



European Strategy for the Danube Region

Activities of the Priority Area 4

„To restore and maintain the quality of waters“

since 11SG Meeting

(held on 25 May 2016 in Bratislava)

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EUSDR Presidency

- Slovakia presides the EUSDR from 11/2015 to 10/2016
- Hungary presides the EUSDR from 11/2016 to 10/2017

The main priorities during Slovak EUSDR Presidency in the field of water were the following:

A/ to enforce the dynamic integrated management and water protection focused on providing sufficient water quantity and quality considering climate change towards sustainable development of society

B/ to maintain a good status of waters while implementing of new sustainable human development activities in the Danube Region (Article 4.7 of WFD) – topic changed on intervention of the European Commission to the cooperation of water and agriculture sectors

- Simultaneously, Slovakia holds Presidency in the Council of the European Union during 07-12/2016



PA4 activities since 11SG Meeting

- **16-17 June 2016, Modrá, CZ**
Presentation of PA4 activities at 14th Standing Working Group Meeting of the ICPDR
- **8 July 2016, Bratislava, SK – EUSDR Consultancy Group, Slovak Government (NCP SK)**
- **7-8 September 2016, Budapest, HU**
 - **Danube Transnational Programme PAC Seminar, 1st PAC Call of Proposals**
 - **DSP Consultation meeting with the EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators on strategic direction of the Seed Money Facility**
- **9 September 2016, Budapest, HU**
Trilateral Meeting (PA4 HU – PA4 SK – ICPDR) – Roadmap update + work plan 2017-2019



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4 October 2016, Hotel Sorea Regia Bratislava, SK

Trust-building between Water and Agriculture Sectors in the Danube Region

<http://www.danubewaterquality.eu/news/workshop-trust-building-between-water-and-agriculture-sectors-in-the-danube-region>

Workshop goal - to build mutual trust, improving relations and strengthening the cooperation between water and agriculture sector

! Conclusions !

1. Section: State of Play and Dialogue in Water Policy and Agricultural Policy

Claire McCamphill, EC: *Progress towards sustainable water management in the agriculture sector*

Adam Kovács, ICPDR: *Agricultural nutrient pollution in the Danube Basin - is it still a real concern?*

Karl Schwaiger, Ministry of Environment, Austria: *Water and Agriculture in Austria – policies shaped in close cooperation with sectors and stakeholders*



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2. Section: Demands of agriculture on water quality and quantity in different climate conditions

Zsuzsanna Magosányi, Ministry of Interior, Katalin Olga Kujáni, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary - *2nd River Basin Management Plan and measures for a sustainable agriculture*

Štefan Rehák, Ľubica Kopčová, WRI, Slovakia: *Assessment of drought and available water resources for agriculture*

Ľuboš Jurík, SPU, Slovakia: *Water for cities and countryside – the same water for two users*

3. Section: Water pollution by nutrients from agriculture – experience from different regions

Adam Kovács, ICPDR: *Sustainable agriculture in the Danube Basin towards a balanced nutrient management*

János Tamás, János Fehér, GWP: *Is there a need to shift the paradigm in the interpretation of agricultural non-point sources management in Carpathian Basin?*

Radoslav Bujnovský, WRI, Slovakia: *The effective reducing of diffuse water pollution by nutrients from agricultural land – the primary issue of available information*

Vladimír Píš, Pavol Bezák, Gregor Sýkora, NPPC-VÚPOP, Slovakia – *Soil in the context of nitrate application into soil (HRIS system)*



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4/10/2016, Bratislava





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➤ **21 October 2016**

Deadline for 1st PAC call – DTP - project on PA4 activities financing preparation

- Common project for PA4 HU-SK (HU – lead partner)
- PA4 activities for 2017-2019 coming from PA4 Roadmap Update
- Project evaluation from DTP is expected at the beginning of 12/2016

➤ **21 October 2016, Bratislava, SK**

Slovak National Participation Day - presentation of PA4 activities and cooperation possibilities for NGOs

➤ **24 October 2016, Bratislava, SK**

Conference „Water and Agriculture“ organized within Slovak Presidency in EU Council – mentioned synergy with the Danube Strategy, workshop PA4 (4/10/2016)

➤ **27 October 2016, Vienna, A**

Fifth Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change – PA4 activities presentation



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➤ **3-4 November 2016, Bratislava, SK** **5th EUSDR Annual Forum**

PA4 organized Workshop 2 „Water – non-alternative source for life“

Main topics (in synergy with SK EUSDR Presidency for water sector):

Danube water resources outlook until 2050 (DG JRC, Water Nexus)

Dynamic integrated management with regard to climate change

- Hydrological drought - current status and new challenges of the research (PriFUK, SK)
- Dynamic integrated management with regard to climate change (ICPDR)
- Integrated drought management programme for Central and Eastern Europe – Methodology guidance for preparation of drought management plans (GWP)

Water and Agriculture

- Water and Agriculture: Conflict or synergy? (DG Environment)
- Agriculture, part of the problem or part of the solution for water issues (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, NL)
- Effective reducing of water pollution by nutrients from agricultural land - a primary matter of available spatial information (Water Research Institute, SK)



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Presentations of projects of importance/relevance for PA 4, PA5 and PA6 –

PA4: JOINTisza, Solotvino (UA), CleanRiver, DanubeSediments,

PA5: DAREFFORT, Danube Floodplain, EAST AVERT,

PA6: Sturgeon 2020, Invasive Alien Species).

<http://www.danubewaterquality.eu/news/5th-eusdr-annual-forum>

➤ **28-30 November 2016, Budapest, HU**

Budapest Water Summit and Stakeholder seminar

Projects:

JOINTisza and DanubeSediments – adopted within the 1st DTP call

Dissemination:

Brochures: - PA4 general brochure

- Effective reduction of diffuse water pollution by nutrients from agricultural land
- What is new in the update of Drinking Water Directive?
- Supporting activities focusing on the accession of non-EU countries towards achieving the Danube basin wide goals

Article in Water Management Journal 7-8/2016 – conference Drought and Water Scarcity

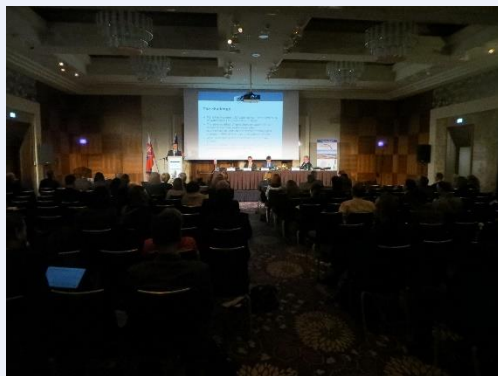
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5th Annual Forum – WS 2 „Water – non-alternative source for life“



**3-4/11/2016
Bratislava**





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