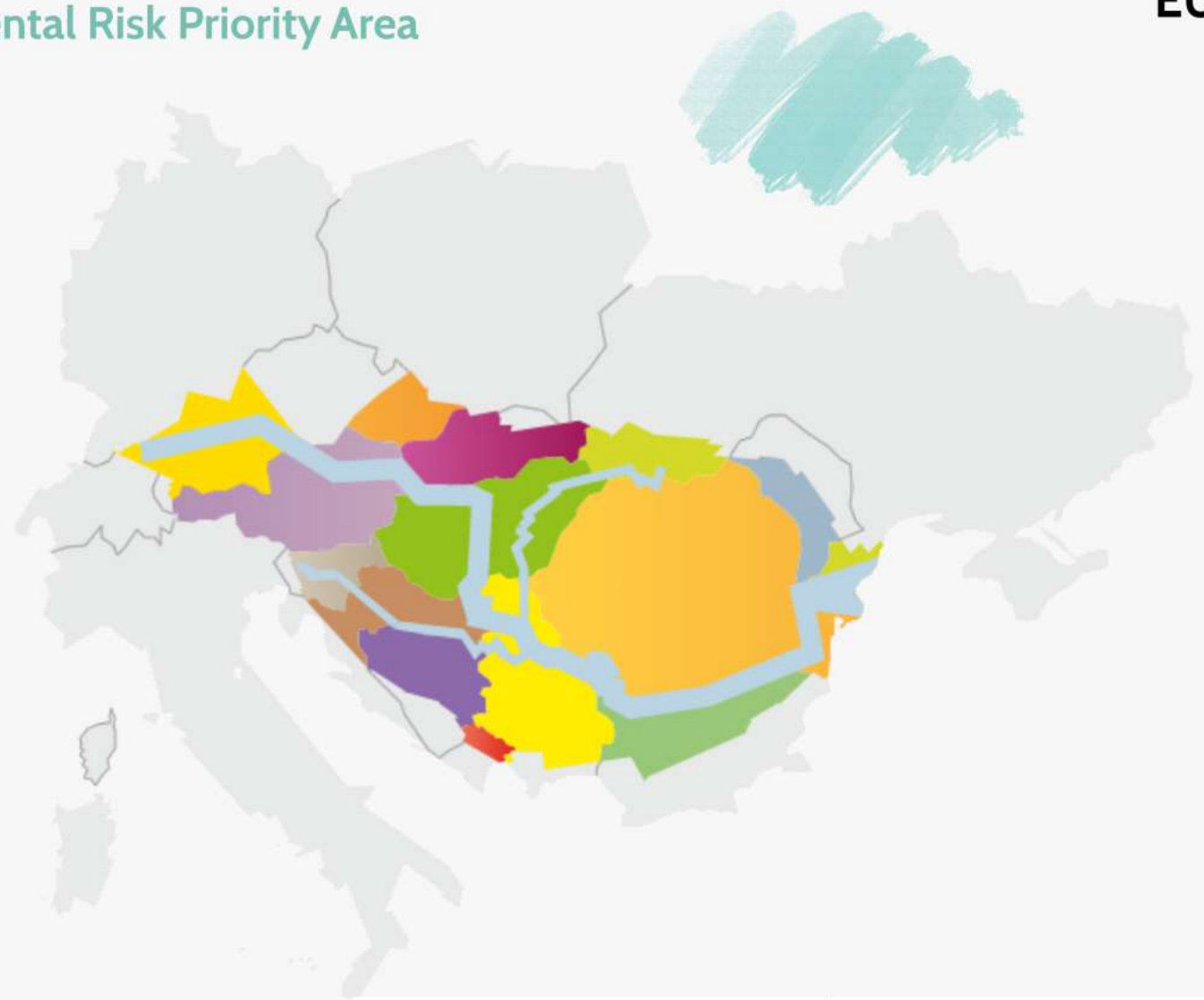
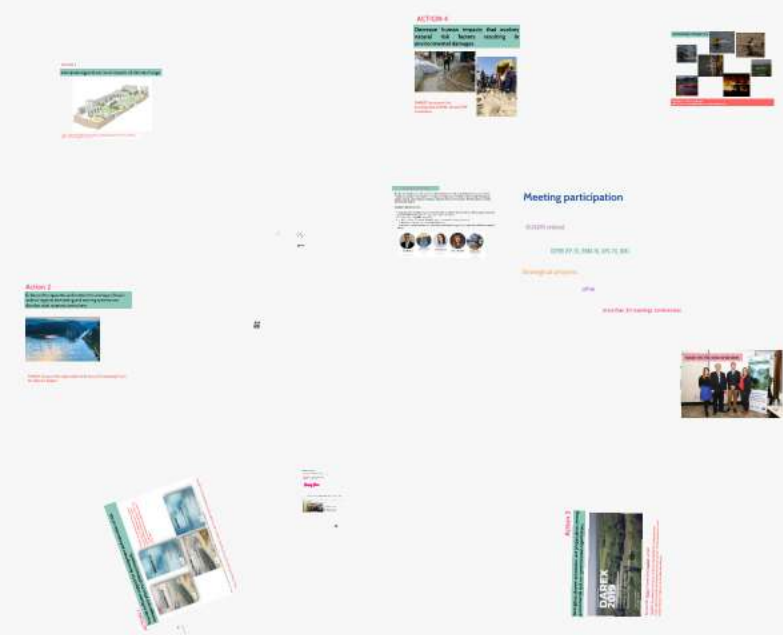


