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STEPS TOWARD DEVELOPING A JOINT DOCUMENT BETWEEN EUSDR PA₄ AND PA₅ AND THE ICPDR

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Background (1/2)

- The **ICPDR, PA4 and PA5 in November 2013 agreed** to prepare a **joint document**, where the particular mandates, responsibilities, tasks and modus operandi between ICPDR and PA4/PA5 are clarified;
- Agreed also that the joint draft document once primarily agreed with the partners will be disclosed for the Steering Group members and will be submitted to the European Commission in 2014;
- In line with the above procedure PA4, PA5, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania (PACs) and the ICPDR started with the process and prepared their ***Joint Documents***.

Background (2/2)

- Between January and March 2014 PA4 has developed a **draft document**, which has been sent to the ICPDR ES as well as to the PACs of PA5 and to the NCPs of the coordinating countries;
- In March 2014 the ICPDR has developed an **ICPDR draft document : Joint Paper on Cooperation and Synergy for the EUSDR Implementation** focusing on EUSDR PA4 and PA5 coordination;
- The document was discussed several times among the ICPDR and related NCs during 2014 and on 8 September 2014 in Vienna an agreement was reached between ICPDR, HU and SK related to the text. The Romanian party provided its consent.
- The document was ready for circulation on 03/10/2014
- PA4 submitted it to its SG members on 06/10/2014

Objectives:

- ✓ Outlining mandates;
- ✓ Setting clear overview on the separation of tasks and responsibilities;
- ✓ Seeking for options/procedures on how to make the best of both frameworks through complementarity and coordination synergy.

Main principles when preparing the document:

- ✓ concise,
- ✓ not lengthy document.

Content of the document (10 pages + Annexes)

- Introduction (1 pages)
- Background (4 pages)
- Key ICPSR-EUSDR activities, products and results related to PA4-PA5 actions (3 pages)
- Reinforce synergy (2,5 pages)
- Conclusion (1 page)

How to reinforce synergy:

- ***Strengthening the network***
- ***Closer coordination***
- ***Early consultations***
- ***Meeting efficiency***
- ***Innovative approaches***
- ***Mutual recognition and visibility***
- ***Cross-sectoral cooperation***
- ***Strategic guidance and coordination***
- ***Priority setting***
- ***Alignment of funding***

Annexes of the document

- 1. ICPDR Structure and responsibilities
- 2. EUSDR Structure
- 3. Overview table ICPDR activities and related EUSDR actions

Further improvements are already visible for SYNERGIES

- EUSDR team of PA4-PA5 participate at WGs of ICPDR
- PACS participate at key ICPDR meetings
- PA4-PA5 projects and researches are being introduced at WGs of the ICPDR
- PA-PA5 asked the coordinated opinion of ICPDR and its WGs for the issue of alignment of funding and **JOINT PRIORITIES**
- **COOPERATION** is progressing further, joint notions are clear
- PA4 Workplan was elaborated together with ICPDR in 2014