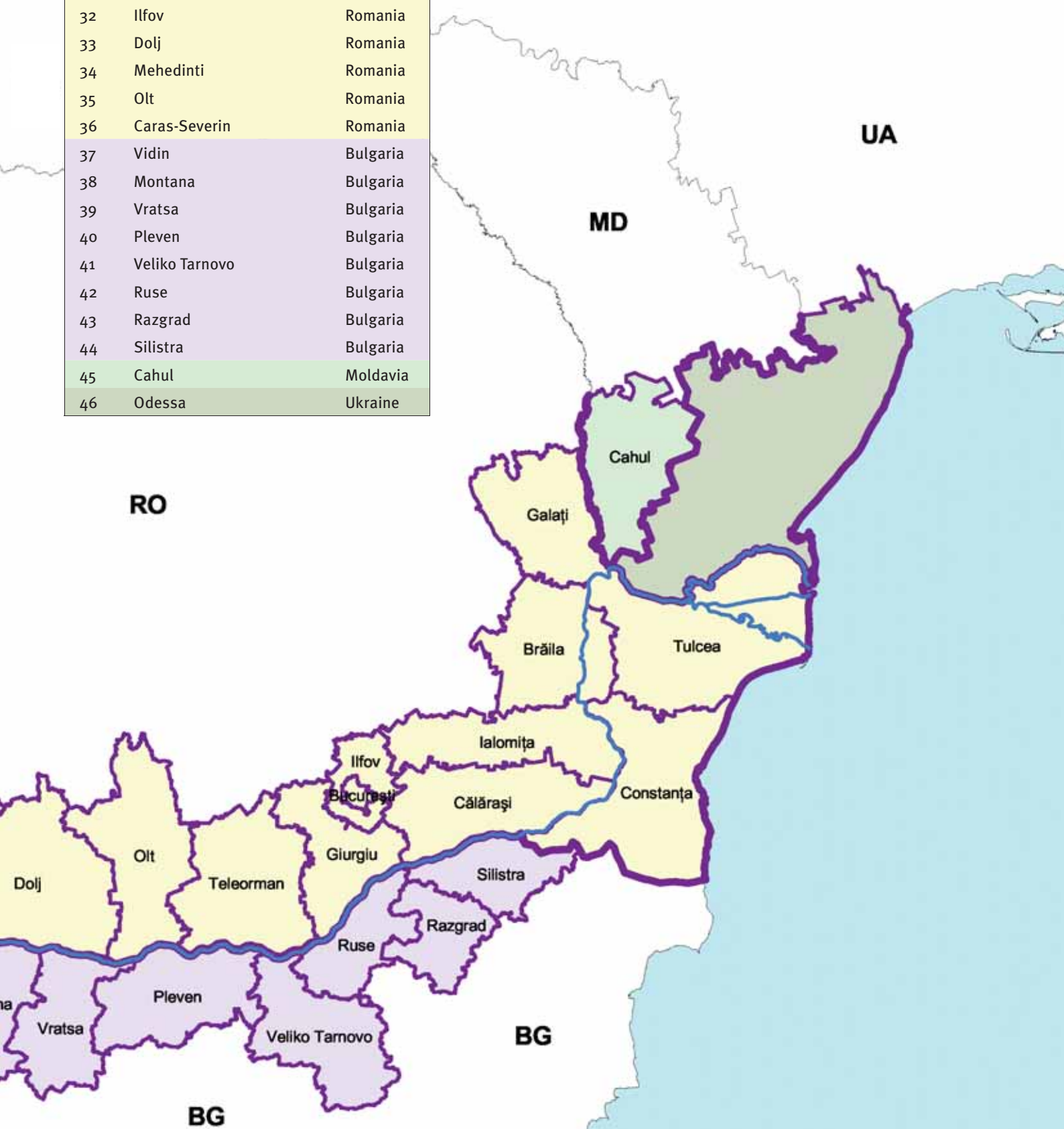
Nr.	Project Partner	Code
1	Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic	LP
2	Institute of Spatial Planning, Bratislava	ERDF PP1
3	Bratislava Self-Governing Region, Bratislava	ERDF PP2
4	Trnava Self-Governing Region, Trnava	ERDF PP3
5	Nitra Self-Governing Region, Nitra	ERDF PP4
6	The Self-Government of Pest County, Budapest	ERDF PP5
7	Pest County Regional Development Non-profit Agency, Budapest	ERDF PP6
8	Scientific Association for Spatial Development, Gödöllő	ERDF PP7
9	National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia	ERDF PP8
10	INCD URBANPROJECT, Bucharest	ERDF PP9
11	Caras - Severin County Council, Resita	ERDF PP10
12	Association of Tourism Development in Moldova	10% PP1
13	Odessa National Polytechnic University, Odessa	10% PP2
14	Odessa Regional State Administration - General Department of Foreign Economic Activity and European Integration, Odessa	10% PP3
15	Agency of Regional Development, Odessa	10% PP4
16	Republic Agency for Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade	10% PP5
17	Provincial Secretariat for Regional and International Co-operation – Executive Council of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	10% PP6
18	Institute for Spatial Organization of Osijek Baranja County, Osijek	10% PP7
19	Vukovar-Srijem County - European Integrations Associate, Vukovar	10% PP8

