



Towards a Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons



- multi-species Action Plan
- geographical scope:
EU and neighbouring countries
with border waters
- reflecting population ecology
- Suggested time span:
2019-2029
- Supported by IUCN and UNEP

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The species



Russian Sturgeon complex

CR,
Bern not listed,
EU HD A-V , CITES A-II



Adriatic Sturgeon

CR, Bern App II,
EU HD A-II + IV,
CITES A-II



Ship Sturgeon

CR (EX),
Bern not listed
EU HD A-V, CITES A-II



Atlantic or **Baltic Sturgeon**

CR/EX,
Bern as *A.sturio*?
EU HD A-V, CITES A-II



Sterlet

VU(CR),
Bern App III,
EU HD A-V, CITES A-II



Stellate Sturgeon

CR,
Bern App III,
EU HD A-V, CITES A-II



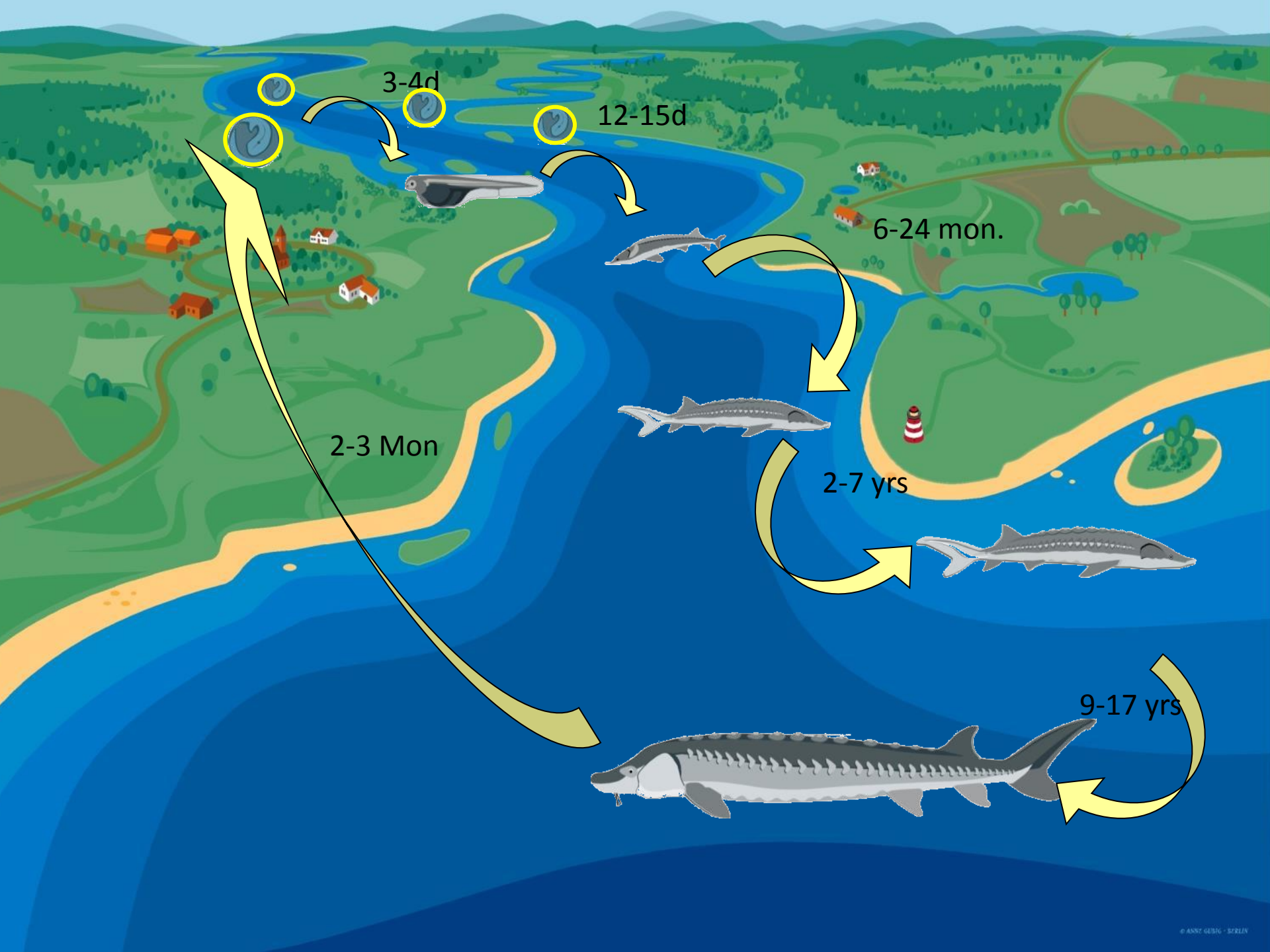
European/Common Sturgeon

CR (EXW), Bern App II,
EU HD A-II + IV,
CITES A-I



