



## **PUBLIC HEARING ON UKRAINE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION**

**Date:** 22 April 2014

**Place:** Kiev, 35, St. Vasylia Lypkivskoho, Orhuss Center in the building of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

**Organisers:**

Centre for Regional Studies, Odessa, Ukraine  
Danube Civil Society Forum / Ukrainian Network  
Odessa Regional Council

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**Purpose:** to consolidate efforts of the government and the civil society to ensure Ukraine's efficient involvement in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.

**Objectives are to:**

1. Discuss the current state of Ukraine's involvement in the EUSDR implementation.
2. Discuss further steps towards fostering Ukraine's involvement in the EUSDR implementation.
3. Make the public aware of the most important events in the framework of the EUSDR scheduled for 2015.

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

13:00 – 14:00	Registration of participants. Tea/coffee.
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Introduction and welcome speeches</b> <b>Igor Studennikov</b> , manager of the project "Strengthening Civil Society Involvement in Assisting the Government with the Implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region" <b>Vyacheslav Negoda</b> , The Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, and Communal Living of Ukraine <b>Myhaylo Smushkovych</b> , the Head of Odessa Regional Council <b>Stefan August Lütgenau</b> , President of the Danube Civil Society Forum, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions
14:20 – 16:00	<b>Session 1</b> «The current state and further perspectives of Ukraine's involvement in the EUSDR implementation» <i><b>Moderator: Igor Studennikov</b></i>



14:20 – 14:30	<b>The Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, and Communal Living of Ukraine</b> - The national coordination of Ukraine's involvement in the EUSDR process
14:30 – 14:40	Questions, discussion
14:40 – 14:50	<b>Yurii Maslov</b> - Presentation of the key provisions of the Memorandum of Cooperation between Odessa, Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zakarpattia regional councils in the context of the Danube Strategy
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:20	<b>Igor Studennikov</b> - Ukrainian Network of the Danube Civil Society Forum
15:20 – 15:40	Discussion
15:40 – 15:50	<b>Jörg Mirtl</b> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EUSDR, Ulm
15:50 – 16:00	<b>Stefan August Lütgenau</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Participation Day
16:00 – 16:20	Tea/coffee break
16:20 – 18:30	<b>Session 2</b> «Comprehensive vision of Ukraine's involvement in the EUSDR implementation» <b>Moderator: Igor Studennikov</b>
16:20 – 16:30	<b>Igor Studennikov</b> - The development of a «Comprehensive vision»: aim, objectives, approaches
16:30 – 18:00	Presentation and discussion of key parts of the Comprehensive vision <b>Atrem Filipenko</b> - SWOT-analysis of the Ukrainian part of the Danube Region <b>Zinoviy Broyde, Artem Filipenko</b> - Transport and communications <b>Oleg Dyakov, Natalia Zakorchevna</b> - Environmental protection, adaptation to the impacts of climate change, introduction of a river basin approach to water resources management <b>Dmytro Ivanenko</b> - Renewable energy in the Ukrainian part of the Danube Region <b>Michail Zhmud</b> - Promoting tourism in the Ukrainian part of the Danube Region <b>NARDA</b> - Building up an institutional framework for the EUSDR implementation in Ukraine
18:00 – 18:30	<b>Discussion and conclusions</b>



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