

## Output Factsheet

### Output title: 3.3: SavaParks Network Roadmap

#### Summary of the output (max. 2500 characters)

The aim of Output 3.3: SavaParks Network Roadmap is to secure long term operational basics of the Network and the cooperation of the cross-sectoral stakeholders in line with the SavaParks Guiding Principles that provide a framework to harmonize the use of natural resources in protected areas along the Sava and its tributaries.

It has been created in participatory manner with inputs from a wide range of stakeholders gathered at 4 regional workshops. Stakeholders were from different levels - local, regional and national level, different sectors – like nature and water management or the agricultural sector, and represented different institutions from the Sava River Basin, such as ministries, public utility companies, universities, institutes and civil society organizations participated in the development of the SavaParks Network Roadmap.

The timeline of the Roadmap set in the 7 years period is divided into 3 phases. **The first phase** was about setting the scene for the network operation which includes a vision and mission, the network structure, communication rules, risk assessment, strategic priorities and follow-up project ideas. This phase was finished during the SavaTIES project. **The second phase** is the core phase of the Roadmap when the project ideas should be further developed into full project proposals in line with the relevant open calls for proposals. The main part of the second phase is project implementation and the network strengthening. **The third phase** is the final phase of the Roadmap when all achieved results should be evaluated against set indicators and when new planning period starts.

#### Contribution to the project and Programme objectives (max. 1500 characters)

Output 3.3 contributes to the main project objective by creating framework for long term planning of cross-sectoral measures for monitoring, controlling and eradication of invasive alien species in the protected areas network of the SRB.

In addition to that, output 3.3 contributes to project specific project objective 1 “To engage cross-sectoral stakeholders in SRB habitat restoration” by providing the outline of institutional setting that can support efficient operation of the SavaParks Network and communication with all relevant stakeholders from the Sava River basin and beyond.

Output 3.3. contributes specific project objective 2 “To achieve integrated, transnational management of IAS in SRB” and specific project objective 3 “To agree IAS management measures for policy uptake” by providing the long term operational plan of the SavaParks Network that leads towards better nature conservation in SRB as strategic priority of the Network that includes also further fostering of transnational IAS management measures at local operational level and national and local policy level.

Having in mind all mentioned above output 3.3 contribute to the program Programme specific objective “Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors”.

**Transnational impact (max. 1500 characters)**

Representatives of different institutions relevant for nature management in the Sava River Basin from 4 countries participated at 4 Regional workshops outlining together the Roadmap – the long term operational plan of the SavaParks Network. Proposed institutional settings, strategic priorities, strategic objectives and project ideas were developed in such way to have transnational impact and importance.

For example, the Steering Committee, the Network main managing body, consists of representatives from all Sava River basin countries which secures transnational approach to implementation of network activities, while developed project ideas aiming at sustainable use of natural resources in SRB have transnational approach in solving existing problems.

**Contribution to EUSDR actions and/or targets (max. 1500 characters)**

Output 3.3 contributes to PA3 and PA6 of EUSDR.

Target 4 of PA3: To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts.

“Develop green tourist products along the Danube Region”.

Target 4 of PA3 is embedded in Strategic objective “Responsible nature and culture-based tourism” of the SavaParks Network Roadmap as well as in developed project ideas related to sustainable tourism in SRB.

Target 1 of PA6: To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils”

“Improve management of Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas through transnational cooperation and capacity building”.

Target 3 of PA6: To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils”.

*“Reduce the introductions and spread of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in the Danube Region.”*

Strategic approach to protected areas management through transnational cooperation, and to Invasive Alien Species management is precondition for successful achievement of target 1 and 3 of PA6.

**Performed testing, if applicable (max. 1000 characters)**

N/A

**Integration and use of the output by the target group (max. 2000 characters)**

SavaParks Network Roadmap will be used by the Sava Parks network members in the forthcoming 6 years as operational plan that will streamline the activities of the network.

Proposed structure of the Network will secure efficient decision making, as well as smooth and continuous operation of the Network and communication of the Network member.

Defined strategic priorities and strategic objectives, that provide a framework for nature conservation, river and floodplain rehabilitation, climate change adaptation and sustainable development in the Sava River basin, will be the baseline for developing project proposals in the next 6 years.

Developed 2 project ideas (Sava Grass and Green Tourism at Sava) will be further elaborated into full project proposals for the relevant calls for proposals.

Internal and external SavaParks Network risks that were identified and assessed will be used as a management tool for avoiding or minimising problems that could appear in network operation in the future.

Evaluation of the Network achievements will be performed based on indicators defined for each expected results defined by the Roadmap.

#### **Geographical coverage and transferability (max. 1500 characters)**

Output 3.3 covers the Sava River Basin countries: Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Serbia. The SavaParks Network Roadmap is a planning tool that could be applied in any region for the similar Networks. Thus, output 3.3 has strong transferability potential.

#### **Durability (max. 1500 characters)**

The SavaParks Network Roadmap defines roles and responsibilities of the network bodies, communication and cooperation of the Network, risk management, priorities and objectives of the Network, project ideas and evaluation of achievements.

It will be main document streamlining operation of the network in the future and will be used in particular by the Secretariat and Steering Committee but also by all network members.

#### **Synergies with other projects/ initiatives and / or alignment with current EU policies/ directives/ regulations, if applicable (max. 1500 characters)**

Output 3.1 is in line with all EU IAS related regulations and strategic documents, such as:

- UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.
- EU Strategy on invasive alien species.
- EU biodiversity strategy 2030.

#### **Output integration in the current political/ economic/ social/ technological/ environmental/ legal/ regulatory framework (max. 2000 characters)**

The SavaParks Network Roadmap as an operational long-term framework for the

future cooperation of all SavaParks Network members and other stakeholders from the Sava River Basin could help in integration of the results, planned to be achieved in the future, into the environmental, legal and / or regulatory framework.