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# The National Dimension of Participation in the EUSDR

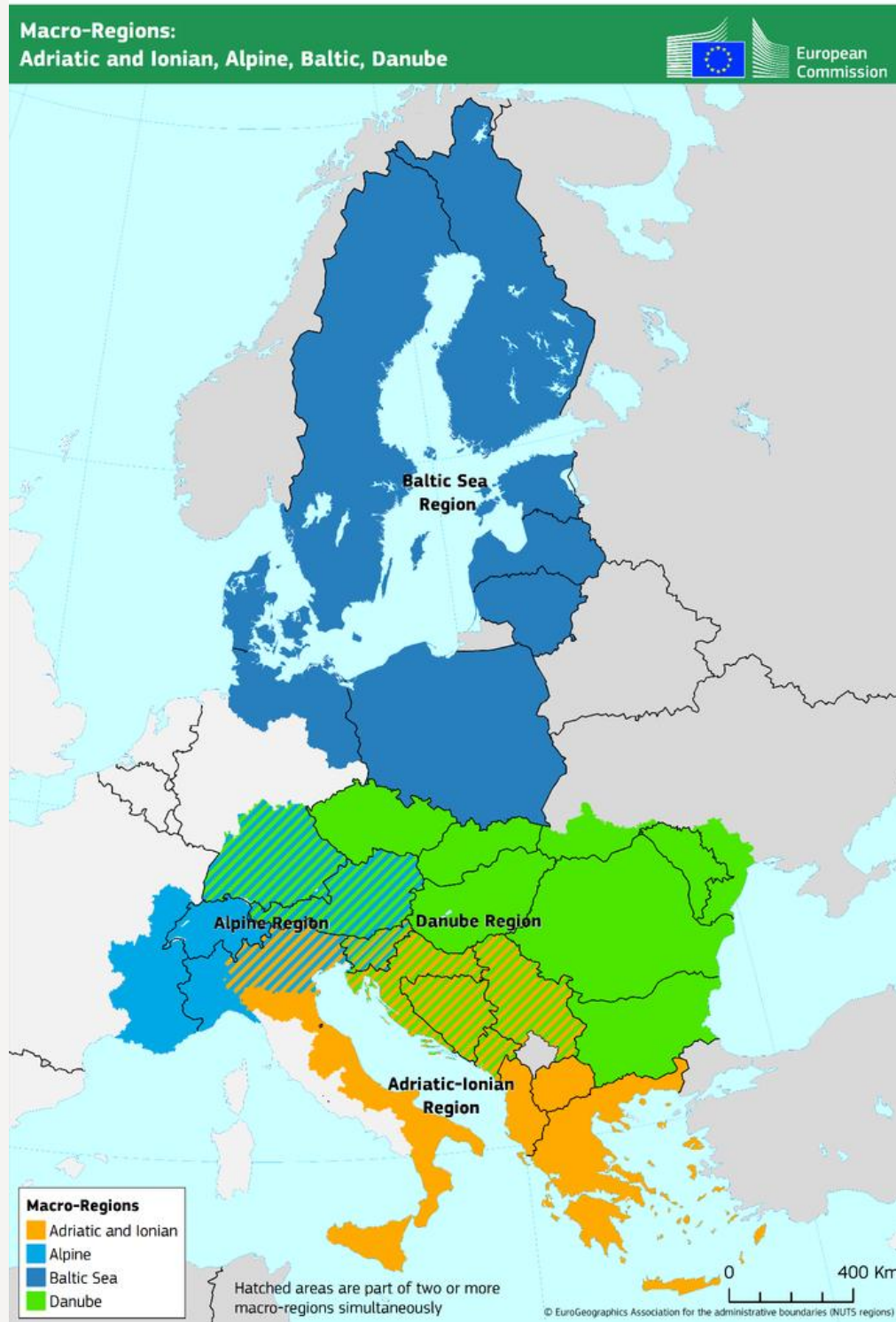
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**THE PARTICIPATION DAYS**

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# EU - MACRO REGIONAL STRATEGIES



## ARE BY DEFINITION:

- Multi stakeholder
- Multi level
- Following the place-based approach
- Open to non-state stakeholdercombine top-down with bottom-up approaches
- Member state steered
- Relying/dependent on the active involvement of CSO in the implementation



# PARTICIPATION DAYS

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## ARE:

