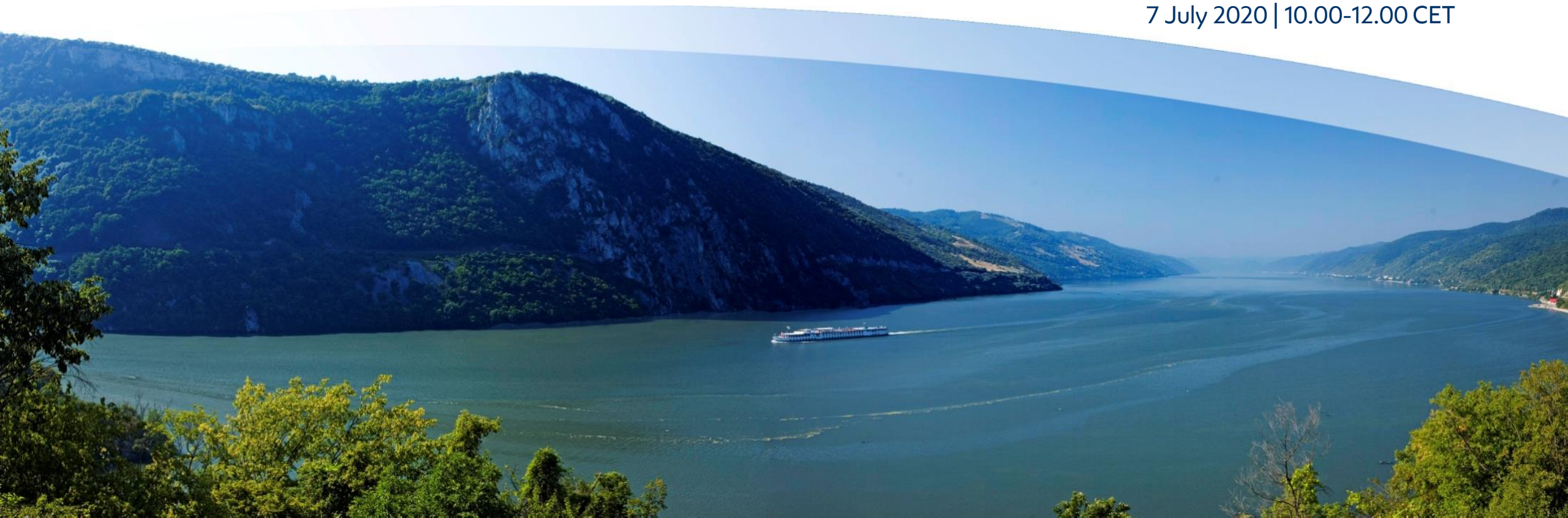




EUSDR Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacity and Cooperation“

# ‘Extended’ PA 10 Steering Group Meeting on Youth Participation

7 July 2020 | 10.00-12.00 CET



# House keeping rules

- The meeting will be recorded
- Please mute your microphone, if you are not speaking
- Questions can be asked in the chat.  
Please activate the chat function by clicking on the button with the speaking bubble.
- Questions can also be asked directly in the Q&A sessions.  
If you want to ask a question, please activate the hand sign in the participants list.

# Agenda

10.00	Welcome & Introduction
10.15	Youth Participation in the Danube Region – an introduction
10.30	Guidance Paper on Youth Participation – State of Play Q&A
10.50	Danube Youth Network Q&A
11.00	Young Bled Strategic Forum
11.10	Group Discussion  What do you consider the most relevant aspects of youth involvement in the Danube Region? What could be the next steps to support youth participation in the EUSDR? Which examples of youth cooperation in the Danube Region are you aware of?
11.55	Closing remarks

Youth Participation in the Danube Region. *An introduction*

# Addressing young people in the Danube Strategy

## EUSDR Action Plan 2011



**Priority Area 3 | Culture & Tourism**  
Youth exchange

**Priority Area 4 | Water Quality**  
Awareness raising

**Priority Area 6 | Biodiversity**  
Educating young people on biodiversity

**Priority Area 7 | Knowledge & Innovation**  
Uptaking ICT

**Priority Area 9 | People & Skills**  
Youth employment & education

## EUSDR Action Plan 2020



**Strategic objective of EUSDR**  
Enhancing democracy, sound administration and stronger involvement of civil society and youth

