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# AGENDA

## FIRST MACRO REGIONAL STRATEGIES' WORKSHOP ON WATER

19 APRIL 2018

**Meeting venue:** [Art'otel Budapest](#), Bem Rakpart 16-19, 1011, Budapest, Hungary

**Dinner:** The evening prior to the event we kindly invite you for the networking dinner in [Kossuth Múzeumhajó és Vén Hajó Étterem \(the Kossuth Museum Boat\)](#), Vigadó 2-es ponton, 1052, Budapest, Hungary. The dinner is served at 19:00 on 18 April 2018.

09:00-09:30	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>	
09:30-10:00	<b>Opening of the meeting</b> <i>Tour de table</i>	Baiba Liepa, Interact Balázs Horváth, Priority Area 4 'Water Quality', EUSDR, Hungary
10:00-10:15	<b>EU Water related activities: update</b>	Giacomo Luciani, DG Environment, European Commission
10:15-10:25	<b>Further developments of the EU macro-regional strategies</b>	Odd Godal, DG REGIO, European Commission
10:25-10:50	<b>First outcomes of the EU Macro-regional strategies research on waters</b>	Piroska Szabó, Trenecon
	<b>Introduction of water related activities in the EU macro-regional strategies: challenges, experiences and lessons learnt</b>	
10:50-11:40	➤ Introduction by the coordinators of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region Discussion	Balázs Horváth, Priority Area 4 'Water Quality', Hungary Károly Gombás, Priority Area 5 'Environmental risks', Hungary Florian Ballnus, Priority Area 6 'Biodiversity', Germany (tbc)
11:40-12:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	



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12:00-12:30	➤ Introduction by the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Discussion	Maxi Nachtigall, Policy Area 'Hazards', Sweden
12:30-13:20	➤ Introduction by the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region Discussion	Sofia Loukmidou, Pillar 1 'Blue growth', Greece Mitja Bricelj, Pillar 3 'Environmental quality', Slovenia
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30-15:45	<b>Moderated round table discussion around the questions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What water related topics are common/similar across all the EU macro-regional strategies?</li> <li>- What emerging issues can be identified in the implementation of the EU macro-regional strategies (e.g. funding post-2020; mobilisation of stakeholders; new scientific challenges - how to address those; conveying results of the Strategies to the policy level)?</li> <li>- How cooperation across the EU macro-regional strategies could be organised (e.g. thematic, format, frequency of exchanges, concrete proposals for aligning efforts)?</li> <li>- How to enhance cooperation between the thematic coordinators of the EU macro-regional strategies and international organisations?</li> </ul>	Moderated by Ádám Kovács, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
15:45-16:00	<b>Conclusions from the discussions, next steps towards future water related cooperation across the EU macro-regional strategies</b>  <b>Closing of the meeting</b>	Balázs Horváth, Priority Area 4 'Water Quality', EUSDR, Hungary Baiba Liepa, Interact