

PA10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation

Dear members of the Steering Group of PA10!

Similarly to 2014, PA10 has to submit a an annual report to the European Commission (DG Regio), covering the period between July 2014 and June 2015. In order to cover all the 14 countries, it is essential to inform the Priority Coordinator about ongoing efforts in the respective countries of the EUSDR, in order to get an overall picture.

The last reporting period does not include an Annual Forum. It is therefore even more important to gain an overall picture of the macro-region. While in the last report this tool was used learn more about your work and perspectives within the SG of PA10, this time, we would like to focus more on project development.

Please note that all data will be processed anonymously.

***Required**

1. Name *

Please indicate your full name (data will be kept anonymously)

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2. State *

Please indicate your Danube Region country
Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Bosnia & Herzegovina
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Germany (Baden-Württemberg)
- ☐ Germany (Bayern)
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Moldova, Rep. of
- ☐ Montenegro
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Serbia
- ☐ Slovak Republic
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Ukraine
- ☐ Other:

3. Institution *

Please indicate your institution.

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4. Position *

Please indicate your position.

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5. Unit *

Please specify the contents of your field of work/unit.

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Your involvement in PA10 of the EUSDR

Please provide us with information on your involvement in PA10 of the EUSDR and its Platforms

6. Workload *

How much of your working time were you approx. able to spend on EUSDR activities?
Mark only one oval.

- ☐ <10%
- ☐ 10-30%
- ☐ 30-50%
- ☐ 50-70%
- ☐ >70%

7. SG attendance *

How many Steering Group meetings of PA10 have you attended since 2011?
Mark only one oval.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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8. Your activity *

How would you classify your activity for the EUSDR? Please tick only those boxes which apply.

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Implementing the working papers of PAC10
- ☐ Analyzing related documents of the EC/other European institutions
- ☐ Assessing project proposals for letters of recommendation of PAC10
- ☐ Providing information to PAC10
- ☐ Providing information to your country's NCP
- ☐ Informing civil servants/representatives of the civil society about the EUSDR
- ☐ Advising project leaders
- ☐ Participating in events related to the EUSDR
- ☐ Developing projects related to the EUSDR
- ☐ Other:

9. National Platform *

Is there a National EUSDR platform in your country?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

10. Your participation *

If YES, do you participate on a regular basis?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. Civil Society Platform *

Is there a EUSDR platform for civil society/NGOs in your country?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Programming/National Policies

The following general question relate to the EUSDR and its implementation in your country/field of work.

12. Partnership Agreement *

Is the EUSDR mentioned in your country's partnership agreement?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

13. Operational Programmes *

Is the EUSDR mentioned in at least one of your country's operational programmes?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

14. Programme/EUSDR

If yes, please list the operational programmes where the EUSDR is mentioned!

Tick all that apply.

☐ Cohesion Fund

☐ ERDF

☐ ERDF (ETC)

☐ ESF

☐ Other:

15. Comment

Please comment briefly in what way the EUSDR is mentioned! General/through specific projects/negatively

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16. EUSDR in your country *

Have links been established between the EUSDR and the respective national policies?

Mark only one oval.

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No links at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strong links

17. Consistency MRS/Cohesion policy *

How would you qualify the consistency between macro-regional strategies and regional/cohesion policy in your country?

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not consistent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very consistent

18. Most important funding sources *

In this context, which will be the primary funding sources for the implementation of the EUSDR and the topics of PA10 and its projects 2014-2020?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ National funds
- ☐ European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- ☐ Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)
- ☐ European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)
- ☐ Danube programme (ERDF-ETC/IPA/ENPI)
- ☐ Cross-border programmes (ERDF-ETC/IPA/ENPI)
- ☐ Urbact III (ERDF-ETC)
- ☐ European Social Fund (ESF)
- ☐ Interreg Europe (ERDF-ETC)
- ☐ Cohesion Fund
- ☐ European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- ☐ European Investment Bank
- ☐ World Bank
- ☐ Private donors
- ☐ Horizon2020
- ☐ Erasmus+
- ☐ Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME)
- ☐ Other:

19. TO11

Is TO 11 (Institutional Capacity) a priority of one or more of your operational programmes?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. Name of the OP

If YES, please name the programme(s)

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21. Third States

If your country is a (potential) candidate country or a country of the European Neighbourhood, do your IPA II or ENI programmes have similar thematic objectives?
Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Project Development

The following general question relate to the EUSDR and its implementation in your country/field of work.

22. Flagship projects *

Should PA10 develop flagship projects?
Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

23. Example

Is there one practice/project/initiative you would like to showcase with regard to the added value of macroregional strategies and which is related to the 4 topics of PA10?

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24. Website

If applicable, please indicate the project's website!

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25. Characteristic of MRS projects

In your opinion, what is characteristic of a typical 'macro-regional' project?

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26. Which should be the main focus of PA10 in the upcoming years?

Tick all that apply.

☐ Capacity Building

☐ Urban Policies and Networks

☐ Civil Society Involvement

☐ Financing

27. In your opinion, what is the main challenge to make the implementation of PA10 a success?

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28. How would you describe the added-value of the EUSDR in your concrete field of work?

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Why macro-regional strategies?

Please provide us with information on funding and public awareness in your country/field of work.

29. Main success *

According to you, which would was the main success of the EUSDR in your country in the reporting period 07/2014-06/2015

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30. Goals *

In your opinion, what are the most important goals of macro-regional strategies/the EUSDR?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Enhance transnational/interregional cooperation
- ☐ Support project development
- ☐ Support transnational project development
- ☐ Develop platforms for coordinated spatial planning on the macro-regional level
- ☐ Support concrete action related to the Danube Region as a functional Region (e.g. flood management, Roma inclusion, ...)
- ☐ Harmonize national policies in the Danube Region
- ☐ Support concrete action for capacity building and cooperation
- ☐ Increase the competitiveness of the Danube macro-region
- ☐ Sustain exchange of experience and create synergies in different policy areas
- ☐ Increase the absorption rates in EU funding
- ☐ Work towards reaching the EU2020 targets/goals of the SEE2020 strategy
- ☐ Promote EU enlargement
- ☐ Foster peace building
- ☐ Other:

31. Prerequisites *

Which of the following prerequisites for the implementation of the EUSDR are met in your country?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Civil Servants are appointed to the EUSDR and its 11 Priority Areas
- ☐ Civil servants regularly participate in Steering Group meetings
- ☐ The EUSDR is mentioned in the media
- ☐ There is an ongoing discussion process about the EUSDR among civil servants
- ☐ The civil society is aware of the EUSDR
- ☐ Projects are linked to the EUSDR
- ☐ National funds have been earmarked for EUSDR support
- ☐ Other:

32. Visibility *

How would you classify the visibility of the EUSDR in your country?

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not visible at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very visible

33. Visibility - 2

What could be done in order to increase the visibility of the EUSDR?

34. Absorption rate

What could be done to improve the absorption rate of EU funding?

35. Efficiency

How should PA10 become more effective?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Project development
- ☐ Influence political leaders (lobbying for MRS)
- ☐ Develop strategic documents
- ☐ Organise stakeholder and governance meetings
- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Written contributions to EU consultation procedures
- ☐ Mainstreaming of the macro-regional dimension into policy documents
- ☐ Silence procedures within the SG
- ☐ Other:

36. Final comment

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