

## EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

### Second Stakeholder Seminar of the Water Quality (PA4) and the Environmental Risks (PA5) Priority Areas

## ***"EUROPEAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR"***

***PRIORITY AREA 4 "TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF WATERS" OF THE EUSDR (PA4)***

### ***STATE OF THE PLAY IN WATER SECTOR PART 1***

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## STATE OF THE PLAY

### PA4 „To restore and maintain the quality of waters”

#### General Information – European Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)



2010 - the idea of the EUSDR initiated

EUSDR structure – **14 Danube countries:**

**9 countries EU**

Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovenia

**5 countries non-EU**

Serbia, Bosna i Hercegovina, Montenegro, Moldova, Ukraine

EUSDR governance – coordination by the EC via Danube Strategy Point

**4 pillars, 11 priority areas (PAs)**

**Pillar II – Protecting Environment** includes **PA4** Water Quality;

**PA5** Environmental Risks; **PA6** Biodiversity, Landscapes, Air and Soil Quality

# STATE OF THE PLAY

## PA<sub>4</sub> „To restore and maintain the quality of waters”



Thematic group of Actions	PA <sub>4</sub> Road Map Activities
RBI River basin Issues	Action 1 - To implement fully the Danube River Basin Management Plan
	Action 2 - To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level
	Action 3 - To continue to invest in and support the information collection systems already developed by ICPDR
	Action 10 - To reduce existing water continuity interruption for fish migration in the Danube river basin
PI Pollution Issues	Action 11 - To promote measures to limit water abstraction
	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
	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
Action 9 - To assure the proper control and progressive substitution of substances that are considered problematic for Danube Region	

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Thematic group of Actions	PA4 Road Map Activities
DII Dissemination and Information Issues	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
	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

- PA4 + PA5 actions are implemented in close cooperation with ICPDR - signed *Joint Paper on Cooperation and Synergy for the EUSDR Implementation*

*STATE OF THE PLAY - activities in 2015*  
*PA4 „To restore and maintain the quality of waters”*



## **1. Management, monitoring, administration**

### **A/ Organization of events -**

- **bilateral meetings** (February, October 2015);
- **International conference – Water Resources Protection** (April 2015);
- **Steering Group Meetings** (June 2015 in Budapest; October 2015 in Bratislava);
- **2nd Stakeholder Conference** (November 2015, Budapest);

### **B/ Active participation in EUSDR and related events –**

- **PACs Meeting** (Stuttgart, 02/2015), **ICPDR RBM EG** (Prague 04/2015), **Floating Conference** (Budapest-Bratislava-Vienna, 06/2015), **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum in Ulm** (10/2015) – preparation of workshops:
- ✓ **Protecting the environment in the Danube Region: Integrated horizontal Cooperation**
- ✓ **Improvement and cooperation possibilities in the water sector with non-EU countries**
- ✓ **Setting water management priorities until 2021 – The Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015**

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**1. Management, monitoring, administration**

**C/ Adoption of Work plan 2015-2016, update of PA4 targets**

**D/ Preparation of reports to EC – Interim Payment Report, Progress Report, Final Report**

**E/ Support to EUSDR SK presidency**

## **2. Project generation support and alignment of funding**

- **Support and evaluation of START and TAF-DRP projects**
- **Facilitating the partnership and support to projects submitted within the Danube Transnational Programme – 1st call (details in the following presentation)**

## **3. Dissemination**

- **[www.danubewaterquality.eu](http://www.danubewaterquality.eu)**
- **Presentation on achievements in the meetings;**
- **Printing folders and brochures on PA4 activities;**
- **Preparation of brochures and leaflets on PA4 studies, documents, projects and achievements**



# *STATE OF THE PLAY - activities in 2015*

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### **4. Enforcing cooperation with Non-EU countries**

- **Visit of PA4 HU team to Bosna i Hercegovina and Serbia (June & July 2015) - wastewater issues**
- **Visit of Ukrainian and Moldovan experts in Slovakia (September 2015) – wastewater treatment and drinking water issues, legislation aspects, possibilities of cooperation**
- **Visit of Bosnian expert in Hungary (September/October 2015) - professional programme on water management, flood protection and damage control**





## Slovak EUSDR Presidency in 2016

### Slovak priorities in PA 4 "To restore and maintain the quality of waters":

- *Dynamic integrated management and water protection focused on providing sufficient amount and quality of waters with regard to climate change impact connected to sustainable development of society*
- *Maintaining a good status of waters when implementing new infrastructure projects within the sustainable development of the Danube Region (Article 4.7 WFD)*

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your attention!

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