4th Annual Forum of the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region
29 th and 30 th October 2015 in Ulm
Contribution form (Please use one form per proposal!)



Title of the contribution:

"Joint Danube Survey 3: towards a clearer picture of Danube water quality"

Contribution to thematic session:	PAC-Actions:
x Innovation	U Workshop
Dual education/entrepreneurship	Panel discussion
Civil Society (engagement)	x Exhibition stand
	Other contribution

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x PA 1a	x PA 4	🗌 PA 8
🗌 PA 1b	x PA 5	🗌 PA 9
x PA 2	x PA 6	🗌 PA 10
🗌 PA 3	x PA 7	🗌 PA 11

Intention, Focus, topic of the contribution:

The Joint Danube Survey 3 (JDS3) was the world's biggest river research expedition of its kind in 2013. With the JDS3 Full Scientific Report published in early 2015, it catalyzed international cooperation from all 14 of the main Danube Basin countries and the European Commission, united through the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR). A Joint Danube Survey is carried out only once every six years – JDS1 was in 2001 and JDS2 in 2007.

The Joint Danube Survey had three main objectives:

- To collect information on parameters not covered in ongoing monitoring efforts
- To have data that is readily comparable for the entire river because it comes from a single source

- To raise awareness for water and river basin management

For six weeks between 13 August and 26 September 2013, the JDS3 ships travelled 2,375 km downstream the Danube River, through 10 countries, from Regensburg to the Danube Delta. The JDS3 was coordinated by the ICPDR. An international Core Team of 20 scientists was responsible for sampling, sample processing, on-board analyses and all survey activities.

For a period of three days, the German science photographer André Künzelmann joined the scientists and accompanied their sampling and analysis work. His photographs of the JDS3 won the "Deutscher Preis der Wissenschaftsphotographie" ("German Award for Science Photography") in 2014.

The award winning pictures of Mr. Künzelmann can now be shown in the frame of an exhibition at the 4th EUSDR Annual Forum. They will draw attention to the underlying effort that united scientists from all over Europe in conducting this comprehensive analysis of Danube water status. A picturesque contribution to the EUSDR Annual Forum, supported by informational publications and of course the complete findings of the survey.

Organizational matters

Exhibition stand:

We prefer to bring our own stand equipment.

x We prefer to use a standardized stand (basic equipment: movable back boards (white), electricity) Required equipment:

x table, counter, rack* (required number: 1)

standing table (required number:)

x chairs/bar stools* (required number: 1)

Flat screen

other equipment:

Remarks:

Some of the photographs of Mr Künzelmann can be seen here:

http://www.icpdr.org/main/german-photography-award-jds3-photo-essay

We can offer the production of several large-format prints that could be assembled to a proper exhibition. This will of course depend on the space offered by the organisers; from our point of view, we would be happy to fill an area bigger than a single exhibition stand.

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