**Priority Area 7 | Knowledge & Innovation**  
Creating a supporting and attractive environment for young researchers

**Priority Area 9 | People & Skills**  
Youth employment, education & training

**Priority Area 10 | Capacity & Cooperation**  
Youth participation

# PA 10 Action 7 | To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region

“ A particular focus should be given on youth participation and civic engagement in order to ensure a long-term perspective on regional development and sustainable democracy. ”

## TARGET 7.1

Supporting the empowerment of young people for participation in the development of the Danube Region through strategic guidance and the implementation of macro-regional networks.

## ,warm-up quiz'

1. Enter event code
2. Enter a nickname
3. Question appears
4. Answer before the countdown ends

Guidance Paper on Youth Participation. State of Play



# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | Why?

Macro-regional strategies address territorial development.

Hence...



# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | Why?

Macro-regional Strategies are based on  
broad stakeholder involvement



# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | Why?

Macro-regional Strategies aim at achieving sustainable and long-term change towards better quality of life.



# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | Why?

Macro-regional Strategies need stakeholders with the capacity to co-design policies.



# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | How?

Providing guidance to youth initiatives

Launching a discussion in the  
EUSDR Governance

# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | How?

**Providing guidance to youth initiatives**

Increasing visibility  
of youth initiatives

Exchanging knowledge  
on youth involvement

Providing a platform to  
exchange between youth &  
EUSDR Governance

Capacity building to  
empower young people

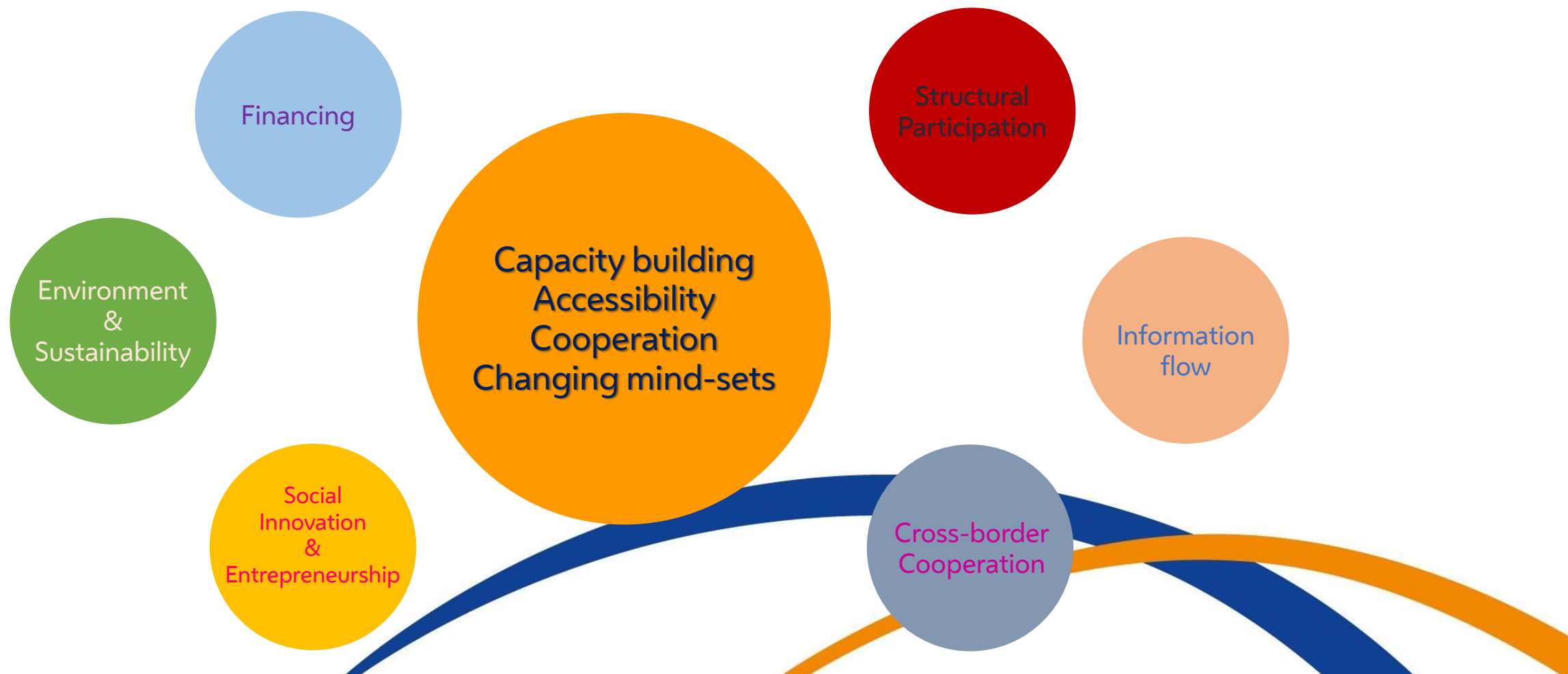
Utilising the Strategy to  
offer new interfaces for  
youth initiatives

