

Danube Local Actors Platform (D-LAP) – Road Map to Ulm 2015

Targets

- ⇒ Increase the level of participation, transparency, subsidiarity in the EUSDR implementation
- ⇒ Increase public awareness of local actors about the EUSDR
- ⇒ Identification of stakeholders
- ⇒ Make use of expertise, e.g. for project development in the Danube Region
- ⇒ Establish National Hearings in each of the states participating in the EUSDR with regard to the aforementioned considerations
- ⇒ Implement the 2nd Participation Day in order to voice the needs and concerns of the civil society, academia and local authorities/institutions, report on the results of the 2nd Participation Day during one of the panels of the 4th Annual Forum in Ulm

Next steps

D-LAP member are invited to contact their respective National EUSDR Coordinator and propose to hold National EUSDR Hearings before the 4th EUSDR Annual Forum in Ulm. The results of these National Hearing are to be presented at the 2nd Participation Day in October 2015 back-to-back with the 4th Annual Forum of the EUSDR.

Upcoming Meetings

- ⇒ 2nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the D-LAP (first half of 2015)
- ⇒ National Hearings in each of the 14 participating states of the EUSDR, until October 2015
- ⇒ 2nd Participation Day back to back with the 4th Annual Forum in Ulm on 29-30 October 2015
- ⇒ 4th Annual Forum of the EUSDR on 29-30 October 2015

Communication

The internal and external communication of the D-LAP Advisory Committee will be carried out in English, per e-mail and on the PA10 website.¹ National Hearings may be held in the respective National language.

Mandate

On 21 October 2014, the General Affairs Council invited the Member States i.a. to “*empower the relevant key implementers (e.g. National Coordinators/National Contact Points, Priority Area Coordinators and Pillar Coordinators) towards a more efficient management, coordination and monitoring of the relevant macro regional strategy as a whole and to reinforce their role in bringing together national/regional/local stakeholders as well as civil society to facilitate the implementation*”. Moreover the Council called on the Member States to “*encourage a strong involvement of civil society and consultative networks or platforms in the project activities, taking in consideration the importance of partners in ensuring good quality projects.*”²

EUSDR Action Plan proposed by the European Commission on 8 December 2010: “*The capacity of civil society to influence region-wide decision making processes, policy-making and implementation needs to be developed further.*”

DCSF paper on participation in the EUSDR, October 2014

¹ www.danubecapacity-cooperation.eu

² st13374/14