



COASTAL

Collaborative Land-Sea
Integration Platform

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Multi-Actor Lab 5 – Danube's Mouths – Black Sea

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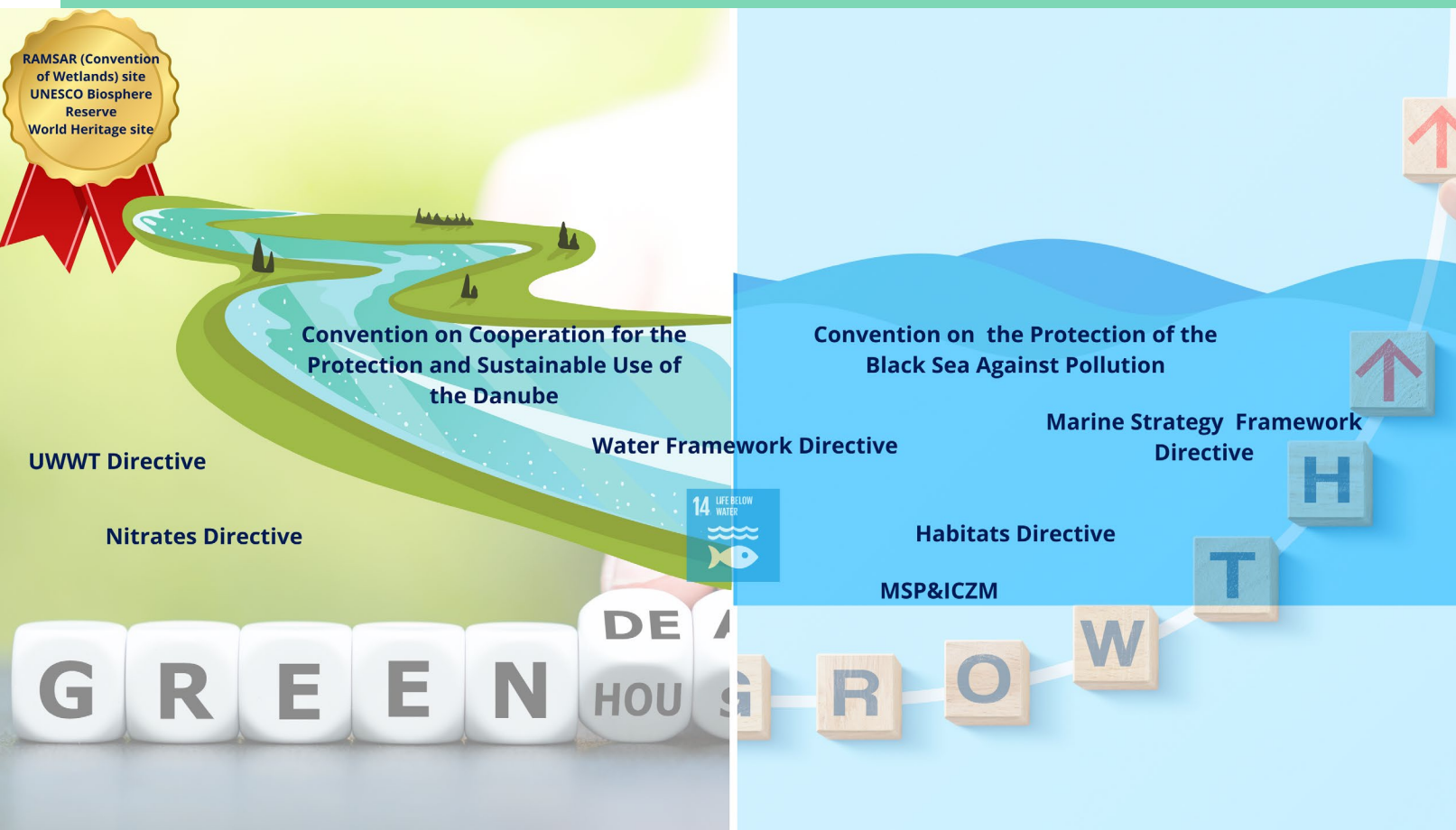
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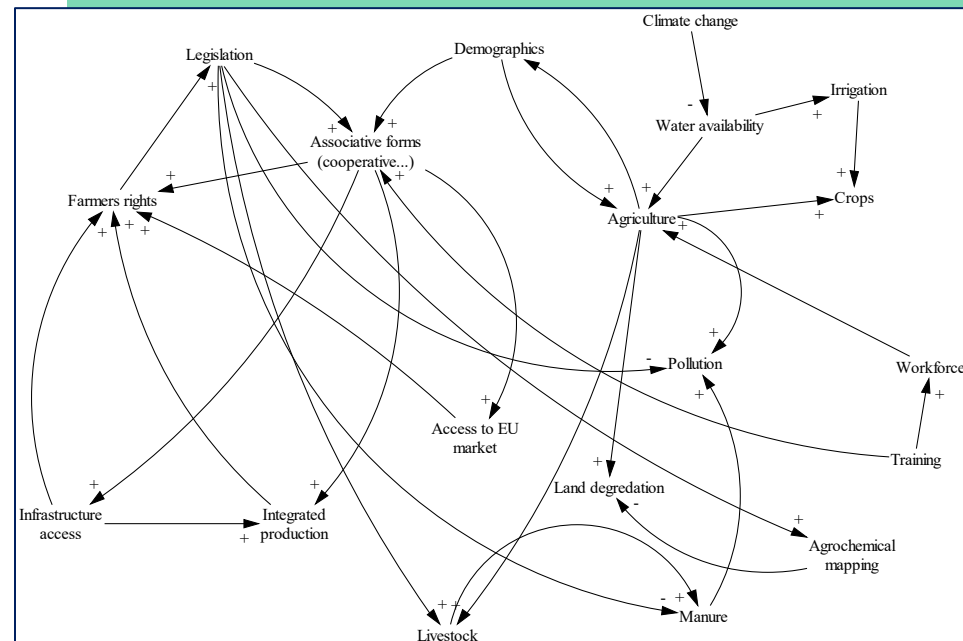
Challenges

