



Invasive alien species in the Danube Region – IAS of regional concern

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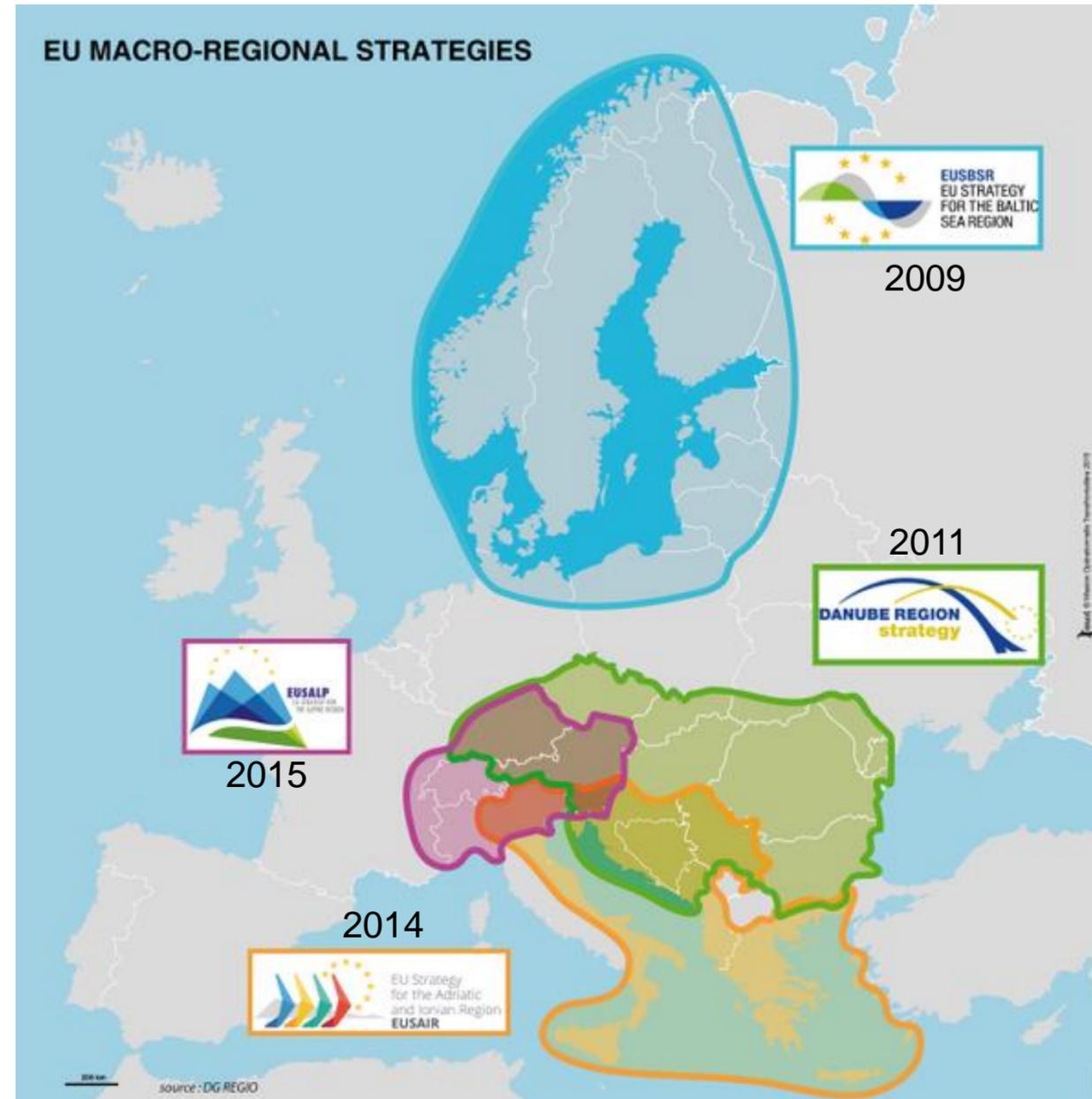
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- ❑ EUSDR was **adopted under the Hungarian EU Presidency in 2011**
- ❑ 2nd macro-regional strategy of the EU
- ❑ **In 2026 Bulgaria is presiding the EUSDR**
- ❑ Guiding principle: 3 NOs - “no new EU funds, no additional EU formal structures, no new EU legislation”

EUSDR is the single macro-regional strategy of EU established on the basis of a river basin.

