



PA4 Challenges ***during the Slovak EUSDR Presidency in 2016***

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General Information - EUSDR



- 2010 - the idea of the EUSDR initiated
- EUSDR structure – **14** Danube countries
9 countries EU
Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovenia
5 countries non-EU
Serbia, Bosna i Hercegovina, Montenegro, Moldova, Ukraine
- EUSDR governance – coordination by the EC
- EUSDR objective



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EUSDR – 11 PRIORITY AREAS

PA 1A Mobility / Waterways "To improve mobility and intermodality of inland waterways" is coordinated by Austria and Romania

PA 1B Rail-Road-Air "To improve mobility and intermodality - rail, road and air" is coordinated by Slovenia and Serbia

PA 2 Energy "To encourage more sustainable energy" is coordinated by Hungary and the Czech Republic

PA 3 Culture & Tourism "To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts" is coordinated by Bulgaria and Romania

PA 4 Water Quality "To restore and maintain the quality of waters" is coordinated by Hungary and Slovakia

PA 5 Environmental Risks "To manage environmental risks" is coordinated by Hungary and Romania

PA 6 Biodiversity, Landscapes, Quality of Air and Soils "To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils" is coordinated by the Land Bavaria (Germany) and Croatia

PA 7 Knowledge Society "To develop the Knowledge Society (research, education and ICT)" is coordinated by Slovakia and Serbia.

PA 8 Competitiveness "To support the competitiveness of enterprises" is coordinated by the Land Baden-Württemberg (Germany) and Croatia

PA 9 People & Skills "To invest in people and skills" is coordinated by Austria and Moldova

PA 10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation "To step up institutional capacity and cooperation" is coordinated by the City of Vienna (Austria) and Slovenia

PA 11 Security To work together to tackle security and organised crime" is coordinated by Germany and Bulgaria



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EUSDR – 4 PILLARS (11 PRIORITY AREAS)

Connect the Region

(PA 1A, PA 1B, PA 2, PA 3)

Protecting Environment

(PA 4, PA 5, PA 6)

Strengthening the Region

(PA 10, PA 11)

Building Prosperity

(PA 7, PA 8, PA 9)



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Role of the Slovak Republic in EUSDR

- The Slovak Republic – very active in all Priority Areas
- National Coordinator- Slovak Government
- Slovakia is co-coordinating the **Priority Area 7**
Knowledge Society "To develop the Knowledge Society (research, education and ICT),, and
Priority Area 4
Water Quality "To restore and maintain the quality of waters"
- Priority Area 4 together with the Priority Area 5 and Priority Area 6 belong to the Pillar II.



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Slovak EUSDR 2016 Presidency

- EUSDR Presidency - 1 year, rotating principle
- Slovak EUSDR Presidency = 2016
- Slovak priorities in PA 4 Water Quality "To restore and maintain the quality of waters":

A) dynamic integrated management and water protection focused on providing sufficient amount and quality of waters with regard to climate change impact connected to sustainable development of society



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Slovak EUSDR 2016 Presidency

- **Main focus**

1. national approaches identifying the drought and water scarcity
2. implementation of effective adaptation measures within the drought and water scarcity issues

- **Expected benefit** presented during the 5th EUSDR Annual Forum (Bratislava in November 2016)

1. preparation of the analysis of national approaches within the Danube countries
2. identification and preparation of measures within the drought and water scarcity



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B) Within the Slovak presidency, the most important is to pursue the topic of maintaining a good status of waters when implementing new infrastructure projects (see below) within the sustainable development of the Danube Region:

1. Flood Protection Measures
2. Water Restoration Measures (e.g. water reservoirs, ponds, polders, wetlands,...)
3. Water Power Plants
4. Water Ways
5. Ports, highways, bridges, tunnels, etc.



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Main focus

- achieving a good status of waters according to the Article 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive.

Expected benefit

- recommendation for the European Commission regarding effective procedures for assessing new sustainable development activities of people in relation to achievement of good status of waters



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