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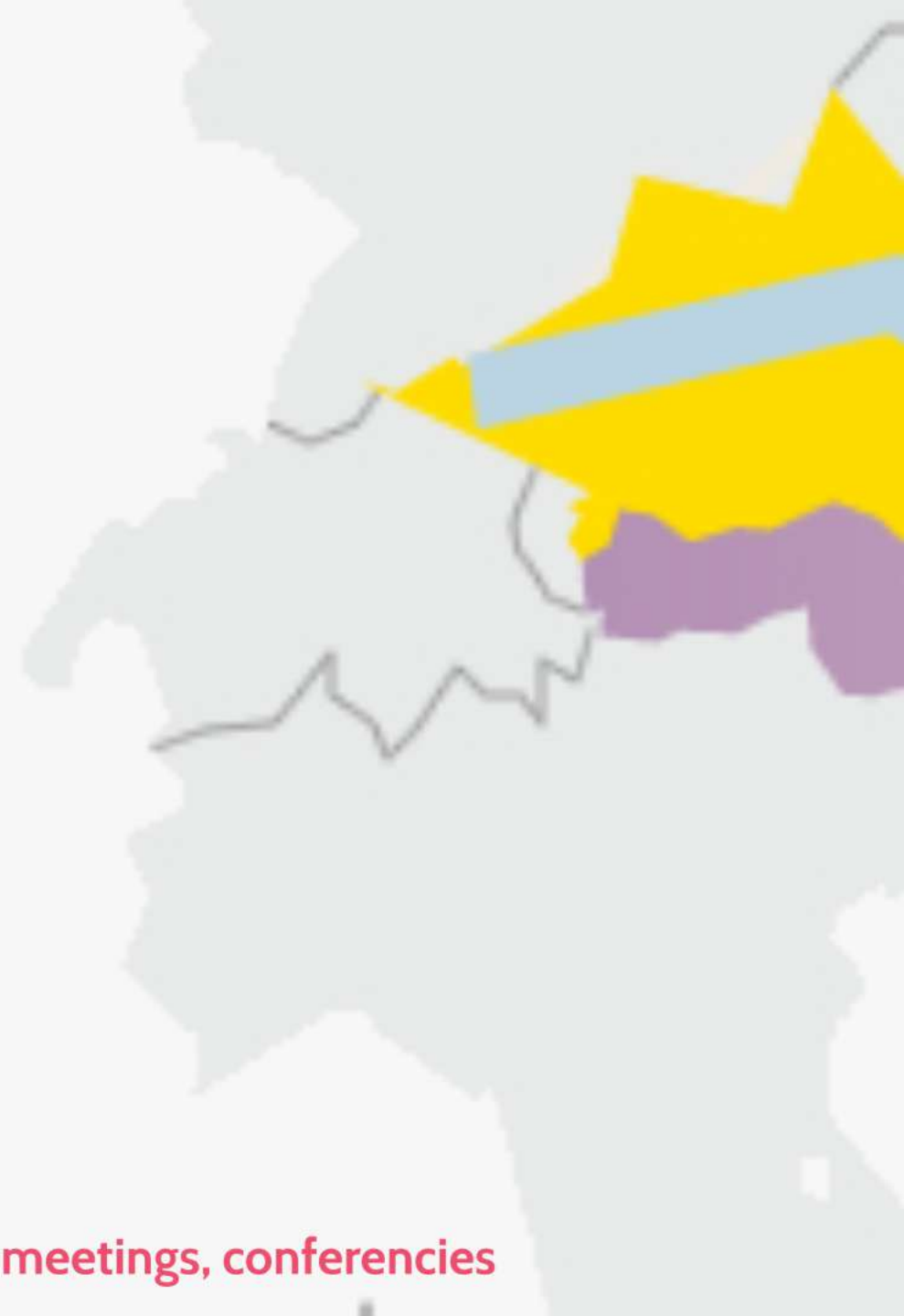
EUSDR related

ICPDR (FP-EG, RBM-EG, APC-EG, OM)

Strategical projects

other

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Activities of the DYC include:

- participation in EUSDR core governance meetings, to represent the viewpoints of the young generation and provide EUSDR stakeholders with advice and recommendations
- involvement in EUSDR Priority Areas
- active contribution to the EUSDR Annual Forum and other events/conferences
- collaboration with the respective EUSDR Presidency
- joint work on specific thematic issues relevant to the Danube Region, e.g. through the publication of papers/ essays.