Source: <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CUAwL88WwAAh1cH.png>



9 EU Member States

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Germany (Baden-Württemberg, Bayern)
- Hungary
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia

5 EU Accession Countries

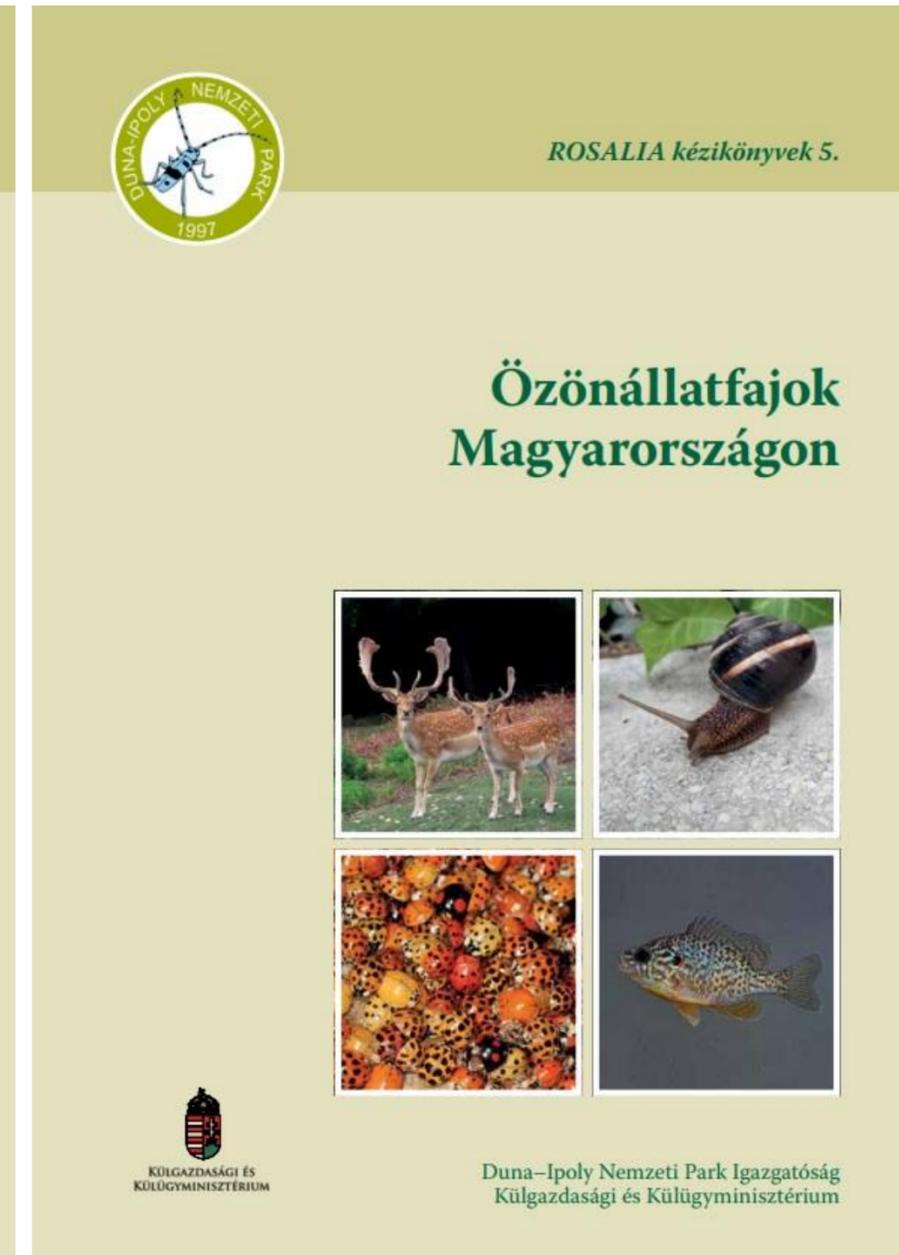
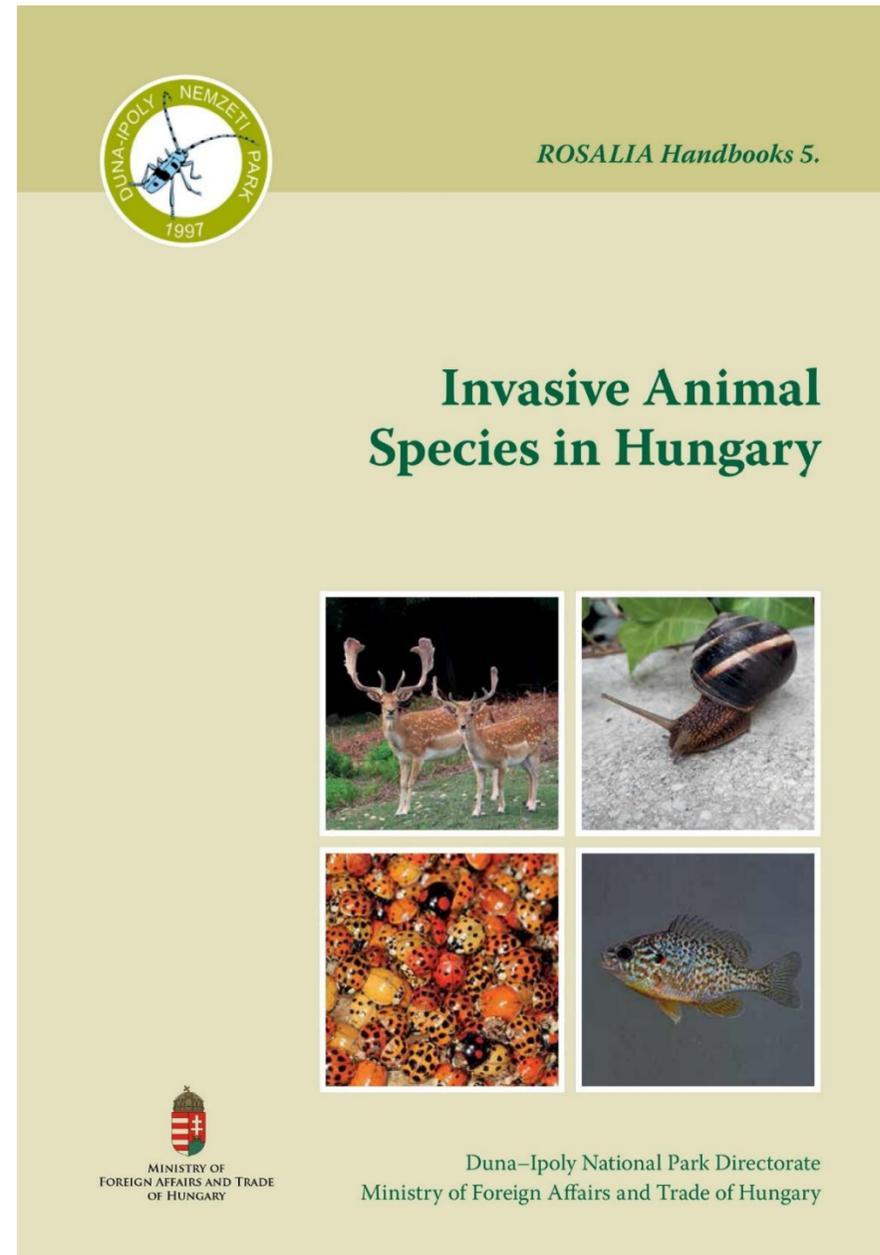
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Moldova
- Ukraine (4 districts)