WITHIN D+ PROJECT 19 PROJECT PARTNERS FROM 8 COUNTRIES IS INVOLVED. CONCERNED AREA CONSISTS OF 46 REGIONS:

Nr.	Region	Country
1	Bratislava	Slovakia
2	Trnava	Slovakia
3	Nitra	Slovakia
4	Budapest	Hungary
5	Pest	Hungary
6	Fejér	Hungary
7	Komárom-Esztergom	Hungary
8	Győr-Moson-Sopron	Hungary
9	Baranya	Hungary
10	Tolna	Hungary
11	Bács-Kiskun	Hungary
12	Osijek-baranja	Croatia
13	Vukovar-srijem	Croatia
14	Zapadno-bački	Serbia
15	Južno-bački	Serbia
16	Srednje-banatski	Serbia
17	Južno-banatski	Serbia
18	Sremski	Serbia
19	Grad Beograd	Serbia
20	Podunavlje	Serbia
21	Braničevski	Serbia
22	Borski	Serbia
23	Braila	Romania

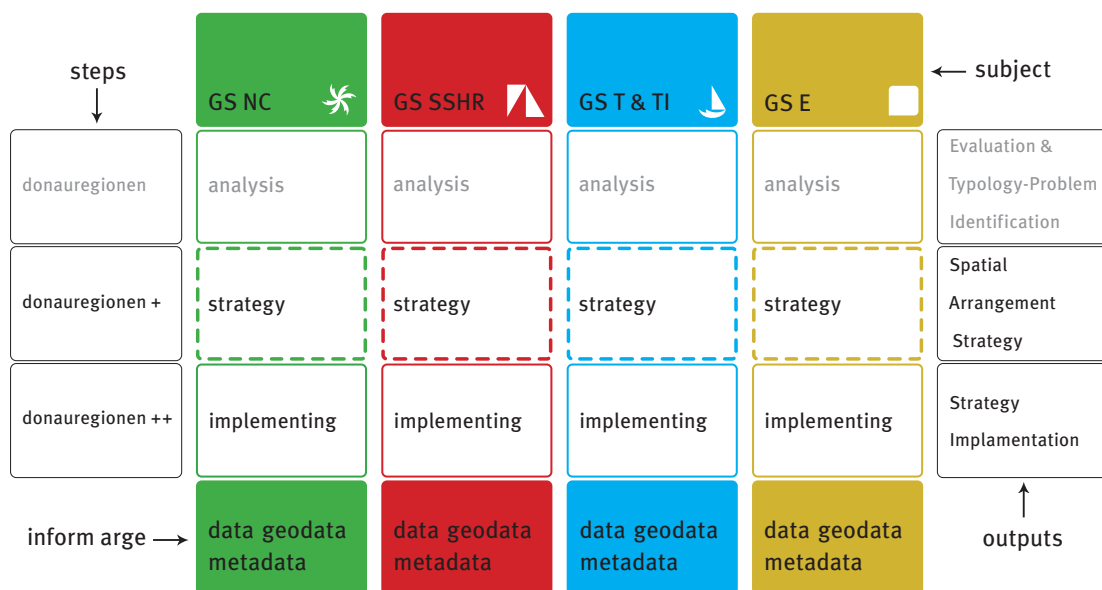


Nr.	Region	Country
24	Constanta	Romania
25	Galati	Romania
26	Tulcea	Romania
27	Calarasi	Romania
28	Giurgiu	Romania
29	Ialomita	Romania
30	Teleorman	Romania
31	Bucuresti	Romania
32	Ilfov	Romania
33	Dolj	Romania
34	Mehedinti	Romania
35	Olt	Romania
36	Caras-Severin	Romania
37	Vidin	Bulgaria
38	Montana	Bulgaria
39	Vratsa	Bulgaria
40	Pleven	Bulgaria
41	Veliko Tarnovo	Bulgaria
42	Ruse	Bulgaria
43	Razgrad	Bulgaria
44	Silistra	Bulgaria
45	Cahul	Moldavia
46	Odessa	Ukraine



