



ANNUAL FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION Bucharest, 27-28 June 2019

**April, 2019
Bratislava**



Venue: Bucharest, Palace of the Parliament, Conference Halls “Cuza”, “Bălcescu” and “Iorga”, <http://cic.cdep.ro/en>

Accreditation: Online registration website:
<https://accreditation.romania2019.eu/events/conference/kE0mxAjVPYvbpJd7K1L6Dqa9yqj9B3Wk24ewlRN8yoznMOQ5gZ>

Expected number of participants: 600 - 800 persons

Participants: EU Commissioners, ministers, high-level political representatives of EUSDR members, National Coordinators, Priority Areas Coordinators, representatives of national, regional and local level administration, Association of the Municipalities, Employers and Trade Unions, representatives of SMEs, clusters, industry, NGOs, academic and scientific organisations/institutions and other stakeholders from the Danube Region countries.



Short description and format: As a key event of the 2019 EUSDR Presidency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, the European Commission and the Danube Transnational Programme are jointly organizing the 8th Annual Forum on the 27th – 28th June 2019 in Bucharest (Palace of Parliament), under the motto: ***“Building cohesion for a shared prosperity in the Danube Region”***. The event will be organized with the technical support of the Danube Strategy Point. The 2019 EUSDR Annual Forum **agenda will focus on competitiveness, connectivity and regional mobility, as well as on links between MRS and cohesion and also on the possibilities of creating synergies that can result in a better embedment of EUSDR into future EU programs and policies.**



OPEN CALL for experts for 8th EUSDR Annual Forum

In order to properly reflect the positions of all relevant actors of EUSDR during the 8th Annual Forum sessions, the RO Presidency is launching this call for experts.

Selection of speakers and facilitators will be based on a transparent and inclusive process of cooperation with all relevant EUSDR stakeholders. The full criteria for selection of the experts will be ensured by the organizers, based on:

- Equitable geographical representation (national, rural-urban balance);
- Relevance of the applicant's expertise either for the thematic panel or workshop he/she applies for;
- The need to achieve a proper balance between invited government officials, key-stakeholders and civil society experts;
- Gender-balance.



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Eligible applications will include:

- a short biography (maximum half page) of the proposed speaker and one photo;
- a short abstract of the subject the expert would like to address under the specific point of the agenda (enclosed);
- a Curriculum vitae in Europass format, including the contact details (maximum 3 pages) and a color photo (jpg/jpeg).

All documents should be submitted in the English language, Word format (e.g. doc, docx) by **25th of April 2019**.

Travel costs for the selected guests, speakers and moderators can be reimbursed upon request, up to 600 Euros/per person. Accommodation costs (four stars hotels) will be covered up to a maximum of 2 nights, based on prior booking requests of the applicants.



1st Day Focus: “Cohesion-building: Increasing economic cohesion, regional connectivity and mobility”

Meeting of the Ministers responsible for Economy from the EUSDR, on the theme: “The role of clusters as instruments for regional development in the framework of the post-2020 cohesion policy”

Public Hearings workshop on the Revision Process of the Action Plan

OPENING SESSION of the Annual FORUM

THEMATIC SESSION 1:

Increasing European convergence and competitiveness through EUSDR

THEMATIC SESSION 2:

Promoting interconnectivity for improving European regional mobility throughout EUSDR

THEMATIC SESSION 3:

**Developing joint strategic projects:
Fusing transportation and digitalization with innovative cultural and touristic trails**

THEMATIC SESSION 4:

Boosting efficiency in connecting EUSDR key stakeholders and the civil society in the Process of revising the EUSDR Action Plan



Friday, June 28th

**2nd Day focus: “Ensuring synergies, results and sustainability:
Macro-Regional Strategies**

THEMATIC SESSION 5:

The present and future roles of the Danube Transnational Programme in the Danube region

**THEMATIC SESSION 6:
EU mainstream and
operational programs and
EUSDR objectives under the
auspices of the new Cohesion
Policy**

**THEMATIC SESSION 7:
The future of EU macro-
regional strategies
in the post-2020 framework**

CLOSING SESSION



SIDE EVENTS:

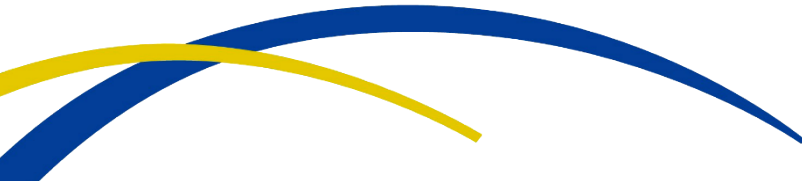
Danube Participation Day - 26 June 2019

Exhibition for the presentation of best practices and success stories of transnational cooperation in the Danube Region (support structures for businesses - incubators, business accelerators, clusters) + B2B Sessions

Workshops on the Capitalization of the Interreg DTP projects - 26-27 June 2019 - Organized by the Danube Transnational Program JS

The 18th meeting of the Steering Group of the PA3 – 26 June 2019

PA8 Workshop





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QUESTIONS?

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