- **conservation** of the Danube Delta assets and **improving** the inhabitants' life quality - achieving an equilibrium between social, economic, and environmental issues;
- considering the **potential conflicts** that may arise from aquaculture, agriculture and tourism development.

Scope

- Danube Delta's **sustainable development**





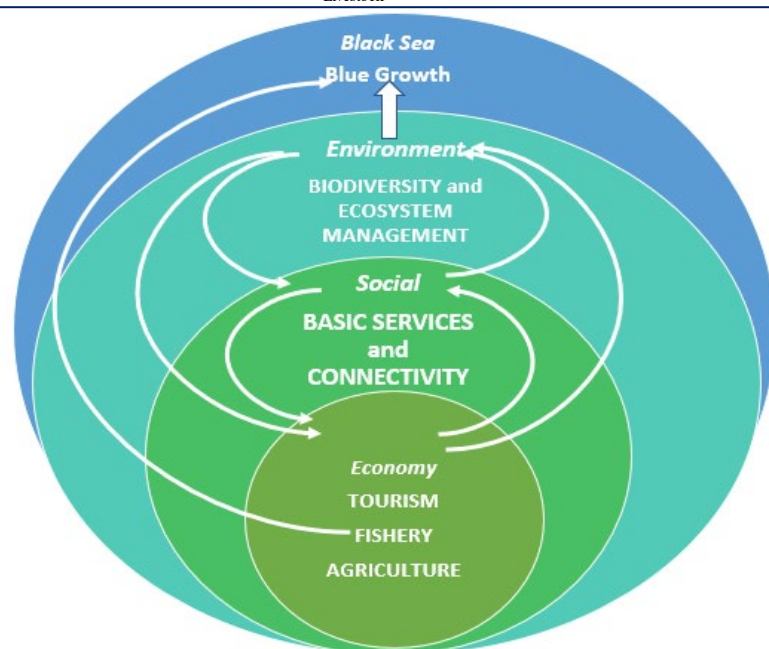
interactions:

		IMPACT ON RURAL ISSUES				IMPACT ON COASTAL ISSUES			
		social-economic		environmental		social-economic		environmental	
RURAL ISSUES WITH AN IMPACT	social-economic	population growth							
	economic growth								
	transport infrastructure								
	water demand								
	labor supply								
	agriculture								
	rural tourism								
	land pricing								
	employment								
	energy demand								
RURAL ISSUES WITH AN IMPACT	environmental	inland water quality							
	open space								
	landscape fragmentation								
	inland water supply								
	CC adaptation: flood control								
	CC adaptation: drought resistance								
	rural biodiversity								
	offshore energy production								
	shipping & port activity								
	fisheries								
COASTAL ISSUES WITH AN IMPACT	social-economic	coastal tourism							
	coastal attractiveness								
	dredging & seabed mining								
	coastal water quality								
	marine biodiversity								
	salinity intrusion								
	coastal water supply								
	climate change								
	state of fish stocks								
	environmental								



Land-Sea interactions

The main findings of the workshops were related to **policies** and **under-development**. It was evidenced the **excessive bureaucracy** and authorities directly linked to **lack of communication** and the limitations of the local authorities and communities., the **legislation** being not correctly adapted at local conditions. Other issues were the **poor infrastructure** and the **lack of workforce**.



