

EUSDR Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity and Cooperation"

## 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Group of Priority Area 10

6-7 June 2023 | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Kneza Miloša 24-26, 11000 Belgrade

### Agenda

Tuesday, 6th June 2023   13:00-18:00		
Chair: Claudia Singer & Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordinators		
13:00-13:30	<b>Arrival</b>	
13:30-14:00	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION</b> Ambassador Miloš Todorović, Ministry of Foreign Affairs <i>(on behalf of First Deputy Prime Minister responsible for foreign policy and security and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Ivica Dačić)</i> Sanda Šimić Stambolić, Ministry of European Integration Claudia Singer & Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordinators	
	<b>Tour de Table</b> Members of the PA 10 Steering Group	
14:00-15:30	<b>PROGRESSING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND COOPERATION IN THE DANUBE REGION</b> <i>Presentation and discussion of present and future initiatives to implement the actions (and targets) of Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity Building" of the EU Danube Strategy</i>  <b>INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES</b>  <b>ACTION 1: To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services</b>  <b>Further Development of e-Government</b> Dara Gravara Stojanović, Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government of the Republic of Serbia  <b>Serbia's Digital Transformation</b> Tamara Korsić, Office for Information Technologies and e-Government, Republic of Serbia <i>Presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</i>  <b>Supporting Digital Transition at local level</b> Jana Belcheva Andreevska, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe – NALAS <i>Presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</i>  <b>Reflection on how to support initiatives to improve institutional capacities for e-Government in the Danube Region</b> <i>Discussion in the Steering Group</i>	<b>Agenda Item 1</b>
15:30-15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15:45-17:15	<b>PROGRESSING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND COOPERATION IN THE DANUBE REGION</b>  <b>ACTION 2: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions</b>  <b>How to support cross-border emergency initiatives in the Danube Region? – Next steps for the Task Force</b> Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Coordinator	<b>Agenda Item 1</b>

*Presentation of the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force Meeting & follow-up and planning next steps with the Steering Group members*

#### FUNDING



#### **ACTION 3: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU Funds and Invest EU**

*All participants*

Brainstorming session with Steering Group members on needs to develop formats for project partner capacity building to access EU funding



#### **ACTION 4: To support better coordination of funding**

#### **The Network of ESF+Managing Authorities in the Danube Region: Coordinating administration of social affairs policy & social innovation**

Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Coordination

*Presentation & Q&A*



#### **ACTION 5: To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)**

*Presentation of recent initiatives and discussion on planned initiatives and supporting capacity building & communication on existing initiatives.*

#### PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



#### **ACTION 6: To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors to enhance well-being for the inhabitants of the Danube Region**

**Building trust with the Platform on Media Literacy**

Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordination

*Presentation & Q&A*

#### **National Participation Days: Reviving national/regional cooperation platforms to strengthen the implementation of the EU Danube Strategy**

*Brainstorming session with Steering Group members*



#### **ACTION 7: To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region**

#### **Danube Participation Day 2023: Supporting Ukraine's transition towards the EU**

Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Coordination

*