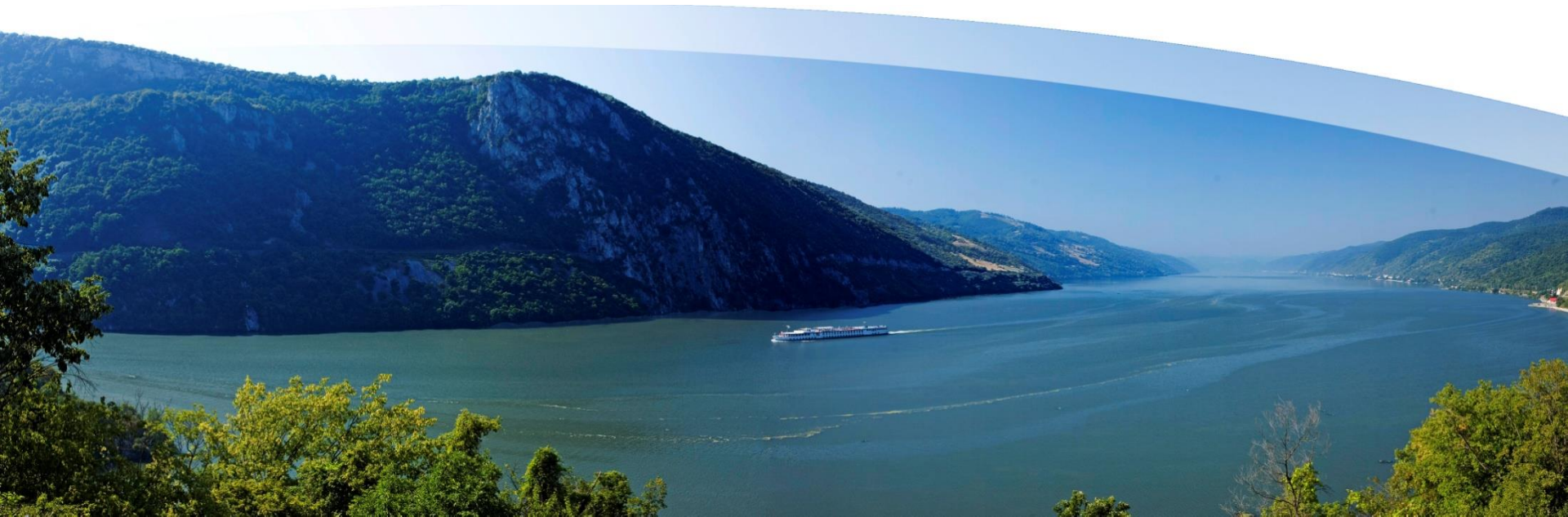


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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

# Agenda | Tuesday, 5 March 2019

13.30-14.00	Arrival & Networking
14.00-14.10	Welcome from the Coordination of Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity & Cooperation
14.10-14.30	Tour de Table
14.30-15.10	<b>EUSDR Updates</b> Priorities of the Romanian EUSDR Presidency Revision of the EUSDR Action Plan - State of Play EC report on the implementation of macro-regional strategies Update on Civil Society Involvement in the EUSDR
15.10-15.45	<b>National Participation Days 2018/2019</b> Review on National Participation Days in the Danube Region Future of National Participation Days in the Danube Region
15.45-16.15	Coffee break
16.15-17.15	Danube Participation Day 2019
17.00-17.45	Policy Updates & Funding information Local Actors
18.00-20.30	Joint Dinner

# Agenda | Wednesday, 6 March 2019

09.00-09.30	Arrival & Welcome Coffee
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# TOUR DE TABLE

# EUSDR UPDATES

# PRIORITIES OF THE ROMANIAN EUSDR PRESIDENCY

*TAMARA IVANER*

# REVISION OF THE EUSDR ACTIONPLAN

*ROBERT LICHTNER*



# EC REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES

*CLAUDIA SINGER*

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## 2nd EC Report on the implementation of the 4 Macro-regional Strategies



