

6th Meeting of the EUSDR PA 10 Danube Local Actors Platform Advisory Committee (AC D-LAP)

21. March 2017 | Vienna



Welcome from PAC 10 Vienna Rudolf Schicker

- Adoption of the agenda for 21th of March 2017 sent to D-LAP
- Adoption of the minutes from 5th Meeting of the D-LAP, 02 November 2016- sent to D-LAP
- Presentation of the new PA10 Coordinator in Slovenia: Centre for European Perspective (CEP): Dr. Gorazd JUSTINEK
- UPDR joins the Danube Local Actors Platform
- New members of the D-LAP: round table

UPDR joins the Danube Local Actors Platform

- 2015: Start of the EU-Urban Agenda; Website of the European Commission offers several digital platforms helping Cities to gather information, find project partners and specific funding.
- 2016: end of UPDR Pilot Project; PA 10 continues to work on strengthening Danube Cities institutional and administrative capacities. UPDR and D-LAP merge to facilitate information flow and cooperation between all relevant Local Actors of and for the Danube Region.
- PA 10 develops specific pilot-projects, conferences and seminars targeted at common problems and challenges of Danube Cities:
- Since 2016, cooperation between PA 10 and BACID.eu on the governance hub for the coordination of administrative capacity building measures in the Danube Region.
- Preparation of a project furthering the coordinated introduction of cadastre and land register in the Danube Region, following a first preparatory seminar in Vienna in October 2016.
- Further projects are planned, information on city projects welcome for D-LAP and PA 10 website.

New members of the D-LAP

EUSDR news: Report from PA 10

- EUSDR PA10 Steering Group Meeting Bucharest and Berlin
- DTP Seed Money Facility: PA 10 Topics
- Danube Transnational Programme: PA 10 subsidy contract 2017-2019
- Priority Area 10 & DTP Projects
- Implementation of the Danube Strategic Project Fund
- Report from the Commission 2016 on the implementation of EU macro -regional strategies
- First Outlook: 5th Annual Forum of the EUSDR

EUSDR PA10 SG Meetings in Bucharest and Berlin

- **11th Meeting of the PA 10 Steering Group, Bucharest (RO), 15 November 2016**
 - Introduction of the new co-PAC (Centre for European Perspective, CEP)
 - Presentation of the Romanian Operational Programme for Administrative Capacities (OPAC)
 - Danube Transnational Programme (DTP): Approved projects of the 1st call/announcement of the 2nd call
 - Presentation & discussion of the Danube Transnational Programme's Seed Money Facility
 - Presentation of the Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)

- **12th Meeting of the PA 10 Steering Group, Berlin (DE), 10 March 2017**
 - **EUSDR Annual Forum 2017 & Danube Participation Day**
 - **EC report on Macro-regional Strategies & Cohesion Policy 2020+**
 - **Up-date on the Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)**
 - Presentation of PA 10-related projects (Attractive Danube, AgriGo4Cities)
 - Narrative for the Danube Region
 - **Discussion of the topics addressed in the Danube Transnational Programme's Seed Money Facility**

DTP Seed Money Facility: PA 10 Topics

- First Call for the DTP Seed Money Facility is planned to be launched in September 2017
- Seed Money Facility addresses all 12 EUSDR Priority Areas
- Specific topics addressed under Priority Area 10:
 - Low-threshold provision of local services for ethnic minorities (e.g. Roma), refugees, people with disabilities, lone parents, migrants, low-skilled people, homeless people, early school leavers and/or elderly people in cities and municipalities.
 - Fostering cooperation between civil society and local authorities to develop modern social, health and educational services and services for the public.
 - To create specific open government data tools for Danube Region use.
 - Involving cities and municipalities and integrating local development into transnational cooperation and reducing administrative barriers across borders in municipalities for cross border and transnational cooperation.
 - Strengthening transparency in public administration.

