



Promoting Payments for Ecosystem Services and Related Sustainable Financing Schemes in the Danube Basin

This project promotes and supports land managers who help us sustain the benefits that we all get from nature.

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QUESTIONNAIRE DANUBE BASIN

The aim of this questionnaire is to identify the needs for target payment schemes to protect valuable Danube ecosystems and the benefits coming from them, as well as the related benefits provided by Danube tributaries. The information is necessary to provide background information to introduce payments for ecosystem services in the Danube basin.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

1. Please specify your position, institution and years of experience
2. Using the scale below, could you please specify the significance of the Danube related to:
 - Agriculture
 - Fisheries
 - Tourism
 - Navigation
 - Households
 - Industries
 - Other, please specify

Rating scale: important, moderate, not important

3. Which of the stakeholder groups (see below) depend most on the Danube?
4. What do you think is the awareness of the following stakeholder groups regarding the benefits they get from Danube ecosystems and its tributaries?



Group	Rating (high, moderate, low, none)
Farmers	
Fishermen	
Environmental NGOs	
National institutions	
Local institutions (municipalities, river managers)	
Tourism developers	
Navigation companies	
Industries	
Local population	
The society as a whole	

5. What are the three main benefits that the Danube and its tributaries provide to your country?
6. Are the benefits described above under threat?
- ☐ Yes, these are.....
- ☐ I cannot define the threats
7. Is there are any special activities that your institution undertakes to address these threats?
- ☐ Yes, these are.....
- ☐ No
8. In your opinion what actions are necessary to protect the Danube and the benefits?
- ☐ Actions can include.....
- ☐ I cannot identify
9. Do you think that activities that are undertaken now to sustain the benefits from the Danube are adequate?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
10. Do you know of targeted funds aiming at supporting activities to sustain the benefits from the Danube ecosystems?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, I know about.....



11. Are there in your country targeted funds aiming at supporting activities to sustain the benefits from the Danube?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, there are/is (if possible state the name & the value of funds)
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12. If the answer to question 11 is “Yes”, do you think that funds existing in your country are sufficient to support the conservation of Danube ecosystems?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, there are/is
13. In your opinion is it reasonable that the polluters pay for the damages to the Danube and its ecosystems?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other, please specify
14. Which institutions and/or companies should financially support activities to save the benefits from Danube ecosystems?
15. Do you know anything about agri-environmental payments provided in EU countries?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
16. Does your country provide public funds to farmers who work the land in a particularly nature-friendly way?
- ☐ Yes, they relate to.....
- ☐ No
17. Are you familiar with the concept of the payments for ecosystem services?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
18. If the answer to question 17 is “Yes”, what do you think is the relevance of introducing payments for ecosystem services of the Danube in your country?
- ☐ High, because.....
- ☐ Moderate, because.....
- ☐ Low, because.....
19. Do you think that the society in your country is ready to pay for the ecosystem services from the Danube?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
20. Please specify your:
- ☐ Age
- ☐ Sex
- ☐ Background (education)

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!