

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:

Co-operation possibilities with Non EU countries in the water sector

Contribution to thematic session:

- Innovation
- Dual education/entrepreneurship
- Civil Society (engagement)

PAC-Actions:

- Workshop
- Panel discussion
- Exhibition stand
- Other contribution

Contact Details

Priority Area 4: "To restore and maintain the quality of waters"

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Intention, Focus, topic of the contribution:

The Danube region is inhabited by 81 million people who rely on availability of clean water inevitable for life of mankind and ecosystems. Such an important resource requires shared responsibility of the Danube countries which are working together to protect the river and its basin under the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). EUSDR addresses the common challenges of the region – encompassing political, social, cultural and economic issues, while balancing concerns for the environment and water quality. The activities' list (Roadmap) of the priority area are formulated in a way that also includes tasks already carried out in the frame of the ICPDR and the International Sava River Basin Commission, like the development of the river basin management plans and flood management plans in line with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive and Flood Directive.

PA4 identifies the relevant problems and seeks the optimal solutions.

Four significant water management issues were identified as challenges to achieve good quality of waters in the Danube River Basin: organic and nutrient pollution, hazardous substances and hydromorphological alterations. Measures to reduce the negative effects of these pressures are included in River Basin Management Plans.

The quality of waters priority area plays an important role in aligning the development of project proposals with the funding process, and several projects are currently underway to find joint solutions to the challenges in the region.

Moreover, it realizes the importance of transboundary cooperation and **PA4 particularly focuses on building tight relations especially with non-EU countries with the aim to concentrate on their water-related problems.**

The aim of the event is to provide comprehensive information on PA4 activities and especially on providing **information about co-operating possibilities with Non- EU countries in the water sector** in the Danube Region.

New technologies, experiences, on-going projects as well as project ideas would be presented, aiming to find solutions to water related problems in the Danube River Basin.

The workshop will be moderated by experienced moderator who is familiar with the topic. The session will be opened by a keynote presentation of PAC4 introducing the main visions and planned work in upcoming period 2015-2016. The following speakers will introduce particular events, projects, studies and cooperation established and implemented recently. The moderator shall put focus on discussion after the presentations to stimulate the audience into active dialogue.

Moderation, Speakers, Panelists

Name and function of Moderator*: TBC

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

1. Visions of PA4 in the upcoming years 2015-2016- PA4 Coordinator HU
2. Conference "**Water Resources Protection**" –PA4 Coordinator SK
3. Cooperation regarding the issue of **SEDIMENTS –Sediments project consortium member**
4. Cooperation in **water resources protection** and **waste water treatment** possibilities focusing on non-EU countries-LOWCAT project –PA4 Coordinator and Water Nexus representative
5. Results and further steps in implementation of studies on the **situation of waste in small, rural settlements and legislation at the appropriate level to limit the presence of phosphates in detergents**- Water government representative
6. **Cooperation possibilities** in the water sector in Non-EU countries: examples and needs- Non-EU country representatives

Organizational matters

Stands for 5 posters on side of the room – Conference (WRP), Non-EU countries cooperation, Wetlands project, Sediment project, Tisza activities

Workshops/panel discussions:

Estimated number of participants: 50

Basic equipment in the conference rooms: stools (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 speakers are in place and can be confirmed and introduced soon.

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