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FACILITATING FISH MIGRATION
AND CONSERVATION AT THE IRON GATES

Wrap up of We Pass 2 Stakeholder Workshop

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Edith Hödl/Jörn Gessner with input of We
Pass 2 Stakeholder Workshop participants



Objective of the Workshop

The Stakeholders' View

Facilitator: H el ene Masliah-Gilkarov

Stakeholders are invited to introduce themselves to the group and explain their view and expectations from the WePass2 project and the importance of their work for synergies.

Stakeholders

Break Up into Groups & Coffee Break

Facilitator: H el ene Masliah-Gilkarov

Participants break up into three groups;

1 group leader, 1 group rapporteur per group (names in brackets)

- Group 1 (Marija & Eva): "Ecology and We Pass2 – current knowledge and future monitoring needs"
- Group 2 (Julia & Miodrag): "Engineering and We Pass2 - challenges of the next planning phases and how to solve them".
- Group 3 (Marq & Peter): "Funding and managing the next project phases and activities beyond We Pass 2 for making the Iron Gates passable for fish".

All participants

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Group Activities Part I:

Addressing Expectations & Challenges

Format:

Elevator Pitch by Group Leaders with a poster: Each group leader presents a short pitch to their group, ensuring a clear understanding of the context and significance of the group topic.

Activity Leaders

Group Activities Part II:

Addressing the Solutions & Future Way Forward

Format:

Collaboratively identify and prioritize the next steps to solve the problem as well as address the most effective communication channels.

Activity Leaders

NETWORKING LUNCH

Reunion/Getting Back Together: Presentation

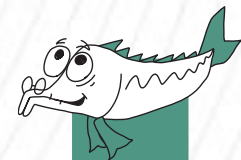
Facilitators: J orn Gessner & Edith H odl

Format:

Plenary presentation and discussion of Key Points for Action for fish migration at the Iron Gates as follow-up to We Pass 2.

(Group Rapporteurs present group results to the plenary. Max. 15 minutes per group to present the 3-5 key findings of the group work)

Activity Leaders





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Stakeholder participation

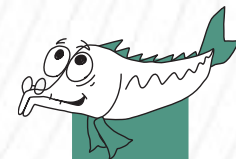


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- DSTF
- WWF-CEE
- FAIRway Danube II
- Danube4All/BOKU
- DALIA/INCDPM
- LIFE-Boat4Sturgeons



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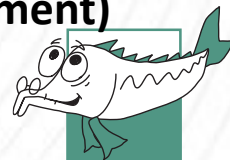
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We Pass 2: Key points for action

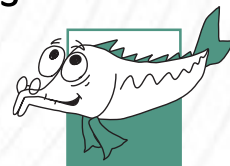
- **Political and financial support of EU** (DG ENV, DG REGIO, other relevant DGs) for IG fish passage options
- **Commitment/responsibility of the governments/administration of RO/RS** (Ministries of Energy, Ministries of Environment, other relevant Ministries) in implementation of IG fish passage options
- **Active involvement of HPP operators** (Hidroelectrica, EPS) and **RO-RS Mixed Commission** in planning and decision-making regarding IG fish passage options
- **Filling data gaps** with significant involvement of HPP operators (Hidroelectrica, EPS) and other stakeholders
- Refine footprint and **impact on existing hydropower infrastructure (energy loss)**
- Alignment with **other management targets (i.e. sediment management)**





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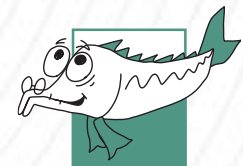
- Conceptualize **prioritization approach** for IG fish passage options implementation based on selected technical solutions (population recovery target, 2035 to 2042)
- Implement **up- and downriver migration facilitation simultaneously**
- Establish concise **monitoring program** for adaptive management and optimization of design and operation of IG fish passage facilities
- **Ethohydraulic optimization** of IG fish passes to balance ecological value and energy losses (numerical & physical modeling) to increase acceptance by stakeholders
- Integration of an *ex situ* concept in the further planning steps





Key messages from stakeholders

- Inclusion of all relevant **stakeholders**; incorporate conservation in planning processes
- **Political and financial support of EU** (DG ENV, DG REGIO, other relevant DGs) for recovery measures
- **Commitment/responsibility of the EU/governments/administration** in prioritization of sturgeon protection measures
- Harmonized **basin-wide monitoring measures** for population assessments
- **Sharing of data and information** (research, monitoring and conservation), joint database for tagging and genetics, intercalibration
- Precautionary principle to **protect critical habitats** (proof of functionality of mitigation measures prior to onset of construction)
- Revitalization and **restoration of critical habitats**
- Integration of **sediment management** and fish passage
- **Support the elimination of poaching** and reduction of bycatch

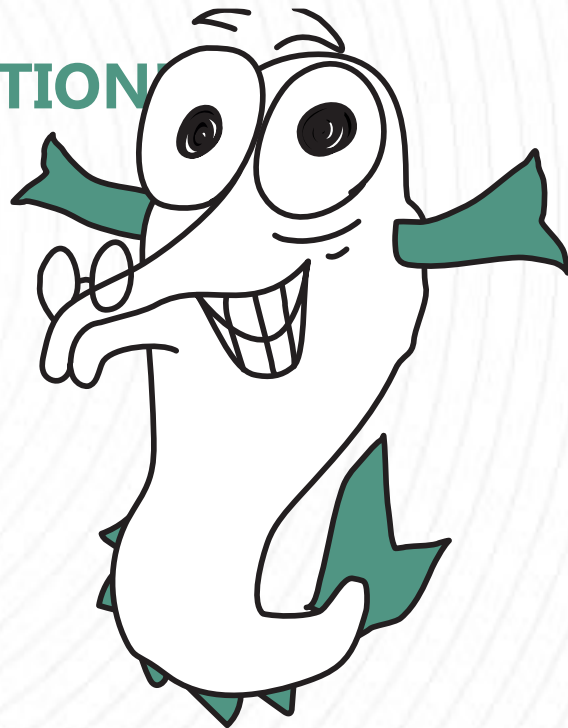




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