



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

Presentation of Slovenian EUSDR Presidency Programme

Belgrade, 6-7 June 2023

Interreg Programme
Danube Region



Co-funded by
the European Union



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



"Entering the decade of the future"

-  Future development of the Danube Region
-  Empowered cooperation of all EUSDR participating countries
-  Maintaining full solidarity with Ukraine



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

Mt. Triglav – symbol of Slovenia

Blue – Danube river connecting the Region

Green – Slovenia and nature

Gray – Slovenian position on the map – a part of three macroregional strategies



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



Institutional Priorities



Empowering involvement in EUSDR



Improving the strategic governance of EUSDR in MRS



Youth involvement and its role in EUSDR



Embedding process – evaluation and further steps



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



Thematic Priorities



Towards the knowledge society and professions of the future



Transport and energy challenges in the region



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES



Empowering Involvement in EUSDR



Stronger and more effective cooperation of all countries in EUSDR

Focus on the needs and potentials of non-EU countries

Institutional exchange and capacity building

EVENTS: Discussion on empowering the involvement in EUSDR and drafting of guidelines



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES



Improving strategic Governance of the EUSDR and MRS



Cross-cutting macro-regional cooperation and capacity building on common issues

Better use of existing formats of macro-regional strategies cooperation

Fine-tuning the governance structure and processes in EUSDR.

EVENTS: EUSDR governance meetings, 4 Trio Presidencies, Mediterranean Coast Week and MRS Week



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES



Inclusion of Youth and their Role in the EUSDR



Support to making DYC fully operational

Encouraging the representatives of the DYC to contribute with their creative ideas

Giving youth concrete challenges to work on and capacity building tools (POPRI)

EVENTS: Danube Youth Camps and POPRI challenge, Young Bled Strategic Forum



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES



Embedding process – evaluation and further steps



To assess the effectiveness of the embedding process

Guidance paper on embedding

Better alignment of IPA III and NDICI with MRS priorities

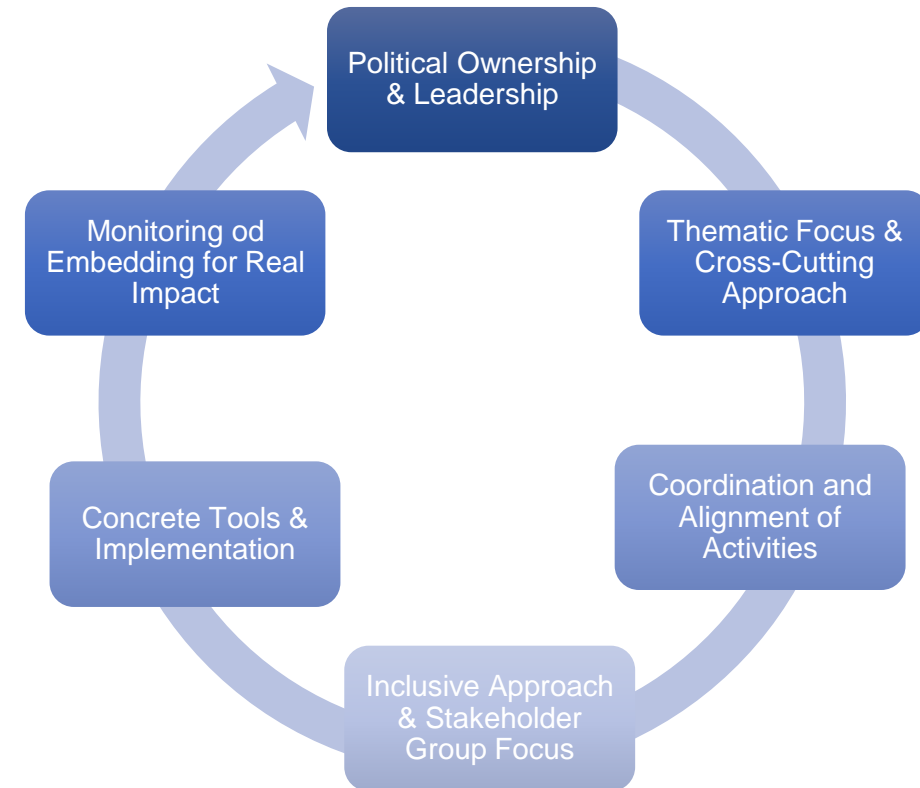
EVENTS: Embedding Week, Network of Managing Authorities



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

Embedding – The Learnings

- **Political Ownership & Leadership** (TRIO Presidency, NCs)
- **Thematic Focus & Cross-Cutting Approach** (PAs & PACs)
- **Coordination and Alignment of Activities** (Process driven approach, R&R)
- **Inclusive Approach & Stakeholder Group Focus** (NCs, PACs, SGs, MAs, Programmes, EC, etc.)
- **Concrete Tools & Implementation** (MA-Networks, Screening of Funding, Flagships, EUSDR Embedding Week, etc.)
- **Monitoring of Embedding for Real Impact** (Programming & Implementation Phase)





Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Towards Knowledge Society and Professions of the Future

- The acceleration of green and digital transitions will steer the transformation of societies in the EU and Danube region
- Focus on the crucial role of knowledge, professions of the future, mobility of the labour force, brain drain and the adaptations needed in our societies
- Inclusion of different stakeholders: higher education and research institutions, the private sector, policy-makers and civil society



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



Towards Knowledge Society and Professions of the Future

Events:

- International conference on “Towards Knowledge-driven Society and Professions of the Future”
- Development of further interdisciplinary topics within PA7 and with other PAs



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



THEMATIC PRIORITIES



Transport and Energy Challenges in the Region

- Vital importance of transport for food security, trade, tourism and cooperation
- Sustainable and energy-efficient transport
- Digitalization, innovation, and jobs in transport



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



Transport and Energy Challenges in the Region

Events

- 27th and 28th PA1b Steering Group meeting
- Danube Region Transport Days 2022: „Towards energy efficient sustainable transport“
- Danube region Transport Days 2023: „Jobs in Transport“
- Tentative: Ministerial meeting for transport with a focus on improved macro-regional connectivity



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



Past events

Events

- Opening Event of SI Presidency (December 2022)
- Conference Knowledge Driven Society (May 2023)
- PAC meeting (March 2023)
- NC meeting (May 2023)
- Coffee with the presidency (May 2023)



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

Upcoming events

Events

- Bled Strategic Forum and Young Bled Strategic Forum (August 2023)
- Mediterranean Coast and MRS Week (18-22 September 2023)
- NC-PAC meeting (18-19 September 2023)
- Danube Transportation Days (3-4 October 2023)
- 2nd Danube Youth Camp and POPRI Start up challenge (20-23 October 2023)
- Danube Participation Day (23 October 2023)
- 12TH EUSDR Annual forum(24-25 October 2023)



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region



12th EUSDR Annual forum (SAVE THE DATE)

"Entering the decade of the future"

24 and 25 October 2023

Brdo pri Kranju



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

Thank you for your attention!

Slovenian-eusdr.presidency@gov.si