

The Mura-Drava-Danube river system, which was designated by UNESCO in September 2021 as the world's first '5-country biosphere reserve' (TBR MDD), represents an international model for transboundary cooperation in conservation and sustainable regional development. We would like to mark the first anniversary of this historic milestone by hosting a **5-country biosphere reserve conference** including the **final conference of the lifelineMDD project**. The designation of the 5-country biosphere reserve heralds a new era where nature and people coexist in this beautiful part of Europe.

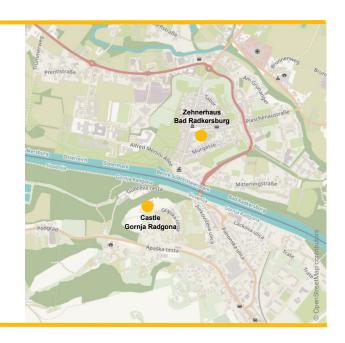
It is with great pleasure that we announce that the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor, and Austrian Federal President, Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen, have accepted the honorary patronage for the 5-Country Biosphere Reserve Conference Mura-Drava-Danube to be held from September 5-8, 2022 in Gornja Radgona (SI) and Bad Radkersburg (AT).

## Conference venue and accommodation

The conference will be held at the <u>Castle in Gornja Radgona</u> (SI) as well as at <u>Zehnerhaus Bad Radkersburg</u> (AT). We ask you to please **book the hotel room for your stay yourself,** under this <u>link</u> you can find a few suggestions in Bad Radkersburg, <u>Terme Radenci</u> is a close Hotel in Slovenia. Please note that the conference venue is a popular touristic destination and might be well booked in autumn-so the earlier you reserve your room the better.

## Registration

Registration for the conference is **free of charge**. However, due to the limited availability you need to register online to ensure your participation. The registration is based on **first come first serve** basis. Please fill out the **REGISTRATION FORM** which must be received no later than **16**<sup>th</sup> **August 2022**. In case you face any difficulties in using the Google Form, please send a message to marie.pfeiffer@wwf.at.



## **Agenda**

You are very welcome to join us already on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September for a welcome dinner in the beautiful setting of the castle Gornja Radgona. The main sessions of the conference will be on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 there will be events for the local public which, however, are no less interesting for people who are not from the region. Follow this <u>LINK</u> to view the conference agenda in detail.

## **Contact and more info**

More information on the project lifelineMDD as well as all information on the conference are also available on our <u>project website</u> as well as on <u>social media</u>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact marie.pfeiffer@wwf.at.