**Launching a discussion in the  
EUSDR Governance**

# Guidance Paper for Youth Participation | What?

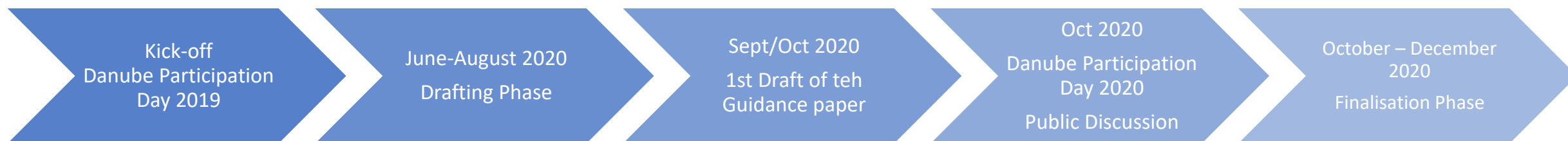
Dimensions of youth involvement	How can youth organisations contribute to EUSDR?	What support can the EUSDR provide for youth organisations?
D1: Danube Strategy Governance		
D2: Cross-border youth exchange in the Danube Region		
D3: Support & connect local youth initiatives		

# Results from the Danube Participation Day 2019





# Timeframe

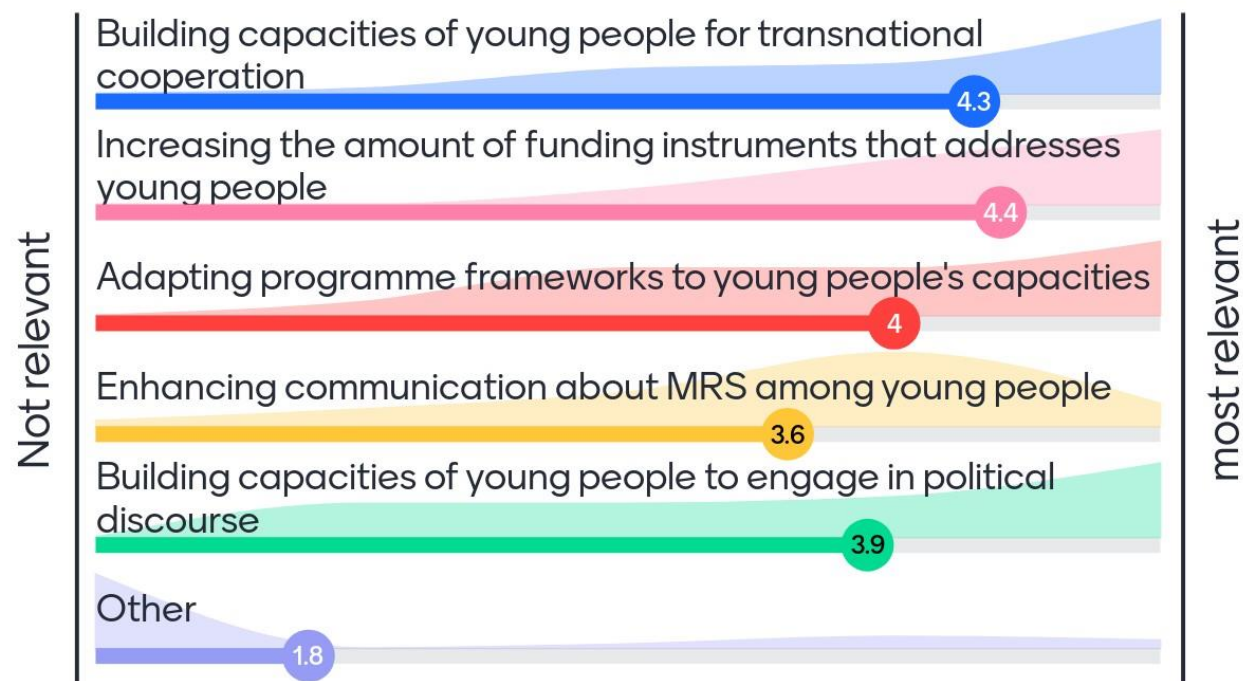


Danube Youth Network

Young Bled Strategic Forum

Group discussion

## Which aspects of youth involvement do you consider relevant for inclusive development?



# INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DANUBE REGION

## LEADERSHIP & CAPACITY

They also need adults to know their context, and to support them

capacity building on how to engage / frame messages / frame projects

have an online training module to introduce young people to EUSDR and show them through which channels to get engaged, update them on status-quo of network development

provide informational campaigns within the EUSDR for youth organizations / youth NGOs in order to involve them in different activities dedicated to the EUSDR.

Youth also needs a healthy portion of leadership, bringing them in.

support to express their opinion (including language, knowledge about the matter of stake, communication competences);

What do youth organisations need to engage with the Danube Strategy (stakeholders)?

Subjects dedicated to the MRSs at high schools/universities.

## AWARENESS

Youth Organisations first need to know about the EUSDR!!!

They also need to know why their opinion is needed and how is it to be considered!

Youth organisations need the contacts/network to EUSDR stakeholders

## INTERACTION

The how of the engagement is key: young people need to be engaged at eye-level.

Feeling that they are being equally involved and heard as any other participant/ stakeholder

Involving youth in making decision process

## COMMUNICATION

Need to understand the governance structure, where are the entry points

More possibilities to meet, share, exchange (even online).

Platforms for interaction & communication

Youth organisations need to SEE an added value if they engage

Exchange of good (and bad) respective practice with the young from another Macro regions