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Letter of Recommendation:

- Preparedness and Resilience Enhancing Partnership for Addressing Regional Emergencies and Disasters (PREPARED) – 27/11/2024
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Letter of Merit:

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EUSDR specific event on water, emergency response and disaster risk management

Join over 80 experts and stakeholders from EU and candidate countries in a landmark consultation under the 2025 EUSDR Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The event focused on:

- Nature-Based Solutions for flood resilience
- AI-supported early warning systems for flash floods
- Cross-border emergency coordination
- Youth and civil society engagement in disaster preparedness
- Policy harmonization and knowledge exchange

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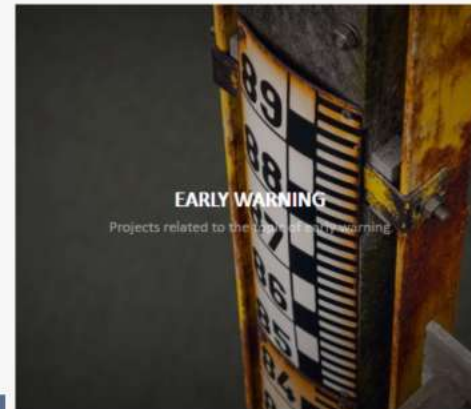
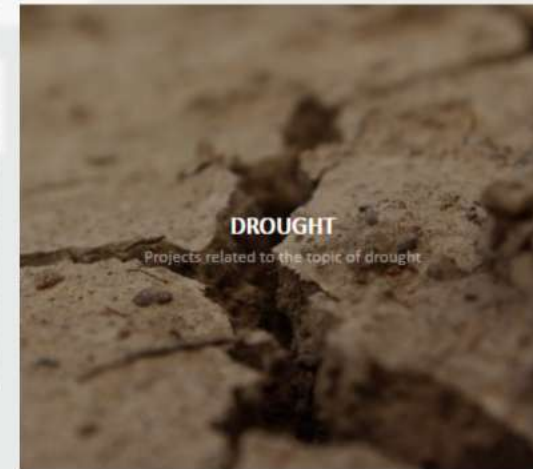
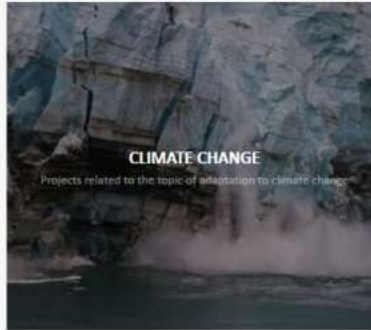
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 7-8-9 October 2025, Budapest (PA4 & PA5 & PA6 & Thematic events)
- EU Macro-Regional and Sea Basin Strategies Days 2025, 24-25 September 2025, Brussels
- Danube Forecasting Forum, 30-01 September, October 2025, Ljubljana
- 14th EUSDR Annual Forum, 5-6 November 2025, Sarajevo

Coming Soon

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

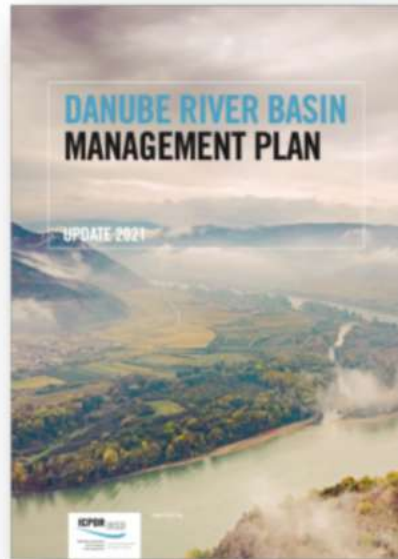


Could be found in our web page:
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ACTION 1

Provide sufficient support for development and execution of risk management plans for different hazards

TARGET: To realize at least five projects supporting the implementation of the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan and sub-basin flood risk management plans in 2021-2027



New Designs & Summary Brochures for the ICPDR's Two Management Plan Updates

<https://www.icpdr.org/main/new-designs-summary-brochures-icpdrs-two-management-plan-updates>

