The Danube's effect on Vienna's life quality

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The Danube is, while it's the second longest river in Europe, a major trade route, energy source and nature reserve. In the city of Vienna, which recently got named the most liveable city for the tenth time in a row, the river is an essential part of its citizen's everyday life, providing an important local recreational area, offering a great range of opportunities including bathing, biking, going for a stroll, fishing and water sports such as sailing and boat rowing.

This paper aims at showing in what manner the Danube affects the life quality of Viennese residents and how it is used for leisure.

We expect that the public values the city's efforts to create an easily accessible space for recreational purposes.

In order to test this hypothesis a survey is conducted, providing insights into the benefits gained by having a water body nearby.

This comprehensive survey will prove that Viennese people experience better life quality by using the possibilities of Danube regularly.