

EUSDR Priority Area 4: To Restore and Maintain the Quality of Waters: State of play and next steps SG7

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POINTS

Achievements, ADDED VALUE:

1. POLICY
2. PROGRAMMING
3. INSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS
4. TOPICS
5. DEMONSTRATION, DISSEMINATION

Results achieved since the last SG meeting: FURTHER POLICY DEVELOPMENT - PROGRAMING- INSTITUTIONAL- SECTORAL- DISSEMINATION

Further policy achievements:

- **Comprehensive Danube Study on buffer strips along the rivers to retain nutrients and to promote alternative collection and treatment of waste in small rural settlements (A5)-ready for comments**
- **Comprehensive Danube Study waste (A5) ready for comments**
- **Comprehensive Danube Study on phosphates in detergents (A7) ready for comments**
- **Comprehensive Danube Study on the Early Warning Water Quality Monitoring System ready for comments**

Programing: Joint Priorities for PA4 are being identified **ready for comments**

Draft policy document is prepared **ready for comments**

EUSDR aims included in national OPs in some countries

Concrete projects are being carried out or are under development in the topics of water quality monitoring and urban and rural waste water treatment systems and sediments.

Challenges

- Mobilizing SG members (mainly) from third countries to participate in decision making
- Actions are moving on very broad scale in relation of water quality
- More activities need in surveying and updating of roadmaps, identifying joint priorities
- Stronger commitment in implementation process from MS

Benefits

Highly promoted proposals by EUSDR countries represented by SG members for the next MFF:

- Strengthening of cooperation in the Tisza River Basin
- Early Warning Water Quality Monitoring System on transboundary rivers
- Site specific and eco-friendly waste water treatment for less than 2000 PE settlements
- Danube Sediment Management – assessment and restoration of sediment balance
- River Modeling Centers - Hydraulic and environmental engineering labs (DREAM)

Thank you for attention

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