

Romanian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

„Building cohesion for shared prosperity”



Priority themes of RO Presidency of EUSDR

- ❑ Improving connectivity and mobility in the Danube region by promoting transport, tourism, digitization and people-to-people contacts;
- ❑ Fostering transnational cluster development by supporting exchange of best practices between various entities taking part in the EUSDR.
- ❑ Revitalizing the Strategy along with the process of updating the Action Plan of EUSDR by Creating synergies between key stakeholders in the Danube region and the European Commission, as well as by operationalizing fully the the Danube Strategy Point/DSP;
- ❑ Promoting exchanges of experience and good practices within the EUSDR Priority Areas on legislative issues, in close collaboration with the public administration, social actors, the academic and the business community;

Main objectives of RO Presidency of EUSDR

- ❑ Enhancing better cooperation between the Member States and the European Commission in the process of updating the Action Plan of the EUSDR
- ❑ Optimizing the way in which relevant actions of the EUSDR are being implemented
- ❑ The identification of all the benefits that a more effective implementation of the EUSDR can bring to the region and the entire Europe by ensuring economic and social cohesion and diminishing territorial development disparities
- ❑ The promotion, at a national and regional level, of benefits of the EUSDR through the organization of public events;
- ❑ The strengthening of the interaction between entities taking part in all Priority Areas of the EUSDR by promoting connectivity, mobility and competitiveness through transnational cluster development;

Priorities of RO EUSDR Presidency

- **Another important objective of RO's Presidency of EUSDR is to increase the visibility of the EUSDR by promoting successful projects at a local / national / regional level, in order to demonstrate/prove/highlight the added value of the regional cooperation framework, eliminate development gaps and increase interconnectivity between states participating in macro- regional strategies.**
- In our view, the EUSDR has proven itself to be an effective framework of cooperation that can easily stand as an example of the success that accurately reflects the many direct links between cohesion, sustainable development and prosperity.
- **It can easily become a very good example of the added value brought about by a good implementation of macro regional strategies, especially in the regions where the development gap between countries is wide and there is a large diversity of cultures.**

Priorities of RO EUSDR Presidency of the EU

- **The relaunching of EUSDR represents the major goal during RO Presidency of EUSDR.**
- **In our view, it is extremely important that in the perspective of negotiations on the post2020 MFF, the Council Conclusions on MSR, and EU program planning in general, the benefits of macro regional strategies and especially those of the EUSDR become more visible.**
- **Romania adheres to the vision that EU Macro-regional Strategies should be better connected with all EU policies and instruments in order to ensure an increased contribution to the overall objectives of the EU.**
- **We remain committed to a better use of the EU macro-regional strategies, and especially that of the EUSDR, as important tools, that can contribute to the sustainable development of participating countries and also to better regional integration and increased cohesion.**
- **I remain confident that, by continuing to work together, we can strengthen regional cooperation and improve further the implementation of macro-regional strategies and also prove how important macro-regional strategies and especially EUSDR can be for strengthening cohesion and attaining prosperity.**

More information on the upcoming events of
RO's Presidency of the EUSDR dedicated website:

<https://suerd.gov.ro/ro>

or the official EUSDR website:

<https://www.danube-region.eu/>