

Priority Axis 2: Protection and improvement of environment

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Main objective

To override the constraints imposed by natural barriers, to foresee future environmental threats and opportunities and to develop common transnational actions for the protection of nature and humans

Areas of Intervention (Aoi)

- ✓ Improve integrated water management and flood risk prevention
- ✓ Improve prevention of environmental and technological risks
- ✓ Promote co-operation in management of natural assets and protected areas
- ✓ Promote energy and resource efficiency



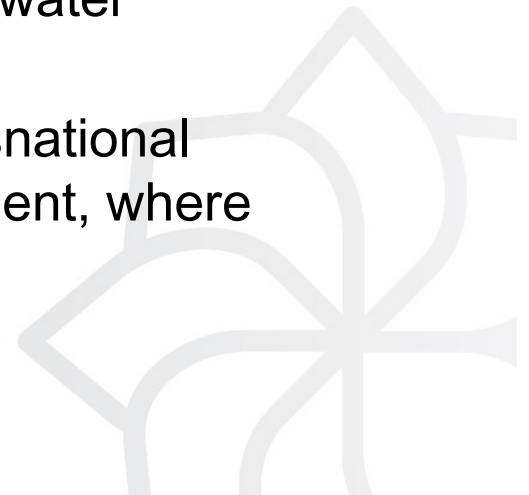
Ao1: Improve integrated water management and flood risk prevention (1)

Objectives

Development of transnational structures and systems/tools for an integrated management of water resources and flood risk prevention

Transnational co-operation should generate concrete projects which:

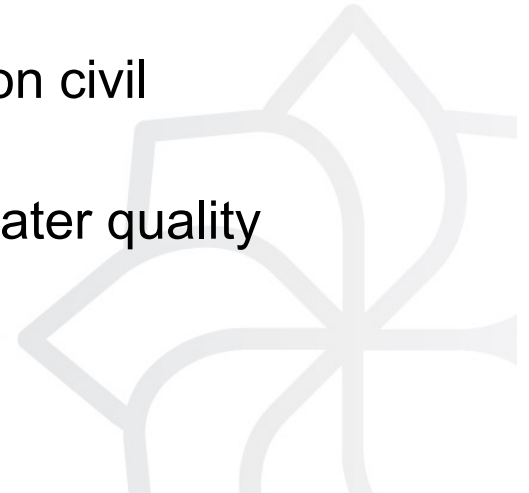
- ✓ address the need for common actions in the management of river basins, coastal areas, seas, lakes and fresh-water resources
- ✓ promote networking and skills for successful transnational operations accompanied by infrastructure investment, where appropriate



Ao1: Improve integrated water management and flood risk prevention (2)

Indicative activities

- ✓ Elaborating integrated development and management plans of river basins, catchments areas and coastal areas, seas, lakes and fresh-water resources
- ✓ Integrated flood risk management, harmonisation of different standards; improved institutional co-operation and better integration of national and regional administrative structures
- ✓ Coordinating, harmonising and developing joint water management activities
- ✓ Coordinating, harmonising and developing common civil protection systems
- ✓ Developing alternative methods and systems of water quality protection and wastewater treatment



Aol2: Improve prevention of environmental risks (1)

Objectives

Development of transnational structures and systems/tools for environmental risk protection, and comprehensive policy development to reduce risks and impacts on human health, biodiversity and other environmental issues

Transnational co-operation should generate concrete projects which:

- ✓ develop policies, plans and systems for the joint prevention of environmental risks by:
 - ✓ facilitating the exchange of information and co-ordination of activities in cases of emergency
 - ✓ rehabilitating affected areas and risk sources



Aol2: Improve prevention of environmental risks (2)

Indicative activities

- ✓ Developing integrated policies for co-ordinated risk prevention and reaction to environmental risks
- ✓ Developing plans, measures and systems, including spatial and land use planning to prevent and cope with natural risks and technological risks
- ✓ Applying alert mechanisms on potential hazards (floods, forest fires; industrial accidents, safety control of nuclear power plants etc.)
- ✓ Developing information systems concerning the transport of dangerous goods and identification of relevant actions to inform the relevant groups