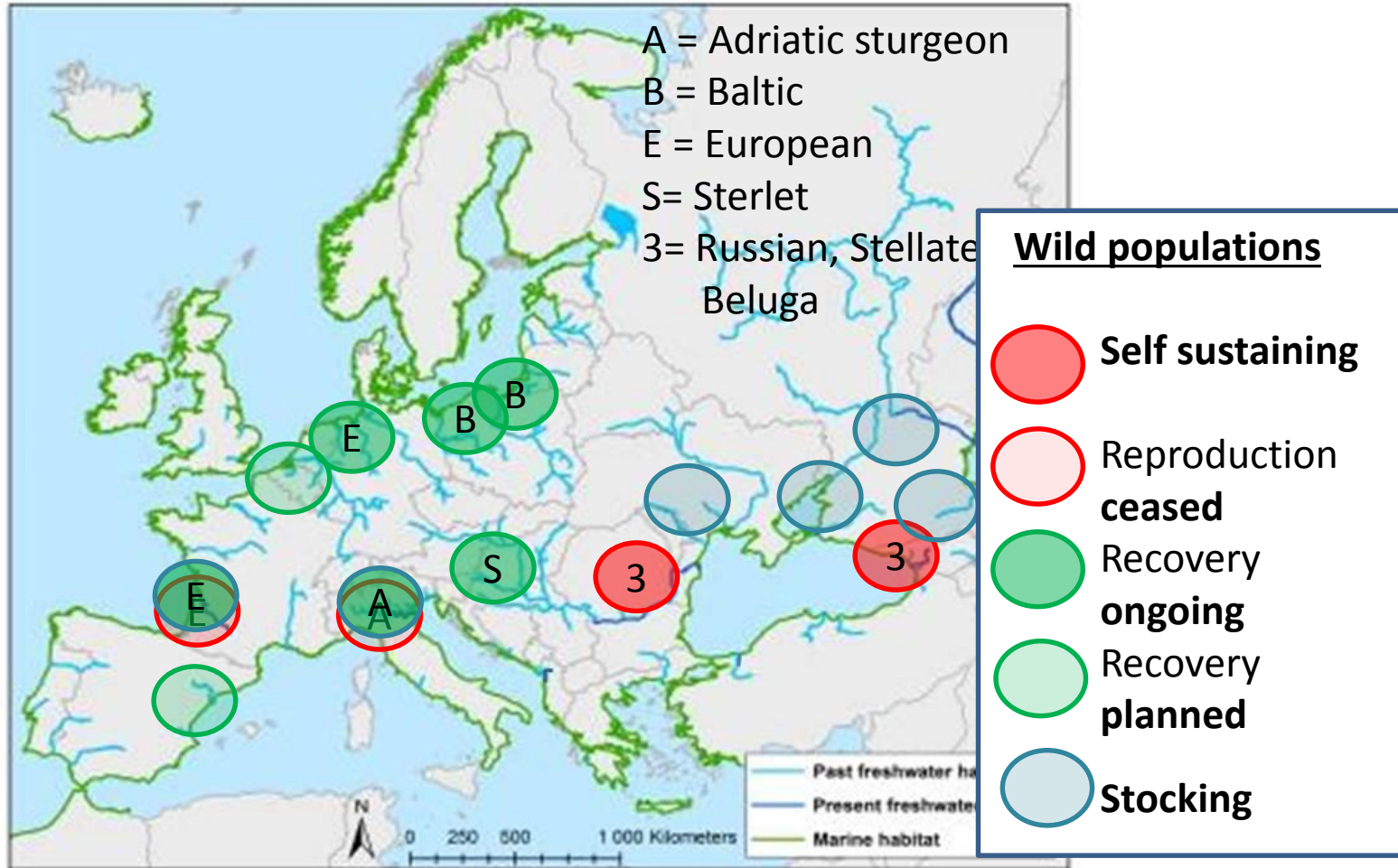
Beluga

CR,
Bern App II+III,
EU HD A-V, CITES A-II



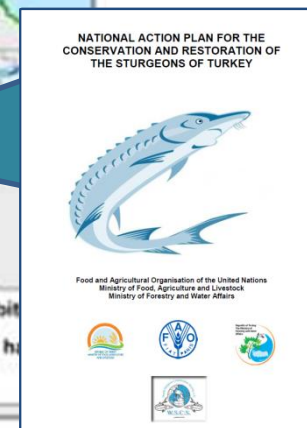
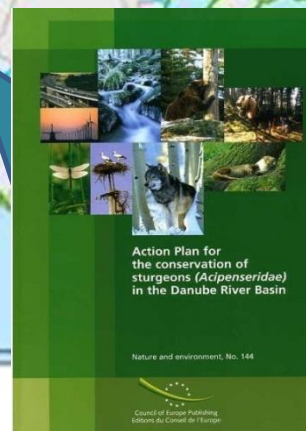
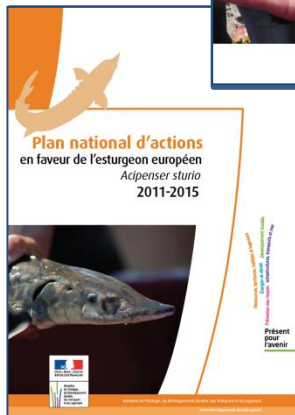
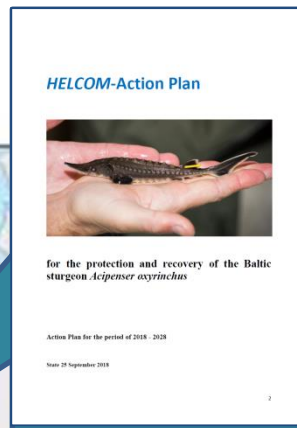
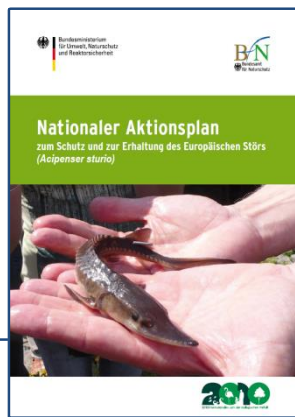
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Existing Action Plans





Harmonized recovery strategy (see PAN EU AP)