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## Results

Policy-making & Policy planning | Administrative Capacity | Governance |

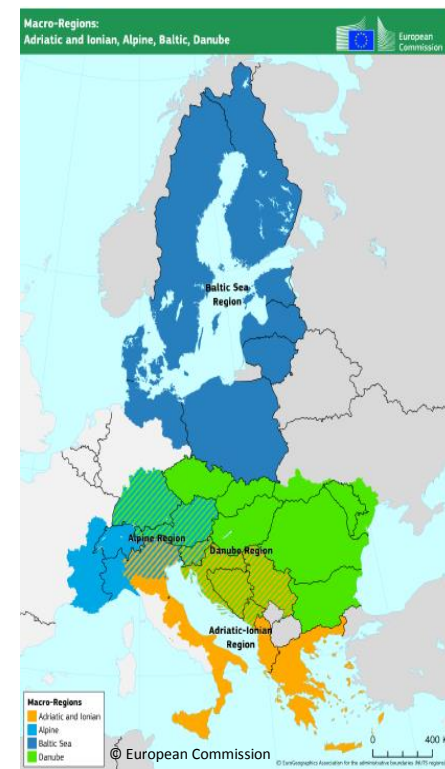
Access to Funding | Communication | Cooperation across MRS

## EC Recommendations

- Assessment of policy drivers and barriers
- Strengthen Multi-level Governance
- Better align MRS Priorities to EU Funding
- Better coordination between MRS and ESIF
- Enhancing the support of MRS projects by EU programmes

## Documents

[COM/2019/21 final](#) | [SWD/2019/6 final](#)



# CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT IN THE EUSDR *IRENE LUCIUS*

# NATIONAL PARTICIPATION DAYS



Priority Area 10 Target 2:  
*80 % of participating countries involve the national, regional and local authorities and CSOs through annual National (provincial) EUSDR Hearings in cooperation with the National Coordinators of the EUSDR.*



# COFFEE BREAK



# DANUBE PARTICIPATION DAYS



# 6th Danube Participation Day | 26 June 2019 | Bucharest

## Working Title

Rejuvenating the EUSDR - Youth Participation in the Danube Region

## Aim

- Exchanging good practices of youth participation, involvement and empowerment in the Danube Region (from all thematic priorities of the EUSDR);
- Learning from other macro-regions & beyond;
- From the Declaration to the Action Plan - Developing next steps based on the Declaration on Youth Participation and Empowerment in the Danube Region to an Action Plan/Road Map.

## Venue

Palace of the Parliament

# 6th Danube Participation Day | 26 June 2019 | Bucharest

## Preliminary Agenda

### Welcome

- EUSDR Presidency
- Agapedia Foundation
- Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacity and Cooperation“ & Priority Area 9 „People and Skills“
- Danube Civil Society Forum

### Keynote

Presentation of the study 'Youth in South East Europe. Lost in Transition' (Friedrich Ebert Foundation)

### Panel Discussions

(with selected projects/initiatives dealing with youth participation/involvement in the thematic priorities of the EUSDR and beyond)

### World Café

### Declaration on Youth Participation in the Danube Region

**DANUBE Participation Day**  
**in the EUSDR**

# POLICY UPDATE & FUNDING INFORMATION

# Policy Paper | Sound Local Management

## Background

Local public managements focus on the specific needs and characteristics of the local public administration. Topics which belong to specific public service obligations (PSO) a local authority has to provide and maintain are summarized under the term of "Services of general interest (SGI).

## Thematic Focus

Services of General Interest (SGI) – Financing & Capacity building/Quality Management

## Aim

- Drafting a Policy Paper addressing specific challenges for local administrations in the Danube Region based on existing guidelines, policy recommendations etc.
- Creating a strategic basis for further initiatives & projects addressing sound local management

# Study| Metropolitan/Functional Regions

## Background

On the one hand, local policies with spatial impact tend to have spill-over effects on surrounding regions (urban-rural, cross-border, urban-urban etc.). On the other hand, different policy sectors with spatial impact might have negative impacts if cross-sector coordination is lacking. Thus, policy planning needs to be well-coordinated across regions and sectors.