- structural participation within the EUSDR
- civil society triggered
- open
- regular
- transparent
- on equal footing
- coordinated with the Presidency



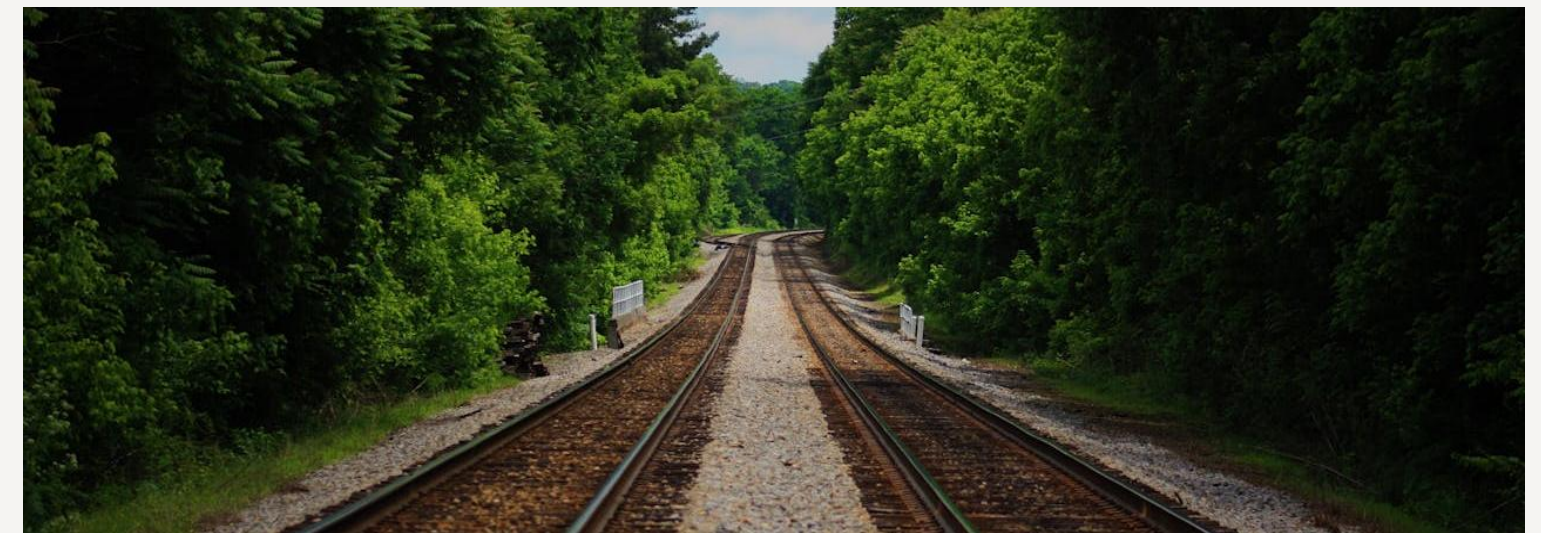


# DANUBE PARTICIPATION DAYS

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## TWO TRACK APPROACH:

- Multi-national level,
- focus on hosting (Pres) country





# NATIONAL PARTICIPATION DAYS

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## ARE:

- Columns underpinning the DPDs
- National fora of exchange, planning, and cooperation in the realm of EUSDR
- Greenhouses of ideas, projects, and partnerships
- National framework, international participation
- Hubs for deepened exchange
- Equal footing
- Easy to access
- low-threshold
- low-cost





# DON'T LOOK BACK

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Living format that must be carried forward in order to develop and grow

23 NPDs in 10 participating states



# NPDs PLANNED IN 2025

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- Ukraine
- Moldova
- Bosnia Hercegovina
- Austria
- Baden-Württemberg (subject to financing)

Open invitation to all participating states





# WHAT OTHERS SAY

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"The European Union Strategy for the Danube Region is unique to foster cooperation among researchers, civil society, and policy-makers. [...] We [...] need the will, the tools, we also need the fora and the frameworks, in order to cooperate and to work with each other and to understand each other's realities. [...] I think this [National Participation] is really an excellent forum for cooperation and for exchange on the issues in the Danube catchment."

**Eleonore Gewessler, Austrian Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology**



"The Danube Participation Day [is] in the very DNA of cooperation. And at the heart of how the Danube Strategy adds value."

**" EU-Commissioner for regional and Urban Affairs Elisa Ferreira in her address to the 13th Annual Forum of the EUSDR**