- 14 countries
- More than 100 million inhabitants
- 10% of the territory of Europe

Connecting the Danube Region			Building Prosperity in the Danube Region		
PA 1/a	To improve mobility and multimodality - Inland waterways	Austria and Romania	PA 7	Knowledge society	Serbia and Slovakia
PA 1/b	To improve mobility and multimodality - Road, rail and air links	Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine	PA 8	Competitiveness of enterprises	Baden-Württemberg and Croatia
PA 2	Sustainable energy	Czech Republic and Hungary	PA 9	People and Skills	Austria, Moldova and Ukraine
PA 3	Culture and Tourisms	Bulgaria and Romania			
Protecting the Environment			Strengthening the Danube Region		
PA 4	Water quality	Hungary and Slovakia	PA 10	Institutional capacity and cooperation	Austria and Slovenia
PA 5	Environmental Risks	Hungary and Romania	PA 11	Security	Bulgaria and Germany
PA 6	Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air & Soil Quality	Bavaria and Croatia			

- ❑ First comprehensive publication about invasive animal species in Hungary – initiative of DINPI
- ❑ The aim of the EUSDR HU national coordination was in 2021 to **support the objectives of EUSDR PA6 Action4**: „Promote research to develop and apply the most appropriate methods for prevention and control of IAS and for management of the priority pathways in line with the DIAS Strategy and IAS Regulation (EU) 1143/2014”
- ❑ **Published in December 2022** by MFAT and Danube-Ipoly NP Directorate (preparation and printing was financed by MFAT)
- ❑ Edited by Laszló Haraszthy, written by **34 authors, 15 reviewers, 5 translators**
- ❑ 500 Hungarian and 150 English pieces, but also **available online**:
<https://www.dunaipoly.hu/hu/tudastar/kiadvanyok/rosalia>
- ❑ Contains **118 species** (distribution, introduction to Europe&Hungary, life history, ecological requirements in Hungary, ecological problems, economic effects, methods of control, references)



- ❑ BIODIVERSA+ Joint Research Call BiodivConnect 2025:
Submission of „Future-proofing Danube Floodplain Ecosystems: Mapping and Modelling Invasion Risks to Support Habitat Restoration and Resilience - **DanInvRisk project**” (with SK, HU, SI, RO partner institutes) - unfortunately rejected
- ❑ **7th meeting of the EUSDR PA6 Danube Invasive Alien Species Working Group** – Budapest 3/3/2026
- ❑ „Invasive Alien Species in the Danube Region – IAS of regional concern” **international conference in Tata**, Hungary (4-5/3/2026)
Concept: meeting point of policy makers, authorities, researchers, practitioners (eg. National parks, water directorates), international organizations, NGOs to discuss the „species of regional concern” in the DRB, the regional challenges and further steps and possibilities

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