

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)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ISSUES TO BE PROCEEDED FURTHER PART 2

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OUTLINE

- **Policy developments**
- **Governance**
- **Progress by targets**
- **Projects**

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➤ **Policy developments**

➤ **Strategic cooperation with**

- DG Regio – ” daily” working relationship in
 - Governance of PA 4 (with contribution of DSP)
 - Reporting issues (controlling of progress)
 - Technical assistance providing
- DG Enviro - implementation of environmental policies through
 - Unit of "Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact Assessments"
 - Unit of „Water”
- Danube Strategic Point – supporting the COM in its coordination task

➤ **Joint cooperation with**

- ICPDR (Joint Paper)- clarification of technical and political roles for better implementation of water management objectives
- SAVA Commission – PA 4 - ICPDR (Trilateral Cooperation) – work-plan harmonization
- Carpath Convention (Joint Declaration) – strengthening cooperation for Tisza River sb
- JRC (In-house Science Service) – Danube Water Nexus building

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➤ **Governance** *

- **SG meetings** (for ongoing exchange of information & enhance of cooperation)
 - 10 work meetings already done under commonly adopted RoP
 - Tangible improved activities of the SG members
 - Application of the written procedures out of/between meetings
 - Help in financing issues of non-EU countries for taking part in SGs
 - Mobilization efforts among SG members
- **Supporting of Pillar B/PA 4 relevant project proposals** through
 - LoR- donations in 15 cases
 - LoM – donations in 3 cases
- **Non – EU country visits** for managing Water imbalances in the Danube region (UA, RS, BiH, MD)
- **Strengthening sub-basin initiatives** (some parts of the territories are out of EU MSs)
- **Continuous website management** (www.danubewaterquality.eu)

➤ **Progress by targets**

- Achieve the management objectives set out in the Danube River Basin Management Plan („**improvement of Water Status**”);
- Reduce the nutrient levels in the Danube River to allow the recovery of the Black Sea ecosystems to conditions similar to 1960s („**limitation of discharge**”);
- Elaborate a Danube Delta Analysis Report ~~by 2013~~ as a step towards completion of the Delta management Plan ~~which shall be adopted by 2015~~ („**measures for the biggest wetland of EU**”);
- Secure viable populations of Danube sturgeon species (**habitat protection**);
- Elaborate, adopt and implement the sub-basin management plans, such as Sava, Tisza and Prut sub-basins (**strengthening of sub-basin initiatives**);
- **Fulfil PA 4 Actions**
 - Actions are not needed for revision
 - Upgrading of Road Maps (timetables)

➤ **Projects**

➤ **Flagship projects of PA 4 (submitted to DTP)**

- Danube SEDIMENT Management – Restoration of the sediment balance in the Danube River
- JOINTISZA - Strengthening cooperation between river basin management planning and flood risk prevention to enhance the status of waters of the Tisza River Basin

➤ **Some other PA 4 importance project proposals (with LoR)**

- Utilisation of Unique Wetlands and Lakes in Undermined Areas
- Development of Urban Wastewater Treatment plants in Transcarpathian region, Ukraine
- Innovative and Eco-friendly Irrigation technologies against CC impacts
- Sustainable Sanitation in Small settlements of the Danube region
- Eco-innovation in waste water treatment for Removing of Pharmaceutical Residuals



Thank you for attention!

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Joint Paper on Cooperation and Synergy for the EUSDR Implementation

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