What do youth organisations/young people need to participate in development in the Danube Region?

Financial support to cover all costs of the facilities they need to communicate, cooperate and develop something together

What do youth organisations need to engage in cross-border/transnational cooperation?

Networks to find competent & committed partners

Getting inside information of the stakeholder group that is actually affected/or dealing with respective issues (brain drain, youth unemployment, working cross-border etc.)

benefits would be lots of new ideas and insights on how young people perceive the major issues in Europe/region. On long term you have a pool of more informed, engaged and experienced

## How could the EUSDR benefit from involving youth organisations?

It can be shaped in a future-oriented way, because they are a kind of stakeholders for youth.

Children and young people make 1/3 of the EU population. Their full participation of young people in political, social and economic life is essential for a pluralistic, democratic and fundamental rights-based future of our societies.

Learning and understanding young people and their issues => avoiding conflicts and frustration and eventually better policy making

# IMPLEMENTING THE EUSDR THROUGH YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

## EUSDR Youth Platform (PA9)

CESCI Cross-Border game

How does the EUSDR currently engage with youth organisations/young people?

promotion of respective events

## What could be the next steps toward youth participation in the EUSDR?

Advocate towards leaders of different EUSDR structures the value of involving youth

In many countries there are National Youth Councils - this could be a means to convey key EUSDR messages toward young people

activate YOUNG Parliamentarians in the Danube countries, as the EUSDR is often not very much present on a parliamentary level

Just organise a parallel meeting to the next regular meeting and let groups interact and present together

consider to have a youth representative in the Steering Group?

Reach out to young people more actively, using means preferred by them, to tell about EUSDR

Using the Participation Day format focusing on youth involvement

# Thank you and take care!

Engage with us online!



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# Have a lovely summer break!