Danube Transnational Programme: PA 10 subsidy contract 2017-2019- D-LAP activities

- PAC Support project 2017-2019
- Activities in regard to local actors
 - D-LAP Meetings (Preparatory Meetings for the Danube Participation Day)
 - Danube Participation Day
 - D-CAHT Seminars
 - Bled Strategic Forum/Youth Expert Forum
 - Event on enhancing civic engagement
 - Project consultation
 - Cooperation Conference
 - Policy Paper on sound local public management
 - Policy Paper on metropolitan regions

Priority Area 10 & DTP Projects

- Approved DTP projects in the thematic scope of Priority Area 10
 - 13 (of 54) projects are related to Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity & Cooperation”
 - PAC 10/City of Vienna is Associated Strategic Partner in 2 projects:



- DTP Capitalisation Strategy
 - 11 thematic poles
 - PAC 10 is linked to “Migration” & “Participatory Governance”
 - Dissemination of project information and exchange on common topics
 - **All organisations & stakeholders who are interested in the project results/topics addressed and/or would like to share their experience and know-how are invited to take part in the capitalisation activities.**

Implementation of the Danube Strategic Project Fund

- 56 applications were submitted to the PACs
- 9 Applications were related to PA 10

Activity	Timeframe
Application phase	End of Nov. 2016 – Feb. 2017
<u>Assessment of applications - 1st step:</u> (formal check, pre-assessment by Advisory Board)	Feb. – May 2017
<u>Refinement of best applications – 2nd step:</u> (more detailed project descriptions & project budget plan)	May – August 2017
Project selection by DSPF Jury	August/Sept. 2017
Project Implementation	Oct. 2017 – August 2018 (Dec. 2018)

Report from the Commission on the implementation of EU macro - regional strategies 2016

Report was presented at meeting of the High-level Group on MRS, Brussels 09.02.2017:

- MRS in general are recognized as important innovative strategy, but they need better governance, better alignment of funding, better integration of third countries and a stronger focus on results.
- EUSDR is on track, achievements in navigability, transport and cooperation, but political momentum is decreasing, administrative capacity is a problem
- Statement of PA 10/Austria:
 - Mentioned the creation of a platform for Civil Society in the EUSDR. Civil society and empowered Local Actors should be included in the governance of the strategies. The report should mention progress made on participation of civil society.
 - Most EU funding programmes do not cater to smaller projects, cooperation or pre-financing; therefore, many local communities and civil society organisations cannot participate. Funding should be aligned, easily accessible and manageable

PA 10 activities related to the Report from the Commission on the implementation of EU macro - regional strategies

- PA 10 prepares Local Actors and Civil Society Participation Agenda with experts, DCSF, EUSBSR and EESC representatives
- Position paper of PA 10, D-LAP and others on post 2020 debate in MRS is being prepared
- Review on Participation Days in MRS

First Outlook: 5th Annual Forum of the EUSDR

17-19 October 2017, Budapest

- „A secure, connecting and prosperous Region“
- Three thematic pillars: Energy security, infrastructural development, clean connectivity
- Highlights: Post 2020 financial framework, financial possibilities, project presentation and exchange platform
- Possible changes may include a broader thematic range to include more Priority Areas and cross-cutting issues

Reports and activities of PA 10 D-LAP 2016/2017

- Report from Slovakia: Plenipotentiary of the Government of Slovakia for Civil Society Milan Andrejkovic
- Local Actors Meeting with CoDCR and Arge Donauländer, Bratislava 03.11.2016: First outlook on the 4th Danube Participation Day in Budapest 17.October 2017: Ellen Bos, Andrassy University
- National Participation Days in the Danube Region 2016/17: Stefan August Lütgenau, President Danube Civil Society Forum
- European House Programme 2017 in Hungary: Miklos Barabas, Director European House
- Ukrainian activities: Igor Studenikov, Executive Director Centre for Regional Studies
- Other Projects from D-LAP Members

Local Actors Meeting with CoDCR and Arge Donauländer, Bratislava 03.11.2016

- 2015: At the AF in Ulm, CoDCR, Arge Donauländer, D-LAP, DCSF presented a joint declaration on the role of local actors in the on going European refugee crisis
- 2016: CoDCR, Arge Donauländer, D-LAP, DCSF, CEI, and participants of the 3rd DPD met together officially for the first time, representing the Danube Local Actors
- Main Topics of discussion were the building of participative democracy and the cooperation between regions, cities and Civil Society towards sustainable macro-regional development, social stability and economic growth

National Participation Days in the EUSDR 2014-2017

Priority Area 10 Target 2:

80 % of participating countries involve the national, regional and local authorities and CSOs through annual National (provincial) EUSDR Hearings in cooperation with the National Coordinators of the EUSDR.

