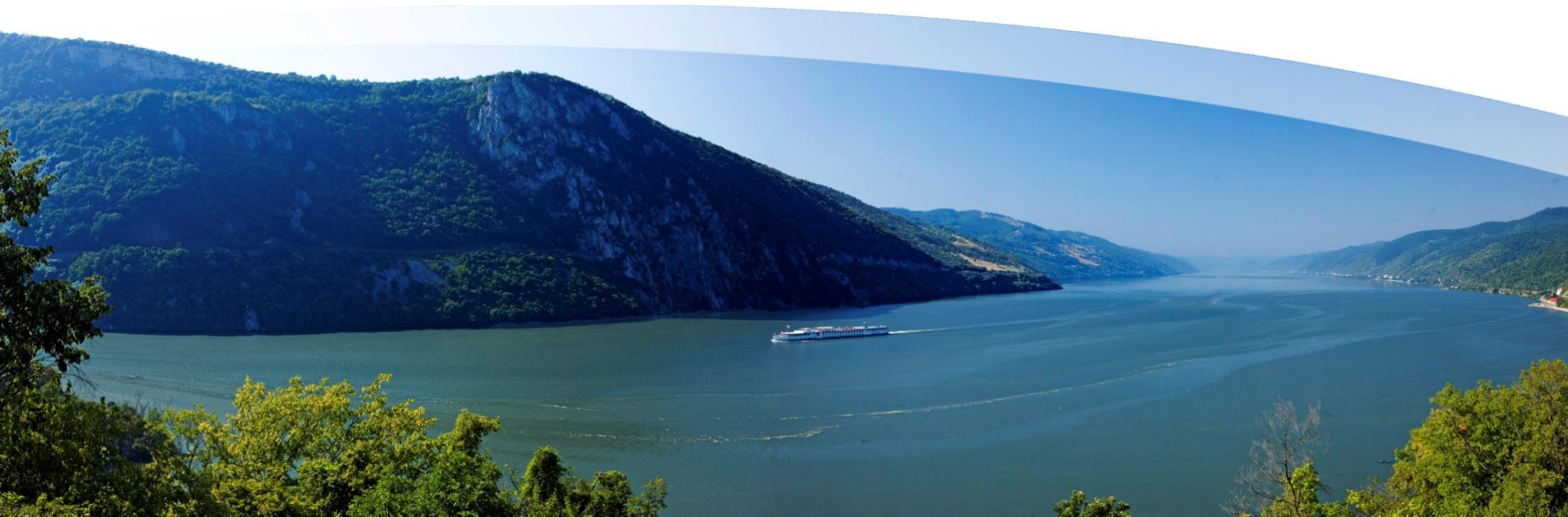


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Danube Cities Against Human Trafficking

What is D-CAHT?

D-CAHT: Danube Cities Against Human Trafficking

Aims

- raise the awareness of THB among local actors
- provide local actors, administration, representatives of NGOs with information and know-how by highlighting good practices in cities and municipalities
- identify common challenges and provide practical tools for the work of local actors.

Lessons learnt...

- Legal structures address national authorities and law enforcement.
- Local actors (city administrations and agencies, NGOs) are closest to the victims and suspects of trafficking in human beings
- Local actors in the Danube area that often lack capacities, resources or know-how in order to initiate activities.
- In the majority of Member States of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), practical assistance for victims is not provided by the state or local authorities, but by NGOs.
- Practical assistance for victims and granting victim rights may challenge the legal systems in the countries
- Practical assistance for victims may be crucial for the prosecution of traffickers.

Examples of cooperation

Ljubljana | Memorandum of cooperation between civil society and law enforcement

The police nominates a contact person with special training on detecting and fighting trafficking in human beings. These contact persons are cooperation partners for the NGOs that are active in protection of and assistance for victims of trafficking in human beings.

Austria | Task Force Trafficking in Human Beings

The task force – coordinated by the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs - includes federal ministries, the *Bundesländer*, law enforcement and NGOs

Vienna | Local GRETA Working Group

Regular exchange between city administration and NGOs on activities and initiatives, legal developments and individual cases related to trafficking in human beings.

20/11/2018: Round Table on Trafficking in Human Beings and Child Rights with city administration, police, civil society organisations & international organisations;

Outcome: need to establish strong links between countries of origin and destination of victims; fostering coordination between institutions & departments

Proposal

Joint Position Paper for Pillar IV „Strengthening the Danube Region“

Embedding of EUSDR Actions in Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021-27

Joint Statement of Ulm on the EUSDR | 29 October 2015 | Ulm (DE)

“Ministers reiterated that the success of the EUSDR implementation requires the alignment of relevant programmes and use of these EU Funds in line with the EUSDR Priority Areas and targets.”

