

## Cross-border cooperation along the Central European Green Belt – some model projects

Dr. Liana Geidezis  
BUND, Head of the Green Belt Office  
Regional Coordinator  
Central European Green Belt

Bund für  
Umwelt und  
Naturschutz  
Deutschland







european  
greenbelt

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Green Belt Germany

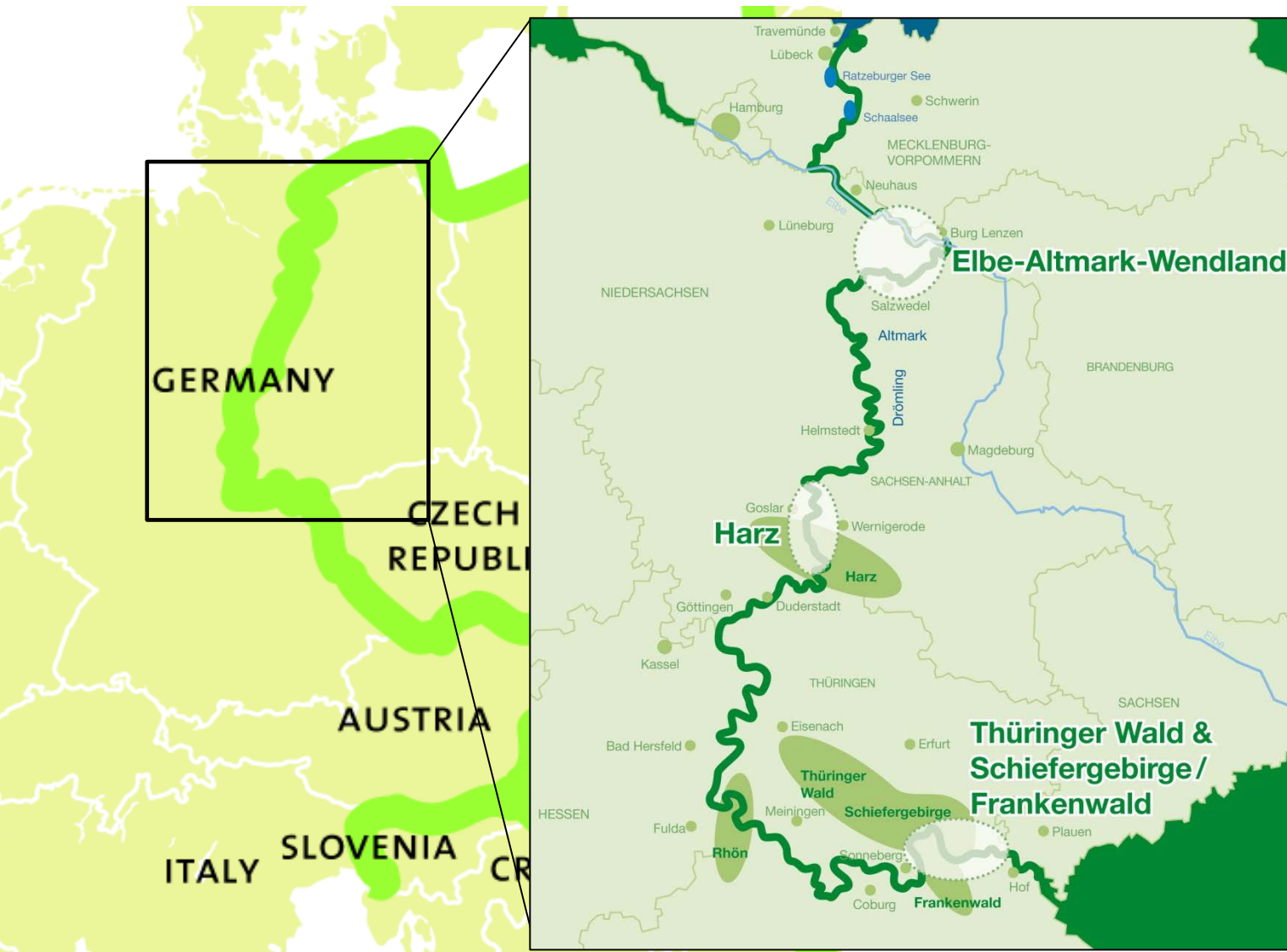




european  
greenbelt

# Green Belt Central Europe

## Inner-German Green Belt



**„Experience  
Green Belt“**

➤ 3 model  
regions

Bund für  
Umwelt und  
Naturschutz  
Deutschland

**BUND**

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH GERMANY





european  
greenbelt

# Experience Green Belt Germany

**The Green Belt as a chance for sensitive tourism  
and sustainable development . . .**



Supported by the German  
Federal Agency for Nature  
Conservation (BfN) with funds of  
the German Federal Ministry for  
the Environment, Nature  
Conservation, Building and  
Nuclear Safety (BMUB)







european  
greenbelt

# Experience Green Belt Germany

- Signposted **Hiking and biking trails** in combination with
- **Audio trails**, containing “audio points”: oral history (stories told by contemporary witnesses) and information about nature and culture (e.g. traditional handcraft) of the region
- **Border experience points** (“limit experience”) showing relicts of the borderline (e.g. watchtowers, former villages destroyed by the GDR-regime) and special natural places...