2014/2015

- Public Hearing on Ukraine's involvement in the implementation of the EUSDR, Kiev (UA), 22 April 2014
- National Participation Day 2015 (Extended Dialogue Forum), Vienna (AT), 13 May 2015
- National Hearing Serbia – EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Novi Sad (RS), 20 October 201

2016

- National Participation Day Bulgaria 2016, Sofia (BG), 17-18 March 2016
- National Participation Day 2016 (Extended Dialogue Forum), Tulln (AT), 9 September 2016
- National Participation Day Republic of Moldova 2016, Chisinau (MD), 22 September 2016
- National Participation Day Slovakia 2016, Bratislava (SK), 21 October 2016

National Participation Days in the EUSDR 2014-2017

Planned National Participation Days in 2017

- National Hearing Serbia, Novi Sad, 24 March 2017
- National Participation Day Bulgaria, Sofia, 16 May 2017
- National Participation Day Slovakia, Bratislava, May 2017
- National Participation Day Czech Republic, Prague, June 2017
- National Participation Day Republic of Moldova, Chisinau, June 2017
- National Participation Day Ukraine, Odessa, September 2017
- Enlarged Dialogue Forum Austria, Eisenstadt, November 2017
- Danube Forum, Baden-Württemberg, June 2017
- National Participation Day Slovenia, Ljubljana, Autumn 2017

First outlook on the 4th Danube Participation Day in Budapest, 17.October 2017: Ellen Bos, Andrassy University

- 1st Danube Participation Day, 25 June 2014, Eisenstadt, Austria: “Participation Day in the Danube Strategy – Local actors and participation”
- 2nd Danube Participation Day, 28 October 2015, Ulm, Germany: “Shared History – Common Future”
- 3rd Danube Participation Days, 2-3 November 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia: “Working towards sustainable development: Civil Society, Local Actors and EU Strategies”
- 4th Danube Participation Day, 16 October 2017, Budapest, Hungary: “Bottom Up and Top Down: Science meets Innovation and Participation”

Each of the Danube Participation Days finished with a joint declaration summarized in a rolling document, mentioning needs and challenges of the Civil Society and Local Actors in the Danube Region.

- Participation Days in or next to the AF are being taken as model for other MRS:
 - Participation Day in the Baltic Annual Forum 2017 in Berlin 13/14 June 2017
 - Participative Forum as element of the Annual Forum of the Alpine Strategy in Munich

4th Danube Participation Day, 17. October 2017, Budapest Andrassy University



9:30 Opening

by Rector of the Andrassy University & Coordinator Priority Area 10

10:00-12:00 The Agenda for Civil Society in the Macro-Regional Strategies

President of the Danube Civil Society Forum Stefan August Lütgenau

Key Notes and discussion :

Laszlo Andor (tbc), Gisela Erler

12:00-13:00 D-LAP networking lunch

13:00-15:30 Workshops

will have a Expert thematic input/overview and project presentations mainly from ETC -projects in the Danube Region; results are reported to/in the Annual Forum

- **Workshop 1: “Participation works: the scientific perspective”**
- **Workshop 2: “Local Actors and Civil Society as drivers of transformation”**
- **Workshop 3: “Social Innovation: taking Civil Society on board”**
- **Workshop 4: “ESIF post 2020: making a Structured Dialogue work”**

4th Danube Participation Day, 17. October 2017, Budapest Andrassy University



16:00-17:30 Taking Stock- Discussion in the Plenary:

- Results of the Workshops
- Report from the Hungarian Civil Society activities 2017
- Following up the Agenda for Civil Society Participation in the EUSDR
- Lobbying for adequate funding for Civil Society and Local Actors

18:00 Dinner Reception- Invitation to the Budapest City Hall

by the Lord Mayor of Budapest and the Council of Danube Cities and Regions

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