## Thematic Focus

Spatial Planning / Policy Coordination with spatial impact

## Aim

- Drafting a Study showing challenges and needs for policy coordination & planning across regions and sectors
- Developing recommendations for future initiatives & projects

[www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/news/cities-send-a-strong-message-on-social-rights](http://www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/news/cities-send-a-strong-message-on-social-rights)

# Funding Opportunities for Local Actors

## B-solutions

### Call

Second Call for Project Proposals

### Description

The main objective of *b-solutions* is to identify and promote sustainable methods of resolving obstacles of a legal and/or administrative nature which hinder cooperation along EU internal land borders and the new call for proposals is in place to investigate further challenges.

### Deadline

15.03.2019

### Eligible Countries

EU Member State (or neighbouring EFTA country) and their territories share at least one EU internal land border with another EU Member State/EFTA country.

### Link

<https://www.b-solutionsproject.com/call-for-proposals>



# Funding Opportunities for Local Actors

## Interreg Central Europe

### Call

Capitalisation through Coordination

### Description

The call is an experiment to coordinate capitalisation across funds. The partnerships will roll out promising project outputs and results of already funded Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects at the regional and local level, or improve policy making. Project ideas have to build on complementing results and outputs from at least 3 different projects co-financed by Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE and directly-managed EU programmes such as Horizon 2020, LIFE, Connecting Europe Facility, etc.

### Deadline

05.07.2019

### Eligible Countries

Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia

### Link

[https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/apply/apply.html?fbclid=IwAR0jFeKLNCljdnDd-YnStou3ma5g2i0A-l01hpBB4n0pytffPO\\_kXZnwUes](https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/apply/apply.html?fbclid=IwAR0jFeKLNCljdnDd-YnStou3ma5g2i0A-l01hpBB4n0pytffPO_kXZnwUes)



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# Funding Opportunities for Local Actors

## Europe for Citizens - Action Programme

### Call

Civil society projects 2019

### Description

This measure aims at supporting projects promoted by transnational partnerships and networks directly involving citizens. Those projects gather citizens from different horizons, in activities directly linked to Union policies, with a view to give them an opportunity to concretely participate in the Union policy-making process in areas related to the objectives and the annual priority themes of the Programme at local and European level.

### Deadline

01.09.2019

### Eligible Countries

EU Member States, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia

### Link

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/funding/civil-society-projects-2019\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/funding/civil-society-projects-2019_en)



# Funding Opportunities for Local Actors

## EuroAccess Macro-Regions

### Description of the Tool

EuroAccess Macro-Regions is an online information and search tool on EU-funding available in four EU Macro-Regions:

- Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- Danube Region (EUSDR)
- Adriatic Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- Alpine Region (EUSALP)

EuroAccess contains data from more than **200 EU funding programmes** and calls for project proposals within those programmes.

### Link

[www.euro-access.eu/](http://www.euro-access.eu/)