Action 2

Enhance the capacities and extend the coverage of basin-wide or regional forecasting and warning systems and develop rapid response procedures



TARGET: Support the organization of bi-annual forecasting fora in the Danube Region

Action 3

Strengthen disaster prevention and preparedness among governmental and non-governmental organizations



Movie link: https://youtu.be/pprXM_yonpl

TARGET: To establish common minimum standards for civil protection organisations and fire and rescue services involved in international or cross-border disaster response in the Danube Region

ACTION 4

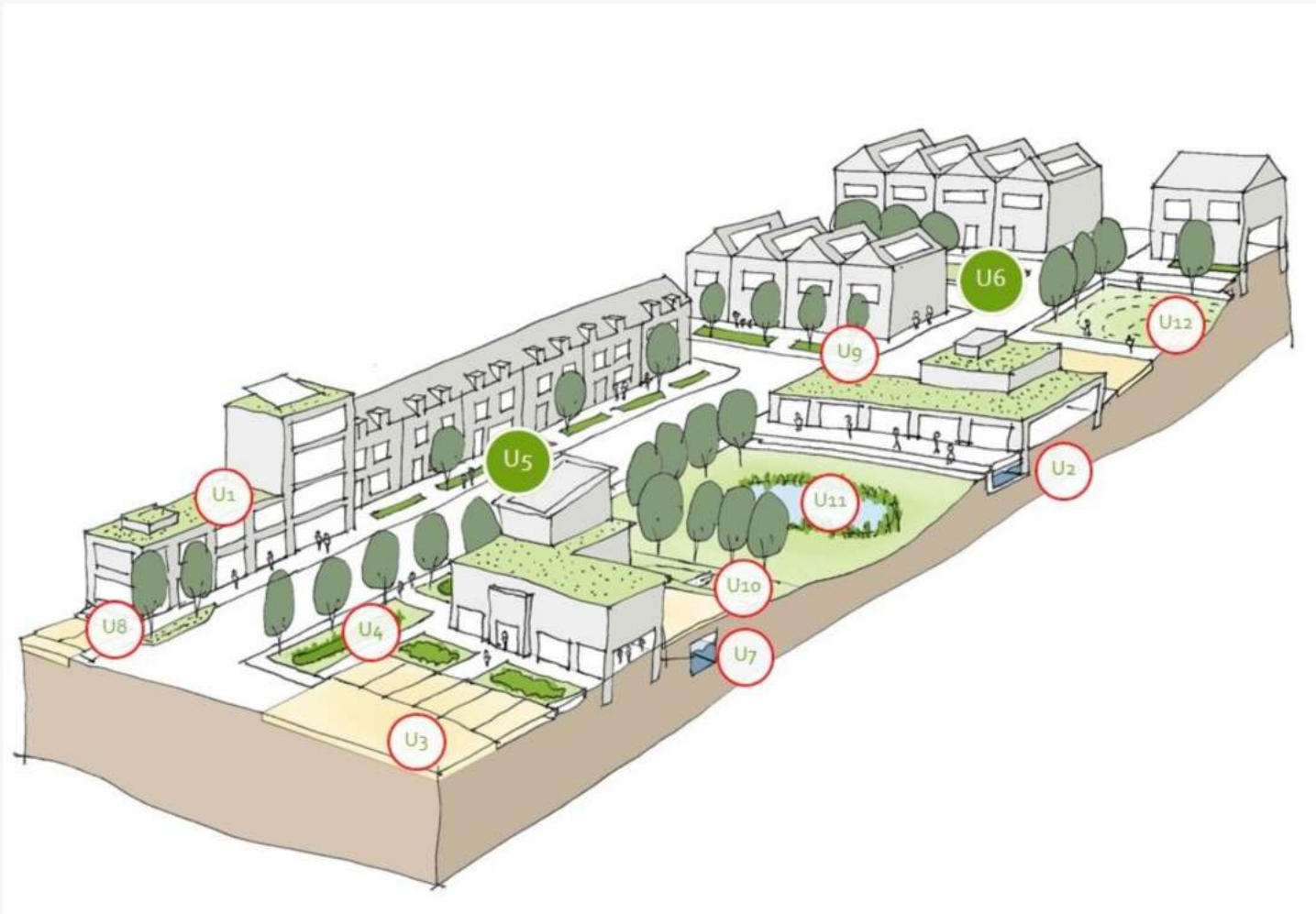
Decrease human impacts that evolves natural risk factors resulting in environmental damages



TARGET: to support the development of AHS, CS and TMF inventories

ACTION 5

Anticipate regional and local impacts of climate change



Target: Support the implementation of the CCA by organizing an event focusing on CC effects in risk management planning