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SturNet

**Network for the Preservation of Sturgeon and for the
Sustainability of the Black Sea Basin Ecosystem**



Overview

Sturgeons are valuable wildlife resources and a significant source of income and employment in the Black Sea Basin. However, threats such as water pollution, habitat destruction, illegal harvest, and trade threaten their survival. The number of sturgeons in major basins has declined by 70% over the last century, particularly in the Danube River and its Delta. The project aims to address these issues by developing a free digital mapping tool that provides insight into sturgeon behaviour and migration routes.





Road Ahead

- Joint data collection and model development to estimate the impacts of environmental changes on the performance and fitness of sturgeon populations
- A transnational sturgeon network for the preservation of sturgeons and the sustainability of the Black Sea Basin ecosystem
- Development of a digital map as an application and web portal to monitor sturgeons, aiming to achieve balance in biodiversity and the local ecosystem by preventing overfishing and pollution



Partnership

Lead partner: Protection of Biodiversity in Bulgaria Foundation

**Partner 2: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki -
Special Account for Research Funds**

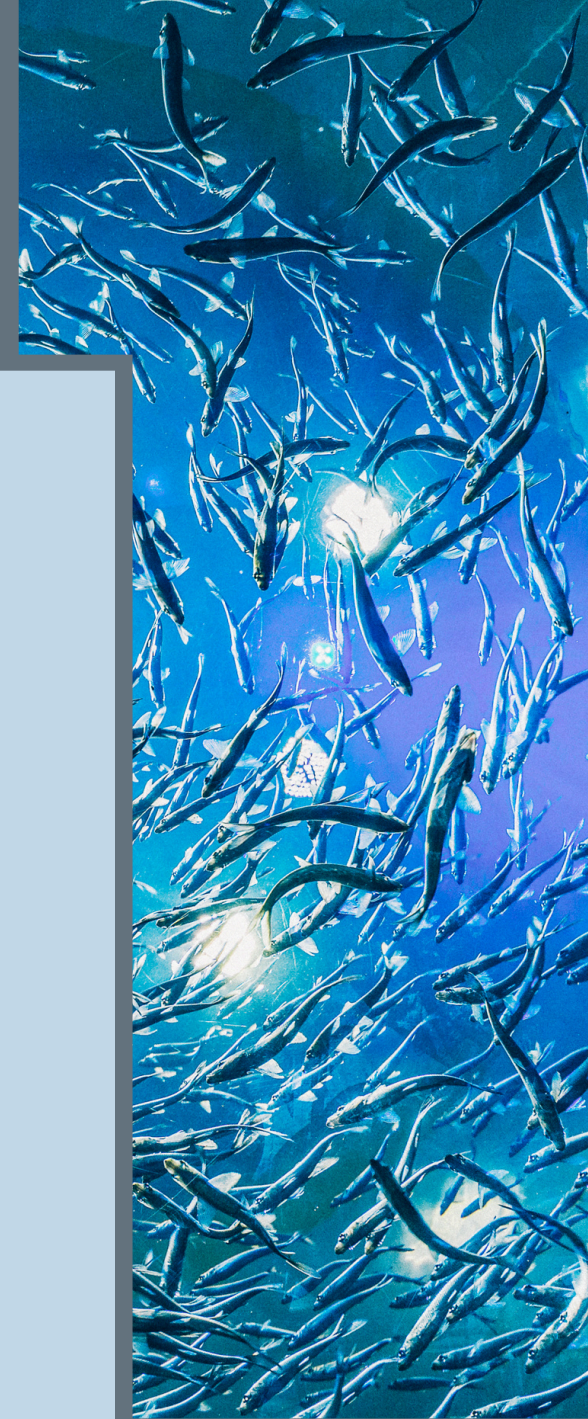
Partner 3: Ecological Counseling Center Cahul

Partner 4: Gebze Technical University

**Partner 5: Institute of Market & Economic &
Ecological Researches of the National Academy of
Sciences Ukraine**

**Partner 6: National Institute for Research and
Development on Marine Geology and Geo-Ecology**

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Countries



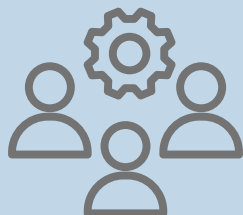
Figures



Total budget: 1.148.409,60 €
Interreg funds: 1.033.568,60 €



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**6 organisations cooperating
across borders/2 research
institutions**



1 jointly developed solution

