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Integrated River Engineering Project Danube East of Vienna

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Integrated River Engineering Project on the Danube East of Vienna



- is a project of via donau, realized on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology.
- is a priority project of the European Commission (Trans-European Transport Network, Corridor VII).
- With this project via donau is fulfilling the statutory mandate to provide for better environmental and navigation conditions.



Project area: river-km 1.921,0 - 1.872,7 from the Freudenau Power Plant to the Austrian-Slowak border





Aims and Measures





Granulometric River Bed Improvement

Reduce river bed erosion by adding larger gravel sizes (approx. 40 – 70 mm) within the natural grain size spectrum

Reducing bed load transport capacity from 300.000 to 400.000 m³/a to 30.000 to 50.000 m³/a





Reconstruction of Groynes Pilot Project Witzelsdorf





innovative groyne shapes – advantages for ecology and navigation by interdisciplinary planning

- Removal of old groynes and river bank restoration
- Construction of new groynes



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River Bank Restoration Pilot Project Thurnhaufen





Reconnection of Side Arms







Status



- 6 Pilot Projects realized in Lower Austria (river bank restoration, side-arm reconnection)
- Last Pilot Project, the "Pilot Test near Bad Deutsch-Altenburg" is in preparation and shall start in autumn 2010
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): Summary Assessment of the experts of the authorities was published in 2009







The Integrated River Engineering Project ...

- ... improves the ecological and nautical situation of the Danube east of Vienna
- ... by means of river engineering
- ... meeting the requirements of the sensitive area of the National Park Donau-Auen.



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