



PA₄ Action Plan revision

EUSDR PA₄ – ICPDR common
session

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Why EUSDR Action Plans revised?

- Priorities evolve, Actions and Projects need to be updated, transformed or replaced. Action Plan is “rolling” and should be regularly reviewed in light of new, emerging needs and changing contexts
- EUSDR targets revised in 2016 but Action Plan remained the one of 2010
- The EUSDR implementation to be enhanced: **political commitment** and development of **joint transnational projects**
- re-boosting the EUSDR **politically** and **involving non-EU countries** more strongly
- emphasis on **monitoring** in order to be able to assess how well the planned objectives have been met. This requires more clearly defined indicators and targets better linked to the Action Plan
- Multiannual Financial Framework and cohesion policy legislative package **post-2020** under discussion, revision of EUSDR Action Plan should take them into account to align the priorities of the Strategy to EU policies

Why to discuss it now? - timelines

26 June 2018	Joint NCs and PACs meeting with Commissioner Corina Crețu in Brussels
July – September 2018	Identification of the needs of revision of the Action Plan by PAs
September – December 2018	<p>- Launching the consultation phase on the relevant EUSDR levels. The new DSP should coordinate and provide guidelines about the process.</p> <p>Consultation process at PA Steering Groups level with the support of the new DSP</p> <p>Organising discussions between PACs with the support of the new DSP</p>
1 st Q 2019	<p>A feedback from the Steering Group consultation process presented by each PAC during the PAC meeting organised by RO Presidency.</p> <p>Consultation process at NCs level</p> <p>A feedback from the PACs consultation process presented by the new DSP during the NCs meeting organised by RO Presidency</p> <p>Finalising the consultation phase with the support of the new DSP</p> <p>Submitting the results of the consultation phase to the Commission</p>
2 nd Q 2019	<p>Drafting phase – a revised version of the EUSDR Action Plan should be drafted by the Commission in consultation with the NCs and PACs</p> <p>Collecting comments on the revised version of the EUSDR Action Plan</p>

Issues to be considered

- **Consultation phase – PA Steering Groups and PACs**
- **(September – December 2018)**
- **Guidance from EC (issues to be considered):**
 - the needs for revision of the Action Plan through analysis and assessing the current implementation
 - challenges in the next 10 years
 - topics/challenges that could be addressed jointly with other PAs
 - embedding of PA into the new cohesion policy legislative proposal for 2021 – 2027
 - align the priorities of the EUSDR to the policy objectives included in the new cohesion policy legislative proposal for 2021 – 2027
- **New Danube Strategic Point (DSP) – information related to AP revision:**
 - No changes in Priority areas focus
 - 6-7 December 2018, Vienna – meeting NCs+PACs – further information

Aim of the common session



- Ambitious timeline
- **PA4 considers useful to organize a first orientation discussion with ICPDR RBM EG on the gaps and challenges of the MFF period**
- Aim: first forward-looking discussion about the next 10 years' challenges and tasks in which the ICPDR and EUSDR would be able to find synergies and win-win opportunities to strengthen each other's efforts and enhance common work
- Focus: gaps and challenges identified during the 2nd JPM Interim Report i.e. how JPM measures can be implemented through projects or other types of action in the next period in the structure of the post-2020 Cohesion Policy.

PA4 actions (1-4)

- **Action 1:** “To implement fully the Danube River Basin Management Plan”
- **Action 2:** “To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level”
 - Project ideas: “To complete and adopt Danube Tributaries' River Basin Management Plans” and “To complete and adopt a Management Plan for the Danube Delta”
- **Action 3:** “To continue to invest in and support the information collection systems already developed by ICPDR”
 - Project ideas: “To carry out the next Joint Danube Survey by 2013 and to complete the development of the existing Danube GIS Database” and “To establish and complete the Sava GIS”
- **Action 4:** “To continue boosting major investments in building and upgrading urban wastewater treatment facilities across the Danube Basin, including measures to build capacity at the regional and local level for the design of such infrastructure”
 - Project idea: “To implement the Blue Danube cooperation project to exchange technologies, experience and personnel in the field of urban waste water treatment”

PA4 actions (5-8)

- **Action 5:** “To establish buffer strips along the rivers to retain nutrients and to promote alternative collection and treatment of waste in small rural settlements”
- **Action 6:** “To foster and develop an active process of dialogue and cooperation between authorities responsible for agriculture and environment to ensure that measures are taken to address agricultural pollution”
- **Action 7:** “To legislate at the appropriate level to limit the presence of phosphates in detergents”
- **Action 8:** “To treat hazardous substances and contaminated sludge with the newest and best available technology and to develop and promote remediation measures for hazardous producing or abandoned industrial sites and waste deposits”

PA4 actions (9-12)

- **Action 9:** “To assure the proper control and progressive substitution of substances that are considered problematic for Danube Region”
- **Action 10:** “To reduce existing water continuity interruption for fish migration in the Danube river basin”
 - Project ideas: “To make the feasibility study for restoring continuity at the Iron Gates”; “To carry out an assessment for restoration of the sediment balance in the Danube” and “To examine biodiversity and environmental status of sediment, water and biota in the Sava River Basin”
- **Action 11:** “To promote measures to limit water abstraction”
- **Action 12:** “To strengthen general awareness and facilitate exchange of good practice in integrated water management issues in the Danube Basin among decision-makers at all levels and among the population of the Region”

PA4 actions (13-14)

- Action 13: “To promote measures aimed at reducing knowledge deficits, developing and transferring tools, methods and guidelines concerning the safeguarding of drinking water supply”
- Action 14: “To further strengthen Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) practices on the Western shores of the Black Sea”