



**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DANUBE PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE EU DANUBE STRATEGY**

**SCIENCE MEETS PARTICIPATION, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY  
THE AGENDA FOR PARTICIPATION IN EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES**

**17 OCTOBER 2017, BUDAPEST HUNGARY**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> DANUBE PARTICIPATION DAY: SCIENCE MEETS PARTICIPATION, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY THE AGENDA FOR PARTICIPATION IN EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES

17 OCTOBER 2017 | HALL OF MIRRORS ANDRÁSSY UNIVERSITY, POLLACK MIHÁLY TÉR 3, BUDAPEST 1088, HUNGARY

### DRAFT AGENDA

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**09:00 – 09:30      Registration**

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**09:30 – 09:45      Opening Session**

**Moderation:** Jörg Mirtl, Interact Programme, Finland

Dietmar Meyer, Rector, Andrassy University, Budapest, Hungary

Rudolf Schicker, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

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**09:45 – 10:30      Keynotes: Participation from Theory to Practice Top-down and Bottom-up**

**Andre Baumann**, State Secretary in the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector

Zoltán Pallinger, Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

Monica Vana, Head of Delegation of the European Green Party, European Parliament

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**10:30 – 12:30      Discussion: The Agenda for Participation in the EU Macro-Regional Strategies**

**Input:** The State of Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe

Peter Vador, Head of Non-Profit Institute, University of Economics Vienna Austria, tbc

**Presentation:** The Agenda for Participation in the EU Macro-Regional Strategies

Stefan August Lütgenau, Danube Civil Society Forum, Foster Europe, Austria

**Panel Discussion** with Participation Partnerships

Stefan Barth, Agapedia Stiftung, Germany

Ellen Bos, Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

Claudia **Singer**, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

Barbara **Willsberger**, Priority Area 9 People & Skills of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe, Austria

Iva **Taralezhkova**, Citizen Participation Forum, Bulgaria

## Q & A (also using electronic online discussion platform SLIDO)

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### 12:30 – 13:30      Networking Lunch

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### 13:30 – 16:00      Working Groups

The Working Groups will explore the possibilities of developing a Participation Partnership with the perspective of implementing the principles of participation and good governance in the EU macro-regions. The Participation Partnerships should develop into sustainable cooperation networks throughout the EU macro-regional strategies between civil society, local actors and academia as well as international and European organisations and institutions.

#### **WG I: Participation Partnership – A research perspective**

The Partnership will aim at exploring and working on theories and good practices in research that promote participatory governance in order to enhance capacities for multi-level governance in the macro-regions and to develop potential measures and actions that can be applied in the macro-regional strategies.

**Lead Partner:** Ellen **Bos**, Andrásy University Budapest

#### **Target Groups:**

Researchers; students, policy-makers, representatives from public administration (local, regional & national), entrepreneurs, representatives from regional, international & European organisations/institutions

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#### **WG II: Participation Partnership - Building Macro-regional Strategies on local and multi-level governance**

The Partnership will aim at developing concrete measures for the implementation of Participation at the local level, based on the new guidelines for Participation developed by the Council of Europe.

**Lead Partner:** Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe, Austria

#### **Target Groups:**

Policy-makers/representatives from the political level, representatives from public administration (local, regional & national), representatives from regional, international & European organisations/institutions, representatives from NGOs/civil society organisations

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### **WG III: Participation Partnership - A key factor of social innovation and sustainable development**

The Partnership should identify innovative, co-creative and trans-sectoral approaches in order to sustain long term top-down (thinking) and bottom-up (acting) processes (developments).

**Lead Partner:** Stefan **Barth**, Agapedia Foundation, Germany

#### **Target Groups:**

Researchers, entrepreneurs, representatives from public administration (local, regional & national), representatives from regional, international & European organisations/institutions, representatives from NGOs/civil society organisations, project promoters

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### **WG IV: Participation Partnership - Designing 2020+ with Local Actors in the Macro-regional Strategies**

The Partnership aims at looking at existing participatory instruments in EU-institutions, funding programmes and decision-making processes in the macro-regions and explore possibilities to strengthen participation of civil society and local actors in shaping regional development post 2020.

**Lead Partner:** Claudia **Singer**, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

#### **Target Groups:**

Managing Authorities, funding institutions, representatives from public administration (local, regional & national), representatives from NGOs/civil society organisations, project promoters, representatives from regional, international & European organisations/institutions

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### **WG V: Participation Partnership - Empowering Roma**

The Partnership deals with participatory approaches to empower Roma communities in the macro-regions in order to enable their participation in the shaping of their social and political capital.

**Lead Partner:** Barbara **Willsberger**, Priority Area 9 People & Skills of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

#### **Target Groups:**

Representatives from NGOs/civil society organisations, representatives from public administration (local, regional & national), National Contact Points of the National Roma Strategies, Managing Authorities, project promoters, representatives from regional, international & European organisations/institutions

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**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break**

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**16:30 – 17:00 Report from the Hungarian Civil Society activities 2017**

Miklos **Barabas**, Coordinator for Civil Society in Hungary, Director European House, Hungary, tbc

István **Hegedűs**, Hungarian Europe Society, Hungary, tbc

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**17:00 – 18:00 Outlook on the participation and position of the Agenda for Civil Society in the Macro-Regional Strategies and the Partnerships 2018**

**Moderation:** Jörg **Mirtl**, Interact Programme, Finland

Results of the Workshops

Ellen **Bos**, Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe, Austria

Stefan **Barth**, Agapedia Stiftung, Germany

Claudia **Singer**, Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

Barbara **Willsberger**, Priority Area 9 People & Skills of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

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**18:00 – 19:00 Closing Session: Passing the Bell and Outlook on the Danube Participation Day 2018 in Sofia, Bulgaria**

Ellen **Bos**, Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

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Iva **Taralezhkova**, Citizen Participation Forum, Bulgaria

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**19:00 Evening Reception**

hosted by Andrassy University & Foster Europe, Foundation for strong European Regions

Gisela **Erlor**, State Counsellor for Civil Society and Civic Participation, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

György **Konrád**, Author, Hungary, tbc

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**09:30- 12:00      Project Fair, Andrassy University Budapest**

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**10:00-11:00      D-LAP Meeting, Priority Area 10 of the EUSDR**

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