Ihr Mobiltelefon als Reiseführer

Das Grüne Band und die Saale  
bei Pottiga

So erhalten Sie alle Informationen über das Grüne Band und die Saale bei Pottiga

**0911 810 940 409**

Grüne Land Deutschland ist ein Projekt der Europäischen Union. Es wird durch das Programm "Natura 2000" finanziert. Die Informationen sind nur zu Informationszwecken und nicht für rechtliche Zwecke. Die Informationen sind nicht für rechtliche Zwecke zu verwenden. Die Informationen sind nicht für rechtliche Zwecke zu verwenden. Die Informationen sind nicht für rechtliche Zwecke zu verwenden.

www.grueneband.de





# Green Belt Central Europe Trans-national Projects

## INTERREG III B-project „GREEN BELT“ (CADSES-Region, Central Europe)

June 2006 – May 2008

18 partners from 8 countries



EUROPEAN UNION  
EUROPEAN REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT FUND



## INTERREG IV B-project “GREENNET” (Central Europe Program)

April 2011 – June 2014

22 Project partners from 6 countries



**CENTRAL  
EUROPE**  
COOPERATING FOR SUCCESS.



greennet







european  
greenbelt

# Green Belt Central Europe Trans-national Projects



**Interreg IIIB-Project  
GREEN BELT**

**Gap-Analysis of the  
Green Belt**

➤ **7 countries involved**



EUROPEAN UNION  
EUROPEAN REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT FUND



INTERREG IIIB CADSES



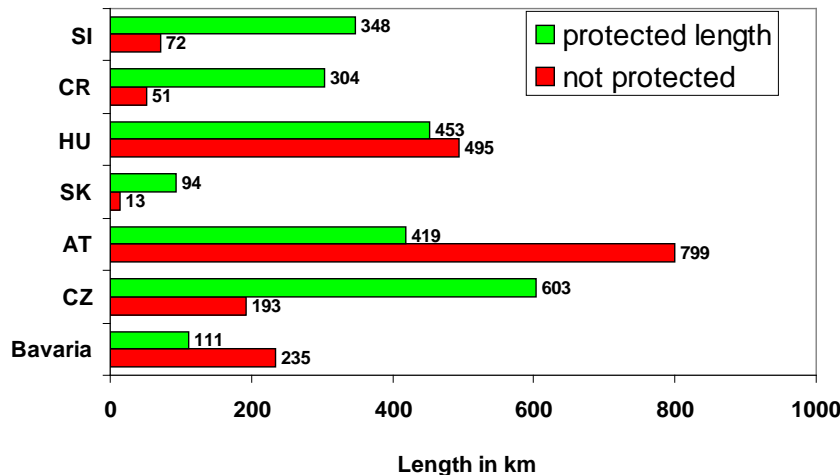
# Interreg-Project GREEN BELT

## Example: Trans-national gap-analysis



L5738

Protection of the Central European Green Belt



ecological network,  
German side

L7348

- Analysis of **aerial pictures** (along 2,100 kilometres / 7 countries), corridor along the Green Belt of 50 m width on East and West side
- CORINE land use types as a common interpretation basis
- Joint GIS-project

### Overview on:

- **Main land use types**
- **Gaps** (intensive agriculture, buildings, sealed areas etc.)
- **Conservation status / PA**
- **Areas of high conservation value** but without conservation status

Basis for the identification of pilot regions for the GREENNET-project





european  
greenbelt

# Green Belt Central Europe Trans-national Projects



## Interreg IV B- Project GREENNET

- 6 Trans-boundary pilot regions
- Local example projects





european  
greenbelt

# GREENNET-Project

## Example: Cross-border environmental education



Environmental education across borders

### Czech-German pupils workshops

- Cultural exchange
- Biological studies
- Surveys on historical landscapes along the border



Bund für  
Umwelt und  
Naturschutz  
Deutschland







Nature conservation across borders

### **Border river Kučnica/Kutschenitza (Slovenia-Austria)**

Problem: River regulation due to border management during Cold War times, today: Intensive agriculture (fertilizer-driven discharge of nutrients, erosion, disappearance of meadow wetlands)

Survey in 2012: e. g. 112,000 River mussels (*Unio crassus*)

**Cross border action plan developed** with land users and authorities on both sides:

- Trans-boundary renaturation of the riverbed
- Creation of buffer zones (e. g. by land purchase / land change)