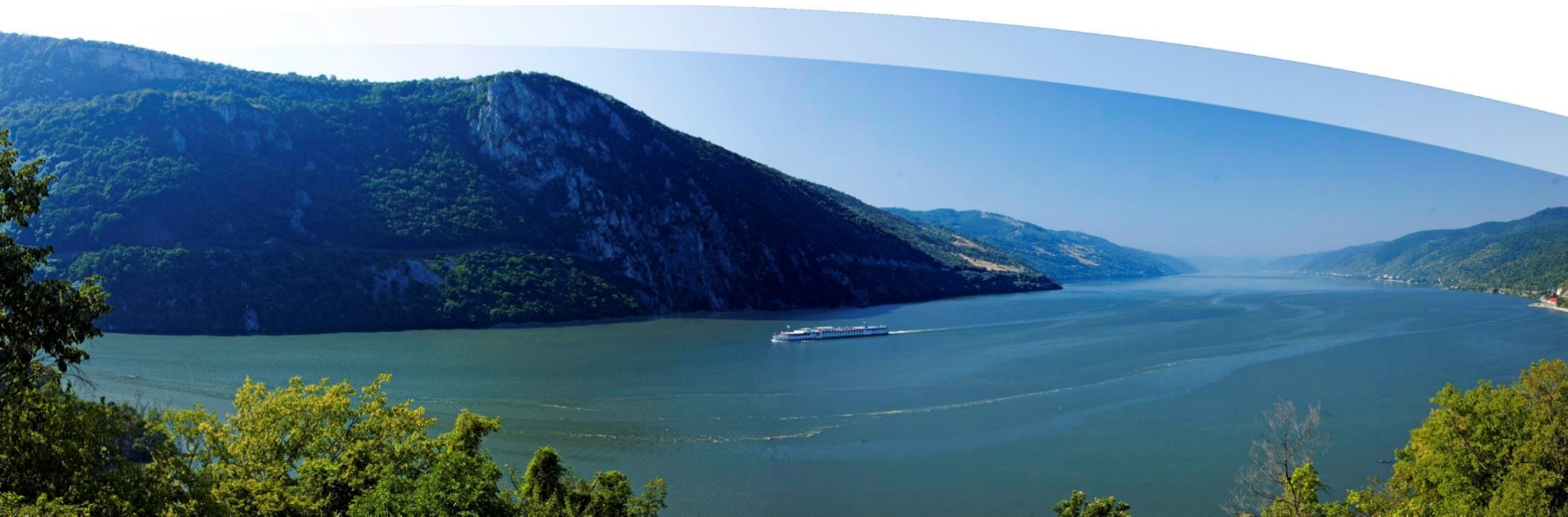


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# REVISION OF THE EUSDR ACTION PLAN

## REVISED ACTIONS & NEXT STEPS

# Proposal for Revised Actions

- I. To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services
- II. To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds
- III. To support better coordination of funding
- IV. To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)
- V. To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors
- VI. To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors
- VII. To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

# Institutional Capacity Building

I. To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services

VII. To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

→ Needs based service delivery, policy sector coordination, strengthening role and capacities of MLG actors for better decision-making & cooperation, reducing administrative burden

5 minutes discussion in small groups | 10 minutes exchange in plenary

From your point of view, what are concrete steps to build institutional capacity in the Danube Region?



# Multi-level Governance

V. To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors

VI. To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors

→ participatory governance, co-designing policies, establishing transparent, responsive and open structures of dialogue and cooperation

5 minutes discussion in small groups | 10 minutes exchange in plenary

From your point of view, which activities need to be implemented to build trust and strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors?

# Funding

II. To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds

III. To support better coordination of funding

IV. To test and support innovative funding solutions  
(for local actors and civil society)

→ Coordination at programme level, improving the use of available funding, developing needs-based funding solutions

5 minutes discussion in small groups | 10 minutes exchange in plenary

From your point of view, what could support increased funding coordination and what kind of funding would be needed in addition to existing formats or should be broadly implemented?

# COFFEE BREAK



# DANUBE LOCAL ACTORS PLATFORM

## SHAPING COOPERATION

# Linking initiatives to processes... ...the Project Partner/Multiplier perspective

5 minutes discussion in small groups

How can the Danube Local Actors Platform support project partners & multipliers to contribute to the EUSDR Action Plan?

# Linking initiatives to processes... ...the Project perspective

**5 minutes discussion in small groups**

How can the Danube Local Actors Platform support projects to be stronger embedded in the strategy and/or policy processes in the Danube Region?

# Linking initiatives to processes... ...the stakeholder perspective

5 minutes discussion in small groups

How can the Danube Local Actors Platform support stakeholders to shape the institutional capacity and multi-level governance in the Danube Region?

# OUTLOOK



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