AoI3: Promote cooperation in management of natural assets and protected areas (1)

Objective

Cooperation and know-how transfer in managing natural assets and support of transnational awareness building on the importance of natural assets as development factor

Transnational co-operation should generate concrete projects which:

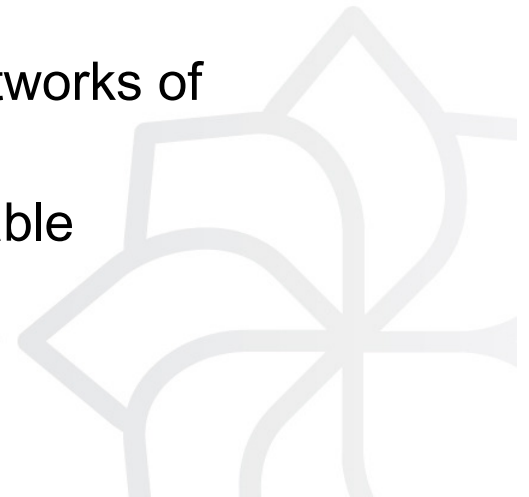
- ✓ implement EU legislation and facilitate the coordinated management of the designated areas
- ✓ respect the demand for know-how transfer and the development of skills for the useful management of natural assets and protected areas



AoI3: Promote cooperation in management of natural assets and protected areas (2)

Indicative activities

- ✓ Developing common strategies in managing natural assets and protected areas
- ✓ Promoting the development of actions linked to biodiversity and the preservation of natural heritage especially in Natura 2000 sites
- ✓ Developing and co-ordinating management plans and structures for areas of transnational interest designated as protected areas at the national level
- ✓ Developing corporate identity for transnational networks of protected areas (e.g. Natura 2000)
- ✓ Implementing transnational strategies for sustainable rural/maritime tourism in sensitive areas



AoI4: Promote energy and resource efficiency (1)

Objectives

Establish coordination and transfer of know-how on energy and resource efficiency policies, to cooperate in the adoption and adaptation of EU policies and directives and to cover the expected rise in energy demand and resources consumption through environmental friendly approaches

Transnational co-operation should generate concrete projects which:

- ✓ support the adoption of energy and resource efficient policies and technologies
- ✓ facilitate the co-ordination among relevant stakeholders
- ✓ raise the awareness for resource efficient policies and technologies in the SEE



AoI4: Promote energy and resource efficiency (2)

Indicative activities

- ✓ Developing policies for sustainable energy supply and resource efficiency at national or regional level, which help to implement the relevant EU guidelines and directives
- ✓ Setting up joint strategies for energy saving and energy efficiency
- ✓ Coordinating development of infrastructure for the utilisation of renewable energy sources and especially hydropower at a transnational level
- ✓ Supporting the development and use of fuel from renewable sources
- ✓ Developing transnational strategies which support and co-ordinate sustainable exploitation schemes of renewable energy sources

Target groups and sectors

Decision-makers and stakeholders at national, regional and local level, as well as institutions dealing with challenges on

- ✓ Water management
- ✓ Climate change
- ✓ Natural and technological hazards
- ✓ Renewable energy
- ✓ Protected natural areas
- ✓ Energy efficiency

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Target area

The cooperation area is entirely concerned by this priority, even if some areas of intervention focus on specific geographical patterns

- ✓ River basins
- ✓ Maritime and coastal areas
- ✓ Mountain areas
- ✓ Lowland areas



Main beneficiaries

- ✓ National, regional and local authorities
- ✓ Regional and local development agencies
- ✓ Energy agencies
- ✓ Chambers of commerce, collective business support actors
- ✓ Transport authorities, (Public) Transport operator
- ✓ Universities, research centres, scientific institutions
- ✓ Non-governmental organisations / public-like organisations (e.g. environmental interest groups)
- ✓ Voluntary sector organisations
- ✓ Associations for renewable energies



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