



# 7th EUSDR Annual Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria

18-19 October 2018

*16 SG meeting of Priority Area 4*

*24-25 October 2018*

*Bratislava, Water Research Institute*





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## **Opening Session**

- Mrs Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA, Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Mrs Corina CREȚU, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy
- Mrs Petya AVRAMOVA, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works
- Mrs Nikolina ANGELKOVA, Minister of Tourism



## **Keynote Speech**

- Mr Tibor NAVRACSICS, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport – New challenges of European Cultural Heritage



## Panel 1: Measures for Development and Conservation of Cultural Heritage – added value for achieving economic growth and employment

### Topics:

- **Introductory remarks - Science and Technology tools promoting European heritage and tourism**
- **European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 – Promoting Sustainable Cultural Tourism**
- **Cultural heritage and new technologies – online and interactive access to cultural heritage**
- **Qualified staff – a prerequisite for the development of tourism**
- **Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: Strategic local systems for sustainable tourism and growth**
- **Challenges to cross-border regions in the geographical scope of the EUSDR, focusing on the preservation of cultural heritage**
- **Sustainable tourism as a prerequisite for the strengthening the cooperation countries and regions in the geographical scope of the EUSDR**



## 2 Parallel thematic sessions

# 1. Security in Public Spaces

***Moderator: Mrs Eva-Maria ENGDAHL**, Head of Sector – Protection, Unit D2 – Terrorism and Radicalisation, DG HOME, European Commission*

- **Collaboration for ensuring safety and security in tourism**

***Speaker: Mr Emil KOLEV**, National Police DG, Ministry of Interior, Bulgaria*

- **Dealing with the consequences from acts of terrorism in Europe and worldwide**

***Speaker: Mr Nenad BOGUNOVIC**, Criminal Police Directorate, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Serbia*

- **Soft target/Public spaces: vulnerability assessment and protection**

***Speaker: Mr. Martin LARCHER**, Project Officer of Scientific Research, Unit Safety and Security of Buildings, DG JRC, European Commission*

- **Security and safety at major events with an international dimension** ***Speaker: Mr. Volodymyr ILIUSHCHENKO**, Ministry of Interior, Ukraine*



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# 2. Sustainable tourism mobility

*Moderator: Mr Andreas FRIEDWAGNER, CEO, VERRACON GmbH, Austria*

- **Tourism infrastructure**  
*Speaker: Mrs Jitka VRTALOVA, Czech Association of Cities for Cycles*
- **Improvement of Danube River navigation**  
*Speaker: Mr Gerhard SKOFF, President of the Danube Tourism Commission, Austria*
- **Eurovelo 6 as the backbone for cycling tourism in the Danube region**  
*Speaker: Mr Ed LANCASTER, Senior Policy Officer – Cycling Tourism and Regional Policy, European Cyclists' Federation*
- **Presentation of three Danube Transnational Programme and one INTERREG Europe Programme projects**  
*Project DANTE*  
*Project DANUBE STREAM*  
*Project TransDanube Pearls*  
*Project Last Mile*



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*PA 4 Information Corner*







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## *Projects exhibition*





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## ***DSP meeting:***

- ***Introduction of team members***
- ***Cooperation***
- ***Invitation to PA 4 SG meeting in Bratislava in October 2018***
- ***Future Plans***
- ***Discussion on Action Plan***
- ***Invitation to DSP meeting in Vienna in December 2018***





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**19 October 2018**

## Keynote Speech

- ***Mrs Lena ANDERSSON-PENCH***, Director European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission - Future of co-operation





## Panel 2: Danube Transnational Programme contribution to the Danube Region



**Moderator: Mrs Baiba LIEPA, INTERACT**

- **Presentation on the territorial needs of the Danube area,**  
*Speaker: Mr János Ádám KARÁCSONY, Representative of local government of Village Tahitótfalu, European Committee of the Regions, Hungary*
- **Overview of the state of play in the implementation of the Danube Transnational Programme**
- **Brief presentation of a selection of project results and Danube Transnational Programme Capitalization Strategy outcomes**
- **Conclusion: Potential elements of the future contribution of the Danube Transnational Programme for the development of the region, including plans for the 3rd call for proposals**  
*Speakers: Mr Imre CSALAGOVITS, Head of the DTP Managing Authority  
DTP Projects representatives*



## Panel 3: EU Macro-regional strategies and the future of cooperation

**Moderator: Mr Jean-Pierre HALKIN**, Head of Unit for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, DG REGIO, European Commission

- **Synergy / interrelation of the EUSDR with the ESIF programmes**  
*Speaker: Mr Radu GORINCIOI*, EUSDR National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- **Synergy and coherence between EU Macro-regional strategies for meeting EU common objectives**  
*Speaker: Mr Roland ARBTER*, EUSDR National Coordinator, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, Austria
- **The EUSDR - How to have a grounded Macro-regional strategy that still can fly?**  
*Speakers: Mrs Sandra di BIAGGIO*, ESPON EGTC  
*Mr Jörg MIRTL*, INTERACT
- **Participation of ENI countries in EU Macro-regional strategies**  
*Speaker: Mrs Oxana PAIERELE*, EUSDR National Coordination Unit during 2013-2018, Republic of Moldova
- **Current and future implementation opportunities for EUSDR**  
*Speaker: Mr Anguel BEREMLIYSKY*, Project Manager, Directorate Administrative Capacity Building and Programme Implementation II, DG REGIO, European Commission





## Closing Session

- *Mrs Lena ANDERSSON-PENCH, Director European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission*
- *Mrs Denitsa NIKOLOVA, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria*
- *Mr Victor NEGRESCU, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Romania*
- **Closing remarks**
- **Closing ceremony for handing over the Presidency of the EUSDR to Romania**





# Thank you for your attention

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