

European Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority area 4 „Water Quality“ Activities between 17th – 18th SG Meeting

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18th PA4 SG Meeting
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PA4 activities

- **Coordination of PA4 and horizontal cooperation**
 - PAC/NC meeting, 23-24/05/2019, Bucharest - Action Plan revision
 - 8th EUSDR Annual Forum, 27-28/6/2019, Bucharest
 - Trilateral meeting, 5/9/2019, Budapest – information, plans, PA4 Action Plan revision
- **Roadmap actions implementation**
 - Waste water treatment
 - Agriculture pollution
 - Sub-basin cooperation
 - Emerging substances (pharmaceuticals, micro-plastics)
 - MRS cooperation
 - Non EU countries cooperation
- **Project facilitation and partners search**
- **Alignment of funding**
- **Dissemination – new website design**

PA4 activities

➤ Meetings and events

- 1st national workshop of the MEASURES Project, 30/04/2019, Bratislava, Slovakia
- Danube Water Conference, 20/05/2019, Vienna, Austria
- PAC/NC meeting, 23-24/05/2019, Bucharest, Romania - Action Plan revision
- Final Conference to the projects Camaro-D and Proline-CE, 03/06/2019, Vienna, Austria
- PAC seminar (2nd PAC call for proposals), 13/06/2019, Budapest Hungary
- 8th EUSDR Annual Forum, 27-28/6/2019, Bucharest, Romania
- Trilateral meeting, 5/9/2019, Bratislava, WRI – information, plans, PA4 Action Plan revision
- NC/PAC workshop to the Action Plan revision, 24/9/2019, Vienna, Austria
- ICPDR 31th PM EG meeting, 09-10/10/2019, Bratislava, WRI, Slovakia
- Sediments Balance Workshop, 21/10/2019, Bratislava, WRI, Slovakia
- Sediments National Stakeholders Workshop, 24/10/2019, Bratislava, WRI, Slovakia
- ICPDR 50th RBM EG meeting, 29-30/10/2019, Budapest, Hungary

PA4 activities

Action Plan revision

23 rd / 24 th May	NC/PAC meeting → NC decision to relegate input paper to DSP for consolidation i.e. redraft
27 th /28 th June	Annual Forum (Public Hearing and Session 4 especially dedicated for the Revision of the Action Plan. Results of the Public Hearing to be presented during Session 4 of the AF)
11 th July	Final minutes of NC meeting and final C.I. circulated to NCs Final version of C.I. to be sent to DG Regio.
17 th September	Draft of revised Action Plan (as Staff Working Document / SWD) circulated to NCs and PACs for comments
24 th September	Information workshop for NCs and PACs, Vienna
15 th October	Deadline for NCs and PACs feedback (to be sent to DG Regio and in cc to the Presidency and DSP)

PA4 activities

Action plan revision

04th November	Taking on duty of the new Commission
1st half of November	Final draft of revised Action Plan (SWD) Circulated to NCs and PACs for information Start of the formal SWD Commission procedure
Beginning 2020	New EUSDR Action Plan adopted as a SWD
First quarter 2020 (tbd)	Meeting of Ministers responsible for EUSDR (tentatively with the new Commissioner responsible for Regional and Urban Development) as kick-off for the new Action Plan. Joint declaration of Ministers (?)

PA4 projects

Finished/final state:

- 1st DTP call: JoinTisza, DanubeSediment, DriDanube, Camaro-D - capitalization of results

Under implementation:

- 2nd DTP call – SIMONA (sediment quality), Danube Floodplain, Measures (sturgeon)
- INTERREG Central Europe – DEEPWATER-CE (MAR solutions)

3rd DTP call passed to 2nd round:

- Danube Hazard (hazardous substances)

Submitted:

- HORIZON2020 - ValueInDrops (VALorisation and Utilisation of thE INtegrated waterR management in BOreal, Pannonia and Continental biogeographic regionS)
- LIFE programme – Public stimulation to support the water use adaptation measures in order to mitigate the climate change impacts - LIFE-CLIMWATER (LIFE19 GIC/SK/001306)

Contract signed:

- project on Environmental Assessment for Natural Resources Revitalization in Solotvyno through the preparation of a complex monitoring system (REVITAL I), HUSKROUA ENI CBC Programme 2nd call – the project started on 01/09/2019

➤ *PA4 LoR for projects* – OPTAIN, AquaPinka

PA4 plans/events

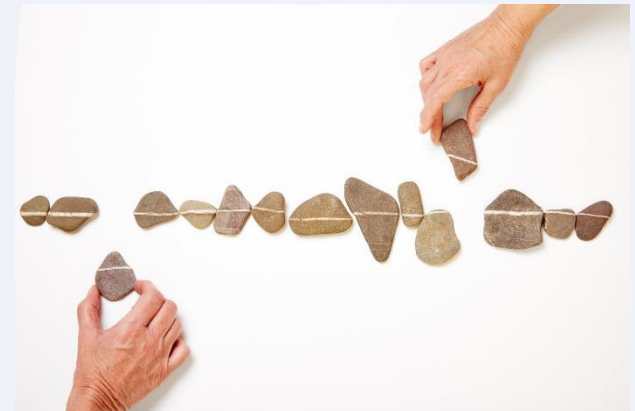
- Brochure on project results – PA4-PA5 EUSDR Success Stories
- Brochure on plastic pollution of rivers in the Danube region
- Updated study on Water Related Themes in EU Macro-regional Strategies

- MRS workshop, 5/11/2019, Budapest, Hungary
- Workshop on sustainable agriculture, 6-7/11/2019 (joint organization with ICPDR), Budapest, Hungary
- ICPDR 22th Ordinary Meeting, 10 – 11/12/2019, Vienna, Austria
- Study on pharmaceuticals in water, 12/2019
- PACs meeting – 10/02/2020, Zagreb, tbc
- Joint NCs/PACs meeting – 11/02/2020, Zagreb, tbc
- Joint NCs/PACs meeting – 07/05/2020, Zagreb, tbc
- Training for PACs in Identifying Synergies and Stakeholder Involvement – 10/2020, tbc

PA 4 plans

Other plans:

- **Implementation of revised Action Plan actions**
- **Cooperation in the frame of the Capitalization process – „Water management Thematic Pole” - DanubeParkConnect, MEASURES project**
- **JOINTISZA, DanubeSediment, MEASURES project, SIMONA – PA4 involvement**
- **Joint organization of Pillar B events in 2019**
- **Focus on project funding, post 2020, embedding of EUSDR into EU funding schemes**
- **Emerging issues (microplastics, pharmaceuticals)**
- **Strengthening capacity building, involved in project preparation, implementation, networking**
- **Stronger involvement of SG members**
- **ICPDR expert group meetings participation**



Thank you for your kind attention 😊

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