MRS Position Papers on MFF 2021-2027 addressing EC & EU member states | 2017

EUSBSR: BSSSC. EU Cohesion Policy after 2020

EUSALP Regions: Embedding MRS in the regulatory Framework post 2020

EUSDR: PA 10 Position Paper MFF post 2020

- Link between MRS & funding
- Reducing admin. burden
- Suitable funding for project promoters

EU Regulations on MFF 2021-2027 & Cohesion Policy | May 2018

MRS Position Papers on MF 2021-2027 addressing EU member states | 2018

PA7, PA8, PA 9: Better embedding of the EUSDR's prosperity pillar into suitable funding instruments within the new MFF 2021-2027

- Link between MRS & funding
- Harmonised joint calls

Proposal for a Joint Position Paper

Discussion : Need/Common topics that Pillar IV wants to address to “strengthen the Danube Region”?

[e.g.:

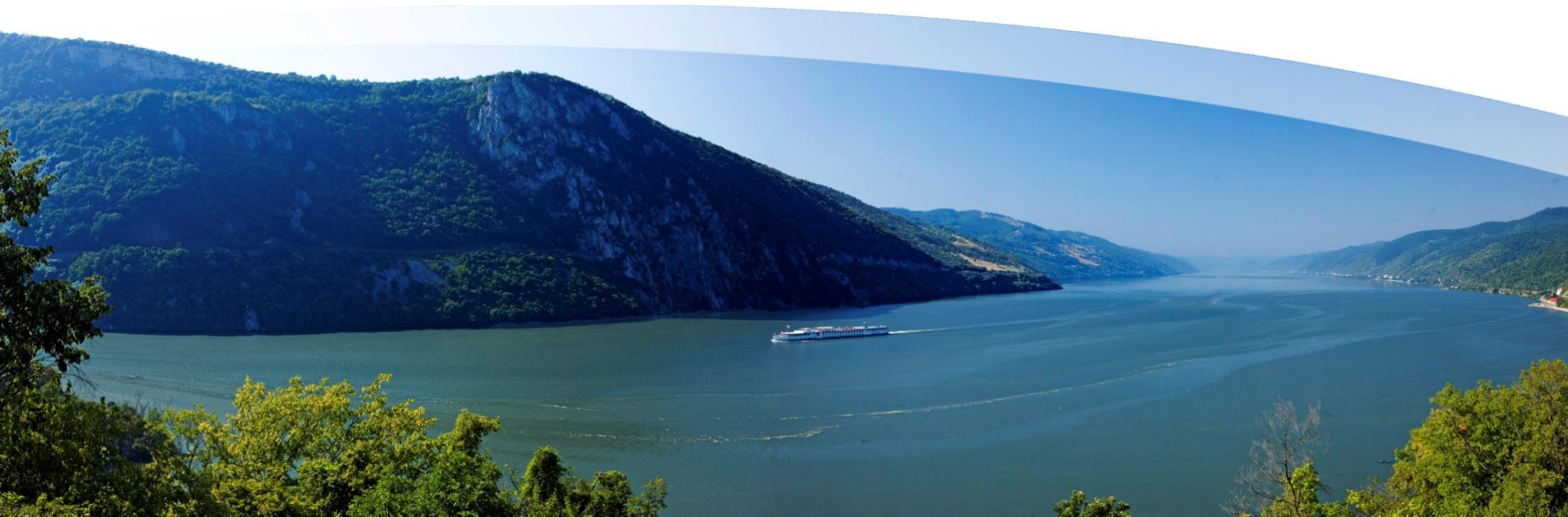
- Link to MRS for EU funding beyond funding for Cohesion Policy
- Simplification/Reduction of administrative burden for programmes AND project promoters
- Better coordination of funding in the area of security and institutional capacity
- Increasing the acknowledgement of funding and involvement of EC DGs beyond the scope of DG Regio in macro-regional strategies/in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

etc.]

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Revision of the EUSDR Action Plan

Timeline

26 June 2018

Joint NC/PAC Meeting
in Brussels

Sept.-Dec. 2018

Consultation Phase
within the Priority
Areas

Jan.-Feb. 2019

Compilation of PA
contributions by DSP
Statements from the
National Coordinators
based on PA contributions

Feb.-April 2019

EC drafts revised
EUSDR Action Plan

April 2019

First Draft of the
revised EUSDR Action
Plan by EC (Staff
Working Document)

June 2019

Publication of the
finalised EUSDR
Action Plan

Priority Area Contributions

- List of completed/partially completed actions
- Challenges in the next 10 years
- Challenges to be addressed in cooperation with other Priority Areas
- Embedding of Priority Area in the Cohesion Policy legislation 2021-2027
- Proposals for strategic project that preferably covers more than one Priority Area

Contribution should not exceed 2 pages

Steering Group Consultation

Aug.-October 2018

Written Contributions
from SG Members

29 November 2018

Discussion about
revision of actions

Mid-December 2018

Compilation of results
by PAC 10

December 2018

Comments by SG
members

Dec./Jan. 2019

Submission of PA
contribution to DSP &
NCs

Jan.-April 2019

Further procedure tbd

Discussion

Structure

2 groups “Institutional Capacity & Funding” & “Multi-level Governance/Local Actors”

2 rounds for discussion à 45 minutes

1 joint wrap-up

Guiding Questions

- What challenges do you see in the Area of Priority Area Institutional capacity and Cooperation in the up-coming years?
- How should a respective action be revised/reformulated?
- Where do you see links to other Priority Areas?
- Do you have any suggestions/ideas for projects/initiatives/networks that will or should be implemented?
- Which stakeholders could be involved in order to contribute to the actions?

