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SIDE EVENT ON

**Flood Protection and Water Management Related Issues in the
Danube Region to Share Experiences, Best Practices and New
Initiations**

**EUSDR PA₄ – TOWARDS REACHING GOOD STATUS OF
WATERS IN THE DRB**

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Water Quality issues within the Danube Strategy



EUSDR adopted in June 2011 during the Hungarian Presidency

EUSDR contains 4 pillars:

1. Connecting the region
2. **Protecting the environment**
3. Building prosperity
4. Strengthening the region

Pillar 2 includes three main areas:

- **To restore and maintain the quality of waters (HU-SK)**
- To manage environmental risks (HU-RO)
- To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

'Water quality' main challenges and tools

Main challenges/significant water management issues:

- organic and nutrient pollution,
- hazardous substances pollution,
- hydromorphological alterations.

Tools of implementation:

- alignment of funding,
- cooperation with relevant institutions,
- facilitate project implementation
- cooperation with other priority areas of EUSDR

Cooperation with relevant institutions



PA4 takes strong emphasis on the cooperation activities with institutions also focusing on water management issues:

- PA4 works together with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR);
- It cooperates in sub-basin with Sava Commission (sharing information);
- Established good contact with Global Water Partnership (CEE);
- Joint cooperation in sub-basin activities – PA4 facilitates the technical work of the ICPDR Tisza Group (JOINTISZA project);
- Lead of DTP Water Management Thematic Pole

Specific tasks to be dealt with



- Facilitating the implementation of the Danube River Basin Management Plan – ICPDR;
- Strengthening sub-basin cooperation;
- Waste water treatment plans – boosting investments and upgrading systems (focus on non EU countries);
- Interlink between water mgt and agriculture sector as well as with other relevant sectors;
- Facilitate the use of P-free detergents;
- Measures related to hazardous substances to reduce risks;
- To promote measures to limit water abstraction;
- Further strengthen Integrated Coastal Management

Specific focus from 2017



- Setting up closer link with water related priority areas of the macro-regional strategies;
- Workshop organisation on mutual cooperation between water and agriculture sector (2017, 2018) – joint cooperation with ICPDR – activity lead by the ICPDR
- Guidance document on sustainable agriculture to reduce nutrient pollution from diffuse sources in the DRB (2019) – joint cooperation with ICPDR – activity lead by the ICPDR
- Cooperation with other priority areas of the EUSDR concerning funding,
- Cooperation with EU institutions,
- Exploiting the funding opportunities of the EC centrally managed programs,
- Organising stakeholder conferences, activities.

DTP Thematic Pole



- Aiming at to reinforce the existing networks of relevant stakeholders within the projects and create new ones, to fill in knowledge gaps by linking actors with complementary thematic specialisation, experiences, methodological approaches or territorial relevance.
- Water management Thematic Pole currently includes four projects (CAMRAO-D, DanubeSediment, DriDanube, JOINTISZA)
- Involvement of other projects is continuous e.g FramWat, DANUBEparksCONNECTED and Danube STREAM).
- The Thematic Pole Team leader is EUSDR PA4 (Mr Balázs Horváth) in cooperation with EUSDR PA5 (Mr Georghe Constantin).

Thank you for your kind
attention!

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