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Standing Committee

38th meeting
Strasbourg, 27-30 November 2018

PAN-EUROPEAN ACTION PLAN FOR STURGEONS

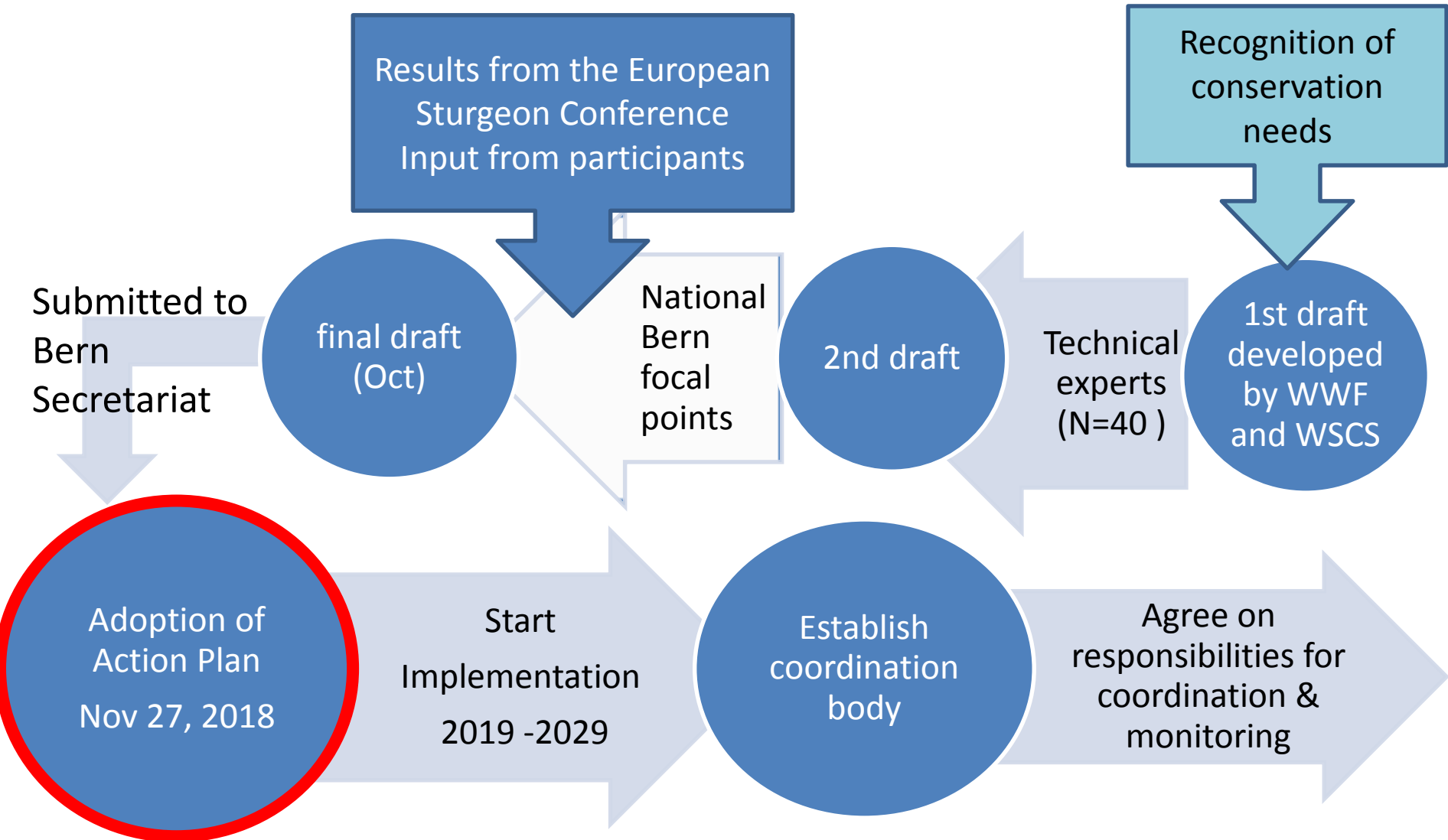


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Process of development



Objectives of the Plan



(1) Stop the decline of existing populations

- Fishing prohibited and enforcement against poaching effective
- Bycatch assessed and eliminated

(2) Actively support populations through *ex situ* living gene banks

- Ex situ stocks established to secure genetic diversity of all sturgeon populations
- Reproduction and release programmes implemented
- Regional (basin wide) coherence is ensured



Objectives of the Plan



(3) Sturgeon habitats protected and restored

- Existing habitats identified and protected
- Habitat restoration options identified & pilots implemented

(4) Sturgeon migration secured or facilitated

- No further migration obstacles build in key rivers
- Existing obstacles identified and feasibility for passage solutions verified and prioritized

(5) Ensure monitoring of sturgeon populations

(6) Eliminate illegal trade of all sturgeon products



Objectives of the Plan



(7) Secure adequate funding and regulations to enable implementation of AP

(8) Secure support from actors and stakeholders

(9) Monitor and evaluate AP implementation

- Sturgeon stocks are shared between countries
- One country alone can not save sturgeons
- International coordination and cooperation is a key factor of success

For a greater goal!



We kindly ask you to

- support the **adoption** of the Action Plan and
- mandate the Secretariat to **engage** in the coordination and monitoring of its implementation!