

4th Annual Forum of the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region

29th and 30th October 2015 in Ulm

Contribution form (Please use one form per proposal!)



Title of the contribution:

**Protecting the environment in the Danube Region: Integrated horizontal cooperation
(Synergies EUSDR Pillar B)**

Contribution to thematic session:

Innovation

Dual education/entrepreneurship

Civil Society (engagement)

PAC-Actions:

Workshop

Panel discussion

Exhibition stand

Other contribution

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Intention, Focus, topic of the contribution:

Within EUSDR the environmental issues are associated with three priority areas (PAs), such as Water Quality (PA4), Environmental Risks (PA5) and Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality (PA6) and they all support the strategic objective of the EUSDR's Pillar 2 protecting the environment of the Danube Region.

These Priority Areas address various aspects, specific tools and actions for the same geographic and ecological features: rivers and basins, lands and habitats. While focused actions in river basin management, flood protection, civil protection and emergency preparedness, conservation and restoration of biodiversity and landscapes, soil protection and improvement of air quality are essential, these shared features also present the **opportunity and obligation of cooperation within the Pillar of the EUSDR**.

Cooperation and synergy among the Pillar B Priority Areas of the EUSDR and also with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) is continuously ongoing for the sake of protecting the environment in the Danube basin. We aim to reach one joint goal to improve our environment; we face similar problems in the meantime and many times we implement projects which results are having an effect on other Priority Areas as well. Water is essential for human health and well-being, food and energy production, social and economic stability, and for protecting and maintaining healthy ecosystems. Enhancing cooperation and building partnerships at the local, national and transboundary levels is critical to address freshwater-related challenges.

Several issues are thus interlinked and addressed by more than one Priority Area: the qualities of waters have an effect on **wetlands** and on **habitats**; the issue of **sediment** is important for water quality and of quantity as well; **environmental risks** could endanger nature sites and protected **species** depend on surrounding water circumstances; just to name a few connections.

Furthermore, there are sub-basins that require strengthened cooperation and face problems both concerning water quality and floods, and also would require integrated wetlands management. The case of the **Tisza River** should be highlighted, where international cooperation is being developed further in the past years and we aim to elaborate joint Tisza projects in order to improve the situation.

The aim of the workshop is to provide an **overview about integrated horizontal cooperation** among the Pillar B of the EUSDR, to identify the methods delivered by science to help implementing the water-and environment related goals of the EU Strategy for the Danube Macro-region: innovation, new models, potential joint projects and to discuss further synergies among the Priority Areas.

Moderation, Speakers, Panelists

Name and function of Moderator*: tbc

Name(s) and function(s) of Speaker(s)*:

1. Priority Area 4 Coordinator
2. Priority Area 5 Coordinator
3. Priority Area 6 Coordinator
4. ICPDR
5. NGO representative (e.g. WWF)
6. Business representative (e.g. Waterworks)
7. Science representative (e.g. Technical University Budapest)

Organizational matters

Workshops/panel discussions:

Estimated number of participants: 100

Basic equipment in the conference rooms: chairs (conference seat arrangement) + desk

Further technical equipment:

- Beamer/screen
- Flipchart
- microphones (>100 Participants)
- other equipment:

Exhibition stand:

- We prefer to bring our own stand equipment.
- We prefer to use a standardized stand (basic equipment: movable back boards (white), electricity)

Required equipment:

- table, counter, rack* (required number:)
- standing table (required number:)
- chairs/bar stools* (required number:)
- Flat screen
- other equipment:

Interactive stand modules? If yes, please describe:;

Other contribution:

- We need a table in the Meeting Lounge for Persons on 29th / 30th October* at h.
- We need other support (please concretize):

Remarks:

Proposals for concrete names of panelist participants are in place and can be confirmed and introduced soon.

Please send back to Sandra.Neudenberger@stm.bwl.de by 20th March 2015.