PROJECT BACKGROUND

ARGE DONAULANDER - WG of spatial planning (ARGE) elaborated 1994 a model the concept of the development of danube regions, cities and ports. (2) The model consist of 3 phases. Each phase is divided into 4 sectoral general scheme namely (a)Environment, (b)Settlement Structure&Human Resources, (c)Transport &Technical infrastructure and (d)Economy. Each phase ends with integration of particular sectoral approaches. (3) According the ARGE plan the Donauregionen project, which was implemented in InterregIIB CADCES programme represents the 1st - analytical phase.(4) The project Donauregionen+ represents the 2nd - synthetical phase with Joint Danube Regions Development Strategy (D+ strategy) as main project objective. (5)The 3rd - implemntation phase, the last one according present ARGE methodological model will be Donauregionen++ project, with the support of implementation of the D+Strategy in the planning of involved Danube regions, cities and ports.



CHALLENGE TO BE ADDRESSED

Donauregionen project has identified specific indicators and consequently disparities within the danube NUTS 3 regions. After additional mapping of their strong and weak aspects the regions has been given to following clusters (developed, stabilized, stagnant and depressed regions). This shows a big disparities between the middle and lower Danube, between metropolitan agglomerations and rural regions. Stagnant and depressed regions represents mainly rural regions with weak accessibility, specifically across Danube, as a state border. The planning contribution to the overcoming of this problem is the challenge of Donauregionen+. Identification and mapping of the strategies of donau NUTS3 regions, represents the support to the process of conversion of existing crossdanube (mainly also crossborder) extensive settlement structures of mainly smaller centres into attractive polzentric crossdanube growth areas, respectively their linking with danubian metropolitan agglomerations.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

General objective of this phase of the ARGE DONAULANDER concept is the description of the potential of the middle a lower part of the Danube and its importance for the Europe as important development corridor. The specific objective represents elaboration of the Joint Donauregionen Development Strategy (D+Strategy), having in mind the scenarios of the ESDP for this part of Europe. This requires common cooperation of planners of involved countries based on ARGE. The specific objective of the project will be achieved throught the combination of (1) bottom-up approach activities based on identification and evaluation of existing strategies (1a) of Danube NUTS3 regions, (1b) of existing euroregions and (1c) of bigger danube cities and ports and (2) the top-down approach activities connected with identification and evaluation of relevant spatial planning and regional policies, documents and systems of (2a) european and (2b) national importance. Project represents an attempt of integration of existing relevant european, national, regional and key local strategies in order to support Danube regions, towns and ports, which are in bad economic situation, but have the potential for sustainable development as centers or ports of the Danube. To achieve this the project will improve communication between the planners in Danube region, specifically in the sectors of Natural Conditions, Settlement Structures&Human Resources, Transport&Technical infrastructure and Economy throught the further development of Metainformation system, project Web site and Geographical information system developed in Interreg IIB project Donauregionen.

PROJECT WORKS ARE DIVIDED INTO WORK PACKAGES (WP) AND INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES:

