



EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Second Stakeholder Seminar of the
Water Quality (PA4) and the Environmental Risks (PA5) Priority Areas

"EUROPEAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR" DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management MAFEW:

- **MAFEW** (with its affiliated Environment Agency Austria)
- Competent Authority for water (policy) in Austria
- **representing AT in all water related international fora**
(EU, OECD, UN ECE, International River Commissions,
EUSDR, transboundary water Commissions...
- **Dense network** at national and international level;
=> co-shaping policies, strategies and projects

MAFEW – what can we contribute?

- **Help to find competent partners** based on outline of
 - Project
 - List of expectation with regard to partner
- **Help to shape projects** of key interest to AT to meet needs
- **Contribute to lobby** for projects
- **Ample experience with projects:** e.g. Danube Sediment Project, TWINNINGS, SEE, ...

AT Strategy is shaped by action (PoM) outlined in

- **River Basin Management Plan Danube** based on EU WFD (2000/60/EC) and its significant water management issues: national plan + roof part coordinated by ICPDR
- **Flood Risk Management Plan Danube** based on EU FD (2007/60/EC): national plan + roof part ICPDR
- **Needs + expectations:** EUSDR projects should contribute
 - to implement / to achieve objectives of these management plans
 - resp. to push forward innovation

1) Water and Sanitation



source: ökoreal



- **100% access to water + sanitation in AT=>**
 - broad range of experience in place covering full range of WWTPs from small (1000s of constructed wetlands / reed bed filters in place) to large
 - e.g. removal of pollutants including micropollutants and pharmaceuticals
 - monitoring, maintenance, operation, benchmarking ...

2) Reduce Risks of Floods



- **Permanent challenge in alpine country =>**
 - broad range of experience in place covering full range from flood forecast models, assessment of retention, non structural (e.g. more room to rivers, natural water retention measures...) and structural measures; sediment and debris transport.....
 - Approaches to ensure financing of flood protection...

3) reconcile flood protection and hydropower generation with river ecology



- **New field of work triggered by EU legislation =>**
AT one of frontrunners in EU; broad range of experience in place covering full range from monitoring and assessment to concrete measures e.g. reconnection of side arms, fish migration aids, sediment transport.....

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Thank you for Listening !