



# EUSDR SK Presidency

November 2020 – October 2021

*22nd SG meeting of the Priority Area 4*

*19 October 2021*

*online*





# EUSDR SK Presidency Priorities

- **Thematic:**

## **C. Climate change and biodiversity protection**

Key initiative of the new European Commission (Green Deal) is to achieve a climate neutral economy by 2050. These topics require wide cooperation of different actors in the whole Danube Region.

## **D. Digitization and innovation**

EC issued the new policy initiative - Strategy for Europe Fit for the Digital Age. Digitization has significant social and economic impact on private and professional life and it needs to be supported within Danube Region.





# Meetings

- **National/Priority Coordinators meetings (2 March & 13 September 2021)**
- **Innovation and Digitization Conference (22 September 2021)**
- **Climate Change Adaptation Conference (27 September 2021)**
- **8th Danube Participation Day (25-26 October 2021)**
- **10th EUSDR Annual Forum (26-27 October)**
- **CLIMAFORCEELIFE Opening Conference (26 October 2021)**





## Innovation and Digitization Conference organized as EUSDR AF side event

- International conference with the focus on innovation and digitalization **on 22 September 2021**
- The event was hybrid – partially physical attendance (Bôrik Hotel in Bratislava) and partially online
- Presentations can be found here: <https://danube-region.eu/eusdr-thematic-conference-on-innovation-and-digitization/>
- *Key question- How to boost innovation and digitization?*
  1. Introduction of EUSDR and how to support innovation / digitization to raise competitiveness in the region
  2. Focusing on experiences / lessons learned by the current and future EUSDR Presidency
  3. Specific themes:
    - a. Umbrella structure / infrastructure
    - b. Marketing and communication EUSDR
    - c. Concrete Projects
- *SME digitization*
- *Funding*





## Climate Change Adaptation Conference organized as EUSDR AF side event

- International conference with the focus on the climate change adaptation **on 27 September 2021**
- Event was hybrid – partially physical attendance (Bôrik Hotel in Bratislava) and partially online
- Event was aimed at water retention in landscape, adaptation and maladaptation and best practice examples
- Presentations can be found here: <https://waterquality.danube-region.eu/conference-climate-change-adaptation-challenges-and-opportunities-in-water-management/>





## 8th Danube Participation Day

- The event will be organized online **on 25-26 October 2021**
- *This year the event aims at exploring the following questions:*
  1. What are the preconditions for a citizens-centred digitalization and why does it matter?
  2. How do procedures of digital decision-making and digital service provision need to look like in order to serve people's needs?
  3. Is there a macro-regional eParticipation and how can the Strategy contribute to raise eParticipation in the region?
  4. Which skills do civil society and public authorities need to engage in a citizens-centred digital transition?



### Thematic Panels:

- Panel I: Trust in (e)Government & (e)Participation
- Panel II: Accessibility & Digital Skills
- Panel III: Open Government & Transparency
- Panel IV: Co-designing policies

Information can be found here: <https://danube-region.eu/danube-events/10th-annual-forum-of-the-eu-strategy-for-the-danube-region/>



## 10th EUSDR Annual Forum

- The event will be organized online **on 26-27 October 2021**
- Next PCY country in line – **Ukraine**
- ***Interesting sessions:***
  - DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMME ANNUAL EVENT
  - Digital transformations and innovations
  - Biodiversity – threats and opportunities
  - Support to non-EU states & Economic and Investment Plan for Western Balkans
  - EMBEDDING OF THE EUSDR INTO EU FUNDS 2021-2027



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## Impact of Climate Change on Forests – CLIMAFORCEELIFE Opening Conference

- The event will be organized online **on 26 October 2021**

### Agenda

- Block 1: Climate change impacts on forests based on data and research
- Block 2: Strategies and policies on EU, national, business and project level
- Block 3: Showcase of good practices in CEE region
- Information can be found here: <https://danube-region.eu/danube-events/10th-annual-forum-of-the-eu-strategy-for-the-danube-region/>







# Thank you for your attention



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*Good Bye*