WPo – Project Preparation

WP1 – Transnational Project Management and Coordination

Activity 1.1 – Project Administration

Activity 1.2 – Terminology

Activity 1.3 – Planning Methods

Activity 1.4 – Partnership Development

Activity 1.5 – Workshops

WP2 – Communication and Dissemination

Activity 2.1 – Project WEB and Logo Development

Activity 2.2 – Publicity

Activity 2.3 – Public Events

WP3 – Project Data and GIS Development

Activity 3.1 – DonauDatenKatalog

Activity 3.2 – GIS Development

WP4 – Analysis Completion

Activity 4.1 – Natural Conditions

Activity 4.2 – Settlement Structure and Human Resources

Activity 4.3 – Transport & Technical Infrastructure

Activity 4.4 – Economy Structure

Activity 4.5 – Comprehensive Evaluation and Typology of Regions

WP5 – Sector Strategies Development

Activity 5.1 – Natural Conditions

Activity 5.2 – Settlement Structure and Human Resources

Activity 5.3 – Transport & Technical Infrastructure

Activity 5.4 – Economy Structure

WP6 – Crossdanube Strategy Development

Activity 6.1 – Development Strategy for Subregion ASH

Activity 6.2 – Development Strategy for Subregion HCS

Activity 6.3 – Development Strategy for Subregion SRB

Activity 6.4 – Development Strategy for Subregion RB

Activity 6.5 – Development Strategy for Subregion RMU

WP7 – Comprehensive Strategy

Activity 7.1 – Analysis and Comparison

Activity 7.2 – Scenarios

Activity 7.3 – Conclusions and Recommendations

PROJECT BUDGET ACCORDING THE WP AND PERIODS:

