

EUSDR Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity and Cooperation"

24th Meeting of the Steering Group of Priority Area 10

6-7 June 2023 | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Kneza Miloša 24-26, 11000 Belgrade

Agenda

Tuesday, 6th June 2023 13:00-18:00		
Chair: Claudia Singer & Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordinators		
13:00-13:30	Arrival	
13:30-14:00	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Ambassador Miloš Todorović, Ministry of Foreign Affairs <i>(on behalf of First Deputy Prime Minister responsible for foreign policy and security and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Ivica Dačić)</i> Sanda Šimić Stambolić, Ministry of European Integration Claudia Singer & Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordinators Tour de Table Members of the PA 10 Steering Group	
14:00-15:30	PROGRESSING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND COOPERATION IN THE DANUBE REGION <i>Presentation and discussion of present and future initiatives to implement the actions (and targets) of Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity Building" of the EU Danube Strategy</i> INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES  ACTION 1: To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services Further Development of e-Government Dara Gravara Stojanović, Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government of the Republic of Serbia Serbia's Digital Transformation Tamara Korsić, Office for Information Technologies and e-Government, Republic of Serbia <i>Presentation & Q&A</i> Supporting Digital Transition at local level Jana Belcheva Andreevska, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe – NALAS <i>Presentation & Q&A</i> Reflection on how to support initiatives to improve institutional capacities for e-Government in the Danube Region <i>Discussion in the Steering Group</i>	Agenda Item 1
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45-17:15	PROGRESSING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND COOPERATION IN THE DANUBE REGION  ACTION 2: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions How to support cross-border emergency initiatives in the Danube Region? – Next steps for the Task Force Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Coordinator	Agenda Item 1

Presentation of the outcomes of the 1st Task Force Meeting & follow-up and planning next steps with the Steering Group members

FUNDING



ACTION 3: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU Funds and Invest EU

All participants

Brainstorming session with Steering Group members on needs to develop formats for project partner capacity building to access EU funding



ACTION 4: To support better coordination of funding

The Network of ESF+Managing Authorities in the Danube Region: Coordinating administration of social affairs policy & social innovation

Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Coordination

Presentation & Q&A



ACTION 5: To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)

Presentation of recent initiatives and discussion on planned initiatives and supporting capacity building & communication on existing initiatives.

PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



ACTION 6: To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors to enhance well-being for the inhabitants of the Danube Region

Building trust with the Platform on Media Literacy

Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordination

Presentation & Q&A

National Participation Days: Reviving national/regional cooperation platforms to strengthen the implementation of the EU Danube Strategy

Brainstorming session with Steering Group members



ACTION 7: To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region

Danube Participation Day 2023: Supporting Ukraine's transition towards the EU

Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Coordination

Brief introduction & brainstorming session

Bled Strategic Forum & Young Bled Strategic Forum

Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordinators

Presentation & Q&A



Action 8: To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

Cross-macro-regional Cooperation on Smart Communities

Brief introduction & brainstorming on next steps to enhance smart communities initiatives

Cross-Priority Area Cooperation on Fighting Trafficking in Human Beings

Brief introduction on the state of play and exchange on possible next steps

17:15-17:45	UPDATES FROM THE EC Karolina Jasinska-Mühleck, European Commission/DG REGIO Comment by András Edelenyi, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) <i>Presentation & Discussion</i>	Agenda Item 2
17:45-18:00	UPDATES FROM THE EU DANUBE STRATEGY PRESIDENCY	
19:30	Joint Dinner (Restoran Mihailo Obilićev venac 16, Beograd 11000, Serbia)	

	Wednesday, 7th of June 2023 9:30 – 13:30	
9:00-9:30	Arrival	
9:30-10:00	Updates from the DSP: Embedding * Monitoring * Flagships * Danube Youth Council Katharina Lenz, Danube Strategy Point & DYC member Ratin Sazedul, Danube Youth Council <i>Presentation & Q&A</i>	Agenda Item 3
10:00-10:30	Flagships: Selection of Flagship Initiatives 2023 <i>Brief Introduction & Discussion (+Decision in the Steering Group)</i>	Agenda Item 4
10:30-11:00	The race for the host for the Specialised EXPO 2027: Exploring the Opportunities for EUSDR Dušan Borovčanin, Serbia Convention Bureau <i>Presentation & Q&A</i>	Agenda Item 5
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-11:45	Danube Region Programme Johannes Gabriel, Danube Region Programme <i>Presentation & Discussion</i>	Agenda Item 6
11:45-12:30	Info Film on Priority Area 10 – Developing the script <i>Brief Introduction and Script Development with Steering Group</i>	Agenda Item 7
12:30-13:00	Collecting topics for Coffee Table Talks & Extended Steering Group Meeting <i>Collecting and prioritising topics</i>	Agenda Item 8
13:00-13:15	AoB	
13:15-13:30	Closing Session	
13:30	Light Lunch (upon invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)	