



**Annual Stakeholder Seminar of the Pillar II.
- Protecting the Environment -
of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region**

Draft Programme

06 November.2012, Budapest

Purpose of the seminar:

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is a macro-regional strategy adopted by the European Commission in December 2010 and endorsed by the European Council in 2011. The Strategy was jointly developed by the Commission, together with the Danube Region countries and stakeholders, in order to address common challenges together. It seeks to create synergies and coordination between existing policies and initiatives taking place across the Danube Region.

The environment is a major factor in all human activities, but it is also substantially affected by them. For this reason it is integrated horizontally to the sectorial goals and visions covered by this Strategy – voluntarily or through legislative requirements. In addition there are priority areas focused on the environment within the framework of the Pillar B (Protecting the Environment). The main aim of this Pillar is to ensure that adequate responses are identified to the challenges of climate change, quality of environment and biodiversity; those responses are coordinated, harmonized and optimized on the macroregional level; coordinated efforts receive high level political endorsement and financing is ensured for the forthcoming period, especially the multiannual financial framework from 2014 to 2020.

The environmental issues are associated with three priority areas (PAs), such as Water Quality (PA4), Environmental Risk (PA5) and Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality (PA6). These priority areas address various aspects and specific tools and actions for the same geographic and ecological features: rivers and basins, lands and habitats. While focused actions in river basin management, flood protection, civil protection and emergency preparedness, conservation and restoration of biodiversity and landscapes, soil protection and improvement of air quality are essential, these shared features also present the opportunity and obligation of cooperation, reflected by the common stakeholder seminar of priority areas within the Pillar B.

The actions of the three priority areas complement and have an influence on each other; tools, measures and even some individual projects might be common. The meeting reflects this special relationship between the priority areas in its structure, but also provides the opportunity to a more in depth look and reflection to single priority areas.



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Please note that the draft program changes on confirmation of high level representatives from countries in the Danube Macro-region and EC.

Meeting Venue:

Address: Danubius Hotel Helia, 62-64, Kárpát utca, 1133 Budapest, Hungary

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Map: The map of the Hotel is available in the “Registration and information” document.

AGENDA

9.00 – 10.00

Arrival and registration at the spot

Room HELIA CONFERENCE

10.00 – 11.30

Welcome/keynote speeches

Chair: Dr. András Báldi, General Director of Institute of Ecology and Botany of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,

- Prof. Mr József Pálincás President of Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- Mr Balázs Medgyesy Government Commissioner of EUSDR, NCP of Hungary
- Mr Péter Kovács State Secretary for Water, Hungary
- Ms Olimpia Negru Government of Romania, General Director Ministry of Environment and Forest
- Mr Ladislav Simko Government of Slovakia, Director of Cross-sectional Activities, NCP of Slovakia
- Representative from German Embassy, Budapest, Hungary
- Representative from Croatian Embassy, Budapest, Hungary
- Ms Anna Repullo-Grau European Commission DG REGIO

11.30 – 12.30

Scientific lectures

Chair: Dr. András Báldi, General Director of Institute of Ecology and Botany of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences,

- PA4: Prof. István Ijjas Emeritus Professor of TU, Budapest
- PA5: Prof. János Józsa Professor of TU, Budapest
- PA6: Ms Laurice Ereifej Head of CEE Freshwater Programme WWF Hungary



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Room ORION

11.30 – 12.00

Press conference (parallel)

Mr Balázs Medgyesy Government Commissioner of EUSDR, NCP of Hungary
Mr Péter Kovács State Secretary for Water, Hungary
Ms Olimpia Negru General Director Ministry of Environment and Forest,
Romania
Mr Ladislav Simko Government of Slovakia, Director of Cross-sectional
Activities, NCP of Slovakia
Representative from Embassy of Germany, Budapest, Hungary
– one coordinator of PA4, PA5 and PA6

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch



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Workshops (parallel)

A. Water quality (PA4) – Room PANORAMA

Chairs: Mr Radoslav Bujnovsky Coordinator of EUSDR PA4 from Slovak Republic
Dr László Perger Coordinator of EUSDR PA4 from Hungary

14.00 – 14.15

Topic 1: Short overview (Jointly for restoring and maintaining to quality of waters)

Lecturer: Mr Radoslav Bujnovsky

14.15 – 14.30

Topic 2: Workflow for implementation (From actions to roads-maps)

Lecturer: Dr László Perger

14.30 – 15.15

Topic 3: Outcomes (projects examples from idea to completion)

1. “Technology transfer for removing of pharmaceutical products from urban waste water” (15 min.)

Presentation on project “Blue Danube” submitted to LIFE+

Lecturer: Prof. Hans-Jörg Fecht (University of Ulm, Baden- Württemberg, Germany) (tbc)

2. Restoration of the sediment balance in the Danube (15 min.)

Presentation on project “Danube Sediment” ready for submission

Lecturer: Prof. János Józsa (Technical University, Budapest)

3. New management for water supplying under Climate Change (15 min.)

Presentation on project “CC-WaterS” completed

Lecturer: Dr Gerhard Kuschnig (Waterworks of Vienna Municipality)



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15.15 – 16.00

Discussions

Moderator: Dr. Zsuzsanna Kupper Kocsis

16.00 – 16.20

Coffee break



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B. Environmental risk (PA5) – Room MERCURE

Chair: Ms Olimpia Negru Coordinator of EUSDR PA5 of Romania

14.00 – 14.15

Topic 1: Short overview of the PA5

Lecturer: Dr Péter Bakonyi

14.15 – 14.45

Topic 2: Priority area on the move (From actions to roads-maps)

Lecturer: Dr Péter Bakonyi

14.45 – 15.15

Topic 3: Outcomes (projects examples from idea to completion)

1. Stakeholder oriented floodrisk assessment for the Danube floodplains – The FLOODRISK project (15 min.)

Lecturer: Ms Therese Stickler (Austria)

2. SEERISK- Joint Disaster Management risk assessment and preparedness in the Danube macro region (15 min.)

Lecturer: Ms Ágnes Rajacic (Hungarian National Disaster Management Directorate, Budapest)
(tbc)

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Discussions

Moderator: Ms Olimpia Negru Coordinator of EUSDR PA5 of Romania

16.00 – 16.20

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**C. Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality (PA6)
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Chairs: Ana Kobaslic, Coordinator of EUSDR PA6, Croatia
Florian Ballnus, Coordinator of EUSDR PA6, Germany

14.00 – 14.15

Topic 1: Short overview of the PA6

Lecturers: Florian Ballnus, Ana Kobaslic, Ivna Vukšić

14.15 – 14.45

Topic 2: Implementing PA6 - Expectations and Experiences

Lecturers: Florian Ballnus, Ana Kobaslic, Ivna Vukšić

14.45 – 15.15

Topic 3: Outcomes (projects examples)

1. The DANUBEPARKS project - nature protection in the Danube Region

Lecturer: Georg Frank, Donau-Auen National Park, Austria

2. Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube - Perspectives of Future Cooperation

Lecturer: Ms Mirna Bojić, Senior Expert Advisor, Croatian Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

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Plenary session

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16.20 – 16.45

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Chair: Mr Péter Kovács State Secretary for Water, Hungary

Summary of Discussion of PA4

Rapporteur: Dr. Zsuzsanna Kupper Kocsis

Summary of Discussion of PA5

Rapporteur: Dr. Péter Bakonyi

Summary of Discussion of PA6

Rapporteur: (tbd)

16.45 – 17.00

Close of the Seminar

Conclusion by Mr Balázs Medgyesy, Government Commissioner of EUSDR, NCP of Hungary



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