Period	WPo	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WP7
06/2009 - 08/2009	7 040	68 424	1 800	13 385	11 620	0	0	0
09/2009 - 02/2010	0	146 716	42 200	75 260	64 040	40 365	200	0
03/2010 - 08/2010	0	110 090	14 620	24 310	53 380	62 055	93 575	21 350
09/2010 - 02/2011	0	103 011	72 114	20 175	35 750	67 685	97 485	52 225
03/2011 - 08/2011	0	114 315	12 610	21 703	0	52 600	140 516	68 730
09/2011 - 02/2012	0	85 938	24 025	25 055	0	300	38 275	58 880
03/2012 - 05/2012	0	51 996	82 535	5 447	0	0	0	1 000
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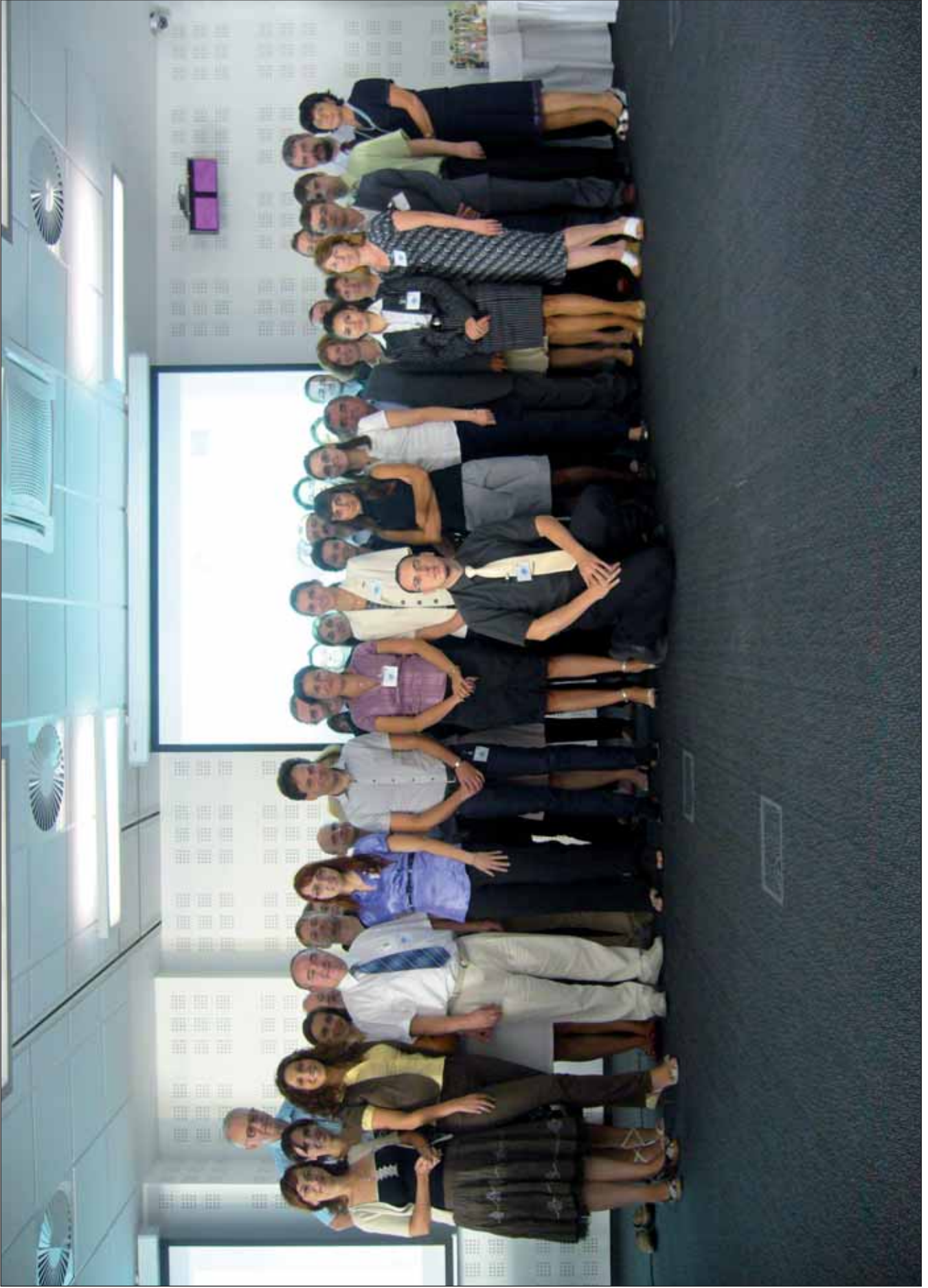
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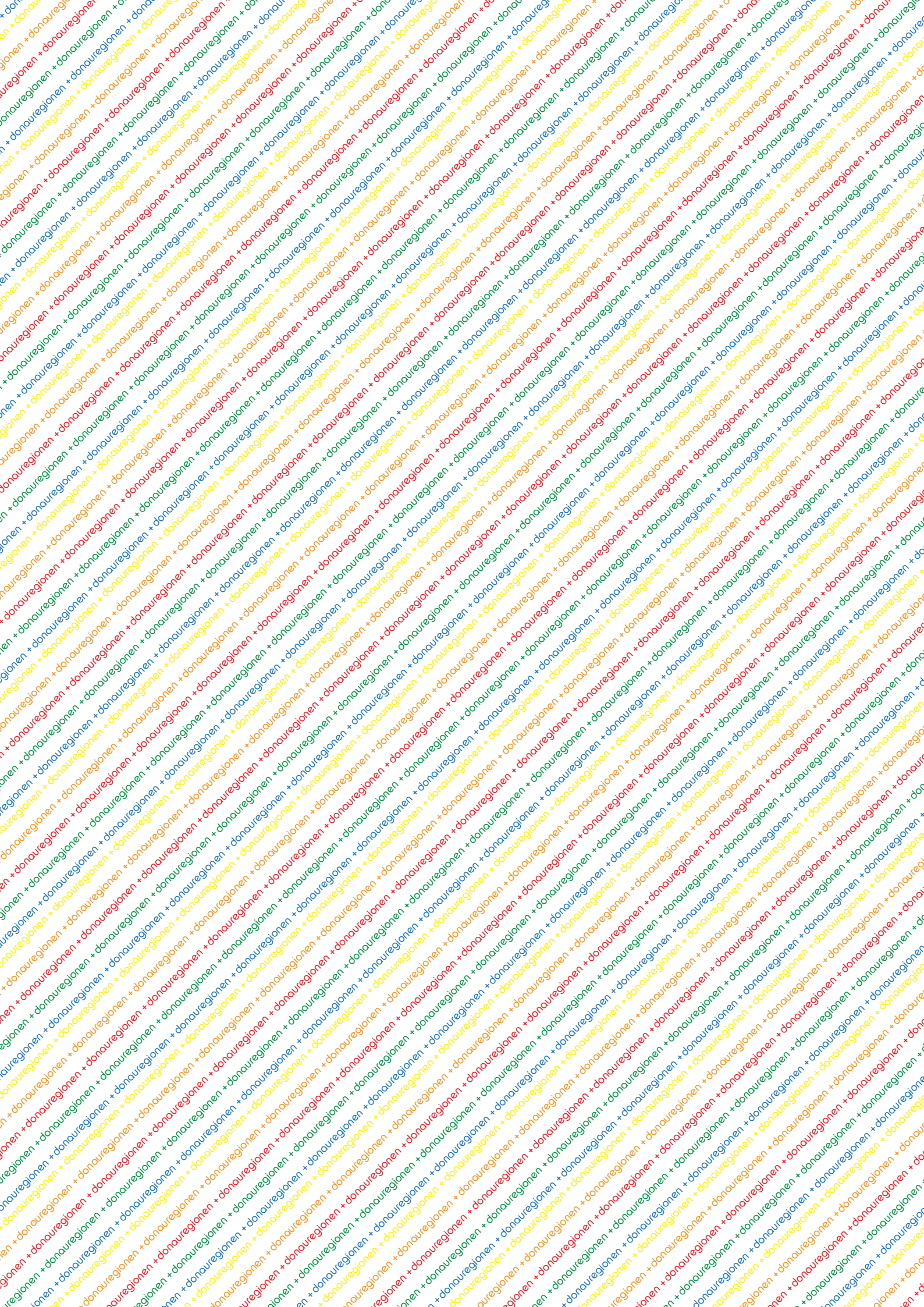
Work Packages and Activities	Start - June 2009	Finish - May 2012
WP1 – Transnational Project Management and Coordination	June 2009	May 2012
1.1 Project Administration	June 2009	May 2012
1.2 Terminology	June 2009	September 2012
1.3 Planning Methods	June 2009	September 2012
1.4 Partnership Development	June 2009	September 2012
1.5 Workshops	June 2009	May 2012
WP2 – Communication and Dissemination	June 2009	May 2012
2.1 Project WEB and Logo Development	June 2009	May 2012
2.2 Publicity	June 2009	May 2012
2.3 Public Events	January 2011	March 2012
WP3 – Project Data and GIS Development	June 2009	April 2012
3.1 DonauDatenKatalog	June 2009	April 2012
3.2 GIS Development	June 2009	April 2012
WP4 – Analysis Completion	June 2009	December 2010
4.1 Natural Conditions	June 2009	June 2010
4.2 Settlement Structure and Human Resources	June 2009	June 2010
4.3 Transport & Technical Infrastructure	June 2009	June 2010
4.4 Economy Structure	June 2009	June 2010
4.5 Comprehensive Evaluation and Typology of Regions	June 2009	December 2010
WP5 – Sector Strategies Development	December 2009	June 2011
5.1 Natural Conditions	December 2009	June 2011
5.2 Settlement Structure and Human Resources	December 2009	June 2011
5.3 Transport & Technical Infrastructure	December 2009	June 2011
5.4 Economy Structure	December 2009	June 2011
WP6 – Crossdanube Strategy Development	March 2010	September 2011
6.1 Development Strategy for Subregion ASH	March 2010	September 2011
6.2 Development Strategy for Subregion HCS	March 2010	September 2011
6.3 Development Strategy for Subregion SRB	March 2010	September 2011
6.4 Development Strategy for Subregion RB	March 2010	September 2011
6.5 Development Strategy for Subregion RMU	March 2010	September 2011
WP7 – Comprehensive Strategy	July 2010	January 2012
7.1 Analysis and Comparison	July 2010	January 2012
7.2 Scenarios	July 2010	January 2012
7.3 Conclusions and Recommendations	July 2010	January 2012

