

European Strategy for the Danube Region

Activities and plans of the Priority Area 4 „To restore and maintain the quality of waters“ since 12th SG Meeting (1/12/2016 Budapest)

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PA4 activities

Hungarian Presidency in the EUSDR from 11/2016 to 10/2017

1. Coordination & Administration

- Elaboration of Final Reports for DSP PA4 coordination projects for period 03-11/2016 (separate for Slovakia and Hungary) - 12/2016
- Elaboration of Progress Report for the European Commission on PA4 achievements (remaining period 07-12/2016 to be harmonized with the upcoming annual reporting periods from January to December) – 01/2017
- Administration of the new contract with DTP for coordination of PA4 for the period 2017-2019 (HU – lead partner, SK – partner, ICPDR - associated partner)
Regarding new PA4 project implementation (technical and financial issues, reporting, deadlines, changes, publicity and dissemination) – participation at DTP event – 24-25 January 2017, Budapest, Hungary

PA4 activities

2. Projects/Events/Studies (1)

- JOINTISZA and Danube Sediments projects – launched, kick off events and technical meetings.

Within DTP capitalisation strategy to facilitate synergetic actions and cooperation among projects supported by the Danube Transnational Programme the project Management Teams of DanubeSediment and JOINTISZA projects organised conference on 11 April 2017 in Budapest, Hungary

Transnational Cooperation for Sustainable River Basin Management

- PA4 set up priorities for DTP Seed Money Facility (approved by 12 SG):

1. Implementation and promotion of eco-friendly waste water treatment for small settlements;
2. Support effective management of water resources from the water quality viewpoint in the conditions of climate change (e.g. drought, water scarcity);
3. Solving the problem of Hazardous and Problematic substances (problematic infrastructures) endangering water ecosystems in the DRB
4. Development of knowledge building and policy recommendations on the level of pharmaceuticals and other emerging substances (e.g. cyano bacteria toxins) in the water.

DTP SMF call is expected in autumn 2017

PA4 activities

2. Projects/Events/Studies (2)

- **Open the third call INTEGREG Europe (deadline 30/06/2017) – possibility to approve more projects dealing with water management and other environment and resource efficiency topics.**
- **LIFE grants – call is planned to be published on the 28 April 2017**
- **DSPF - Danube Strategic Project Fund (deadline was 15/02/2017) – fund operated by PA10 EUSDR**

Within PA4 submitted 4 projects

- **Danube Hazard** – hazardous substances
 - **Water Agent of the Danube Region** – drinking water and wastewater treatment
 - **COOPLANDS** – water management
 - **Woptions** – wastewater collection and treatment
- **Participation at DSP event for PAs – meeting on 12-13 January 2017 in Brussels - on DSP support to PACs, reporting, DSP visions for future period, EC report on MRS, EUSDR Strategic Projects concept, Technical Assistance for PACs through DSP – need of PAs horizontal cooperation and exchange**

PA4 activities

2. Projects/Events/Studies (3)

- Organization of Trilateral Meeting – PA4 HU, ICPDR and PA4 SK – 5 April 2017, Bratislava – planning PA4 activities for 2017, HU EUSDR Presidency information, synergy with ICPDR actions/events
- Prolongation of the topic on water and agriculture cooperation – former topic of SK EUSDR Presidency and SK Presidency in the Council of the European Union during 07-12/2016, now one of the key topics in EC Presidency in ICPDR
- OECD Study on Water related to diffuse water pollution - an invisible and growing threat. It comprises the Danube related case study elaborated under water quality governance (HU)



PA4 activities

2. Projects/Events/Studies (4)

- Participation at ICPDR NTG and PM meetings (21-23 March 2017, Fruska Gora, Serbia) – information on nutrient pollution reduction projects in Romania and in Upper-Austria (STOBIMO), on capacity building and financing in wastewater sector, SOLUTIONS project, planned modelling activities on hazardous substances emissions, Guidance document on sustainable agriculture: rationale, objectives and concept, questionnaire on agriculture
- Participation at ICPDR ECON meeting (6-7 April 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia) – information on data collection for Interim Report on the Implementation of the Joint Program of Measures (2018) and Danube River Basin Analysis Report Update (2019)

Regarding Guidance Document of Sustainable Agriculture to Reduce Nutrient Pollution in Danube River Basin (end of 2018) ICPDR will prepare

1. Pre-study on agricultural knowledge base (draft ready for SWG Meeting, June 2017)
2. Economic analysis

PA4 activities



**NTG & PM meetings
21-23/03/2017**



**ECON meeting
06-07/04/2017**



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