

### **Floodplain inventories and strategies**

Currently a project called "Floodplain Strategy for Austria" is under development and could serve as an example/impulse for the preparation of detailed floodplain inventories in the Danube basin and regarding measures and strategies on how to protect still existing intact floodplains, how to improve conditions for still existing but more or less modified floodplains (the majority of floodplains!) and how to propose the restoration potential for floodplains. Further information can be gathered from (both so far in German only): <http://www.bmlfuw.gv.at/wasser/wasser-oesterreich/fluesse-und-seen/aueninventar.html>

And current project floodplain strategy (brochure "Auenland"):

<http://naturschutzbund.at/details-artikel/items/naturschutzbund-auenbilanz-zeigt-dringenden-handlungsbedarf.html>

### **Joint Danube Survey III, Hydromorphology**

JDS III took place in late summer 2013 and includes an extended hydromorphological assessment. First time up to three core team members participate for taking hydromorphological measurements and sediment samples. The final ICPDR report is expected over summer 2014.

Further information can be gathered from <http://www.danubesurvey.org/>

### **Balkan Rivers**

Hydropower development in the Balkans including the large portion of Danube basin threatens many rivers.

Further information can be gathered from <http://www.balkanrivers.net/>

### **Mura-Drava-Danube Transboundary Biosphere Reserve**

The newly established MDD TBR brings a lot of challenges regarding riparian planning and long-term river restoration goals for all three rivers.

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