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Transition to intensive aquaculture – increasing productivity and allocated areas

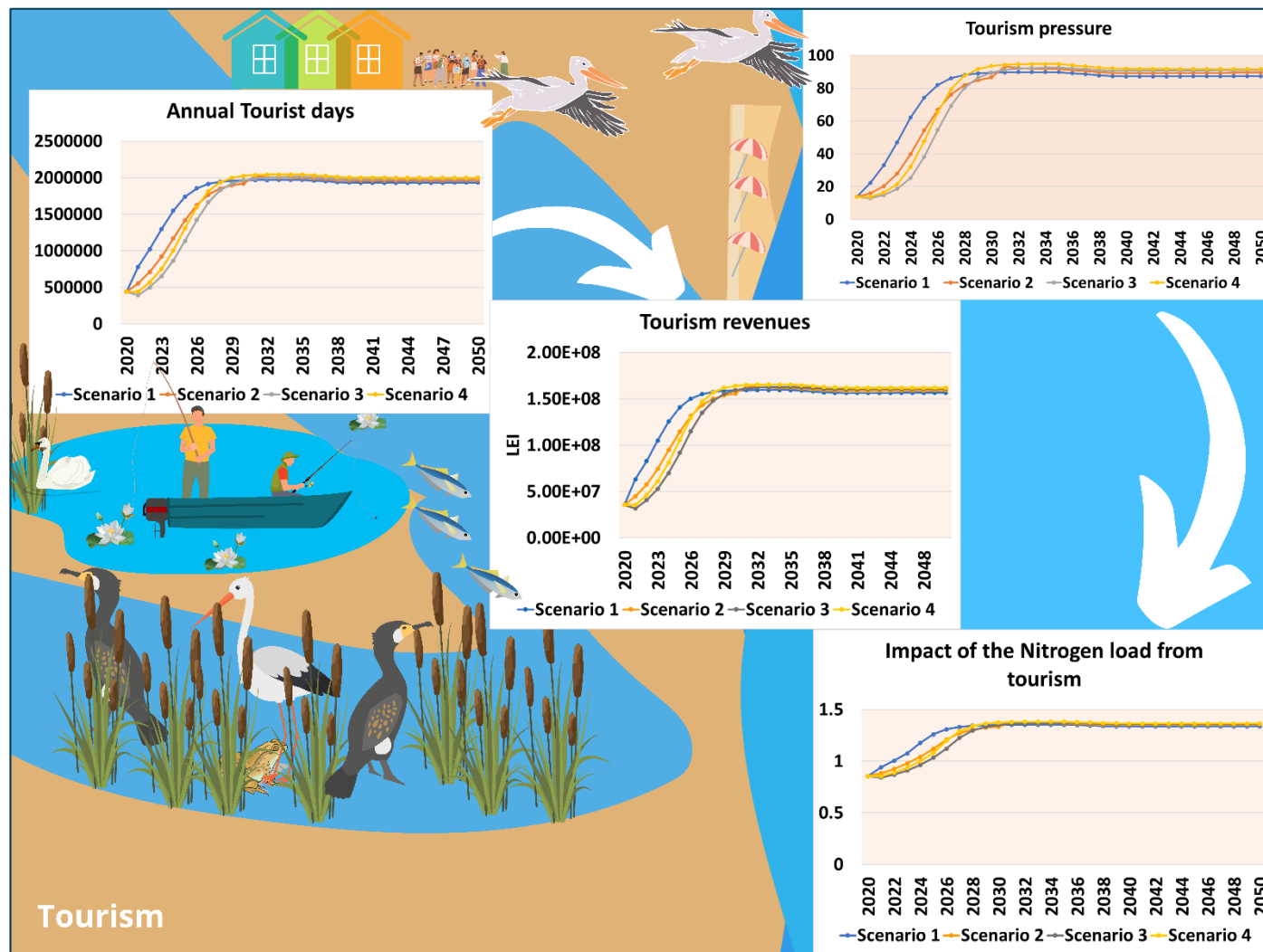
- Designs the **impact** that increasing productivity in the fish farm sector has on the **water quality**

Transition to eco-farming

- The agriculture model considers the **increasing farmers' welfare** through their cooperation - sharing their assets and integrated production that ensures sustainable agriculture by adjusting agricultural practices and the use of alternatives over time, considering new knowledge and new methods.

Transition to slow tourism

- This model focused the number of tourists, which influenced the tourism **development**, but also the tourism **decline**.



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- The integrated model was designed to examine the **cumulative impacts** of individual sectoral development in different socio-economic and climate change scenarios and environment management interventions.
- Whilst the three models differ in problem scope, they are linked to the project's main objective by the impact of developing each activity on the **water quality**.
- Designed as strategic policy tools with a long-time horizon of decades to address the sustainable development of the Danube Delta which is a dual challenge - **to protect** its unique natural and cultural assets and meeting the aspirations of the inhabitants **to improve** their living conditions and seek better economic opportunities.



A. Increasing the sustainability of ***agriculture*** and promoting the integration of producers in the agri-food sector in the value chain

B. Support for developing sustainable practices in **tourism**

C. Strengthen the productivity and profitability of **aquaculture** based on environmental performances

D. Increasing **knowledge, awareness and action** on environmental pressures to reduce river pollution



- **Priorities** – To use the methodology in the typical **decision-making** process for Danube Delta **sustainability** - defining the problem, gathering information, identifying alternatives.
- **Opportunities** – To apply COASTAL methodology in other types of **land-sea interactions** actions – MSP, ICZM.
- **Challenges** - To continue. Let's apply the “snowball” method in the case of policymakers, too. We could not reach everyone, but we can try ; transforme the methodology into a **strategic tool**.
- **Expectations** - To facilitate stakeholders meetings for **choosing among the alternatives**, and reviewing/monitoring the results.





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