Kučnica/Kutschenitza Valley



Iron Curtain river regulation



Survey on River mussels

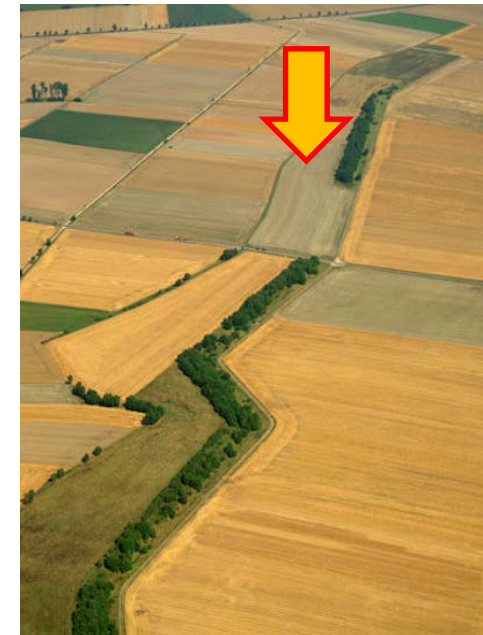
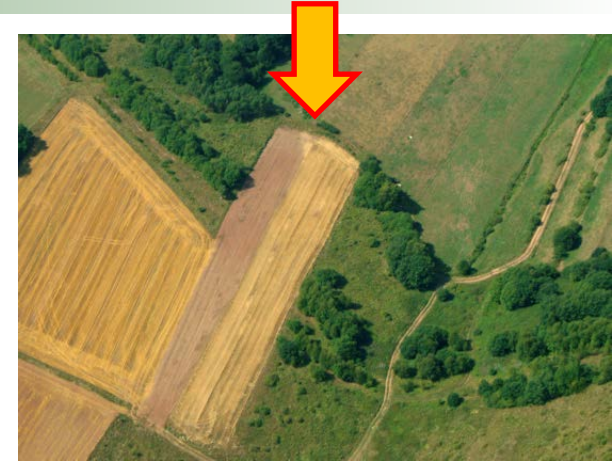




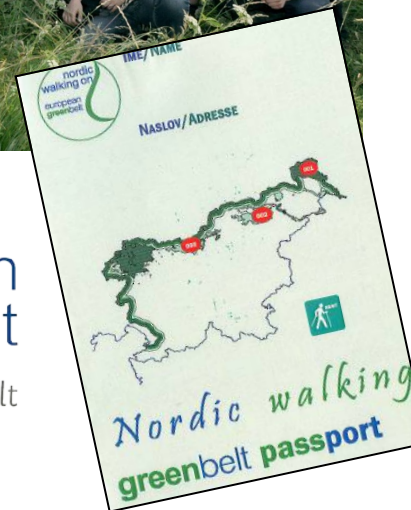
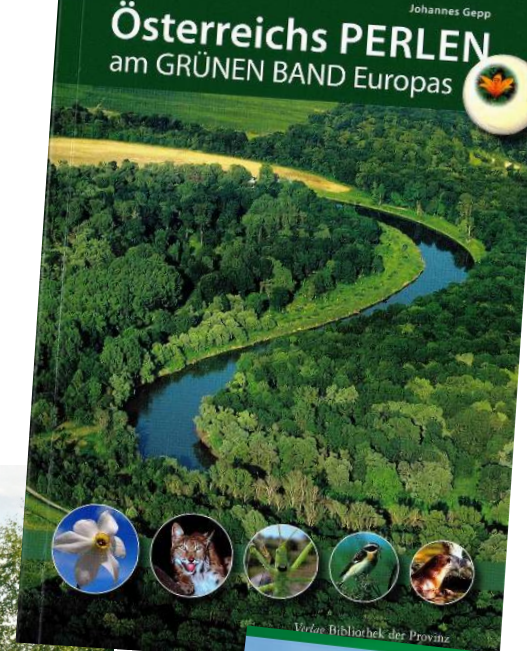
# Bridging gaps

## Project 'Bridging gaps in the Green Belt'

- funded by the 'Federal Program on Biological Diversity' (BMU/BfN)
- August 2012 until July 2017
- Total costs 2.2 Mio € (1.6 Mio € by BfN/BMUB)
- Carried out by BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany)
- Main objectives:
  - Bridging existing gaps within the Green Belt
  - Identification of 'by-pass solutions'
  - Identification and implementation of connections between Green Belt and surrounding habitats
  - Raising public awareness











## BUND Project Office Green Belt

Regional Coordinator Green Belt Central Europe

Hessestrasse 4, 90443 Nuremberg, Germany

greenbelt@bund-naturschutz.de

[www.europeangreenbelt.org](http://www.europeangreenbelt.org)

[www.experiencegreenbelt.de](http://www.experiencegreenbelt.de)

[www.greenbeltgermany.info](http://www.greenbeltgermany.info)



Bund für  
Umwelt und  
Naturschutz  
Deutschland