Participation Days

Danube Participation Day 2018

17 October 2018 | House of Europe, Sofia (BG)

“Expanding Civic Space”

Organised by EUSDR Priority Area Institutional Capacity & Cooperation, Danube Civil Society Forum, Citizens Participation Forum

Anchoring European Integration and Democracy through Participation – Report on the Agenda for Participation in the Macro-Regional Strategies

- Promoting involvement of civil society and local actors (in MRS)
- Promoting the development and implementation of suitable EU funding
- Improving the knowledge base in macro-regions
- Changing administrative culture and modes of cooperation



Danube Participation Day 2019

June 2019 | Palace of Parliament, Bucharest (RO)

Topics: Connectivity – EUSDR Good Practices on collaboration with public administration, civil society, academia, and business (quadruple helix) – Youth Participation

Organised by EUSDR Priority Area Institutional Capacity & Cooperation, Danube Civil Society Forum, EUSDR Presidency Romania (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Regional Development), Federatia ONG-ilor Sociale din Transilvania (Social NGO Network), Association “Sustainable Development Group Constanta, Baden-Württemberg Foundation/Agapedia

National Participation Days 2018

1st National Participation Day Slovenia

15 November 2018 | Ljubljana

2nd National Participation Day in the Czech Republic

13 November 2018 | Prague

**The National Forum on the European Strategy for the Danube Region in Romania
(incl. National Participation Day)**

5-6 November 2018 | Bucharest

3rd EUSDR National Hearing Serbia

12 October 2018 | Belgrade

National Hearing Hungary

12 October 2018 | Budapest

3rd National Participation Day (incl. Donors' Conference) Ukraine

3 October 2018 | Odessa

3rd National Participation Day Republic of Moldova

18 September 2018 | Ungheni

Framework for investment in institutional capacity

Donors' Conference Framework

The Donors' Conferences are a platform for:

- furthering the exchange between public and private funding programmes and project promoters
- supporting a more strategic use of funding (e.g. better alignment of funds; prioritising of project ideas)
- facilitating communication and coordination among public and private funding programmes and instruments

Pilot Donors' Conference: Chisinau (MD) | 25/26 October 2017

Donors' Conferences 2018

2nd Donors' Conference: 3 October 2018 | Odessa (UA)

3rd Donors' Conference: 16 October 2018 | Sofia (BG)

[Seminar Expanding Civic Space]

TO 11 Network

Exchange and Capitalisation Network on Thematic Objective Institutional Capacity (TO11) initiated by Interact and EUSDR Priority Area Institutional Capacity and Cooperation.

→ Exchange between macro-regional strategies, (Interreg) programmes, and projects addressing institutional capacities

TO11 Network Meeting | 25 September 2018 | Brussels (BE)

ESF Network

Danube Region

ESF Network Danube Region

4th Meeting of the ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region **19-20 September 2018 | Bratislava (SK)**

hosted by the ESF Managing Authority SK (OP Human Resources)
supported by EUSDR Priority Area People & Skills and
Priority Area Institutional Capacity & Cooperation

Aims:

- Identifying necessary and success factors for transnational cooperation (in the Danube Region)
- Identifying common challenges within the Operational Programmes to address through transnational cooperation/coordination
- Building capacities to implement transnational cooperation in the ESF and ESF+

Danube Strategic Project Fund

Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)

The DSPF funds 12 projects that ...

- Have a strategic impact
(esp. in view of Enlargement & Neighbourhood Policies)
- Connect with the Adriatic-Ionian Region
- Include Neighbouring Countries
- Address cross-cutting issues covering at least 2 Priority Areas
- Support economic and social cooperation
- Have a focus on young people

www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/dspf-projects

DSPF Networking Event | 31 October 2018 | Vienna (AT)

www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/news/dspf-networking-event-summary



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Search for Funding

Policy Development

Policy Papers

Policy Paper on Sound Public Management

- Capitalising on existing guidelines
- Identification of partners and multipliers (stakeholder mapping)
- Seminar: Discussion on particular needs and challenges in the Danube Region
- Drafting recommendations
- Finalised in the first half of 2019

Policy Paper on Metropolitan/Functional Regions

- Capitalisation & Stakeholder Mapping (ESPON, CoR/EFSI/JASPERS etc.)
- Drafting the concept
- Workshop
- Finalised in the second half of 2019

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