



Austrian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Introducing the Austrian Presidency programme (01.11.2023 – 31.12.2024)

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Mission / Objectives of the AT PCY

- Core task (supported by Danube Strategy Point (DSP)): facilitate **EUSDR Governance meetings** to ensure support for further implementation of the **EUSDR Action Plan** -> continuity in of EUSDR-processes
- (Co-)Organising **EUSDR-flagship events**, e.g. **Annual Forum 20/21 June 2024 in Vienna** -> visibility, high-level participation, community building, agenda-setting, outreach
- Building on / further developing **EUSDR governance mechanisms** => “The structure is in place! How can stakeholders at various levels contribute better?” -> efficiency, ownership, active participation, effectiveness & added value
- Stimulating / participating in **EUSDR-related thematic events / processes linking-in EUSDR priorities** -> outreach beyond EUSDR key-stakeholders
- Linking EUSDR-work better with “**Hot topics & window-of-opportunities**”; offering formats to promote **cross-sectoral approaches** -> contributions to current challenges, governance innovation
- Launching discussion on **future perspectives of cooperation in Danube Region** -> inputs into the post-2027-debate about relevant EU frameworks for cooperation

Thematic and strategic orientation of the AT PCY programme

Slogan: **Shaping Transformation, Creating Opportunities: A Prosperous, Resilient and Secure Danube Region**

Geo-political context

- Contributing to **Stability** and **Security**, and a clear **European Perspective** for the whole Danube Region

Thematic priorities

- Fostering **Innovation**, **Skills** and **Business Opportunities** in the Danube Region
- Enhancing the Danube Region **Ecosystem**, **Water** and **Green Transition Management**

Cross-cutting/ horizontal themes

- Participation and involvement of **Youth**, **Civil Society** and of **regional and local stakeholders**; initiate and promote **cultural cooperation** in the Danube Region.

Institutional and governance objectives

- Strengthening **political commitment** and broad ownership of EUSDR, joint efforts to enable tangible **funding opportunities**, illustrate clear **added value** of EUSDR and ensure visibility.