PROJECT OUTPUTS AND EVENTS

WP	activities	Outputs, events
WP1	1.1	Management of Project Steering Comitee (PSC) Organization of Project Meetings and elaboration of Project Meeting Reports
	1.2	Elaboration and publication of Project Methodology
	1.3	Elaboration and publication of Project Terminology
	1.4	Setting up of PSC
	1.5	Project Workshops organization and Workshop report elaboration
WP2	2.1	Development of project Logo and Design Manual Development and management of Project Website
	2.2	Elaboration and printing of following publications: Period publication (introductory and final) Yearly publication (2009,2010, 2011) Final Publication (2012)
	2.3	Conferences organization and Conference report elaboration (Middle, Final) Organization of Public Infodays and elaboration of Public Infodays Reports
WP3	3.1	Development of information portal
	3.2	Development of relevant GIS applications
WP4	4.1 – 4.5	Elaboration of publication – Analyses of the Danube area Information accessible through project website
WP5	5.1 – 5.4	Elaboration of publication – Sectoral strategies Information accessible through project website
WP6	6.1	Elaboration of publication – Crossdanube strategy for subregion ASH
	6.2	Elaboration of publication – Crossdanube strategy for subregion HCS
	6.3	Elaboration of publication – Crossdanube strategy for subregion SRB
	6.4	Elaboration of publication – Crossdanube strategy for subregion RB
	6.5	Elaboration of publication – Crossdanube strategy for subregion RMU
WP7	7.1	Elaboration of publication – Analysis and comparison
	7.2	Elaboration of publication – Scenarios
	7.3	Elaboration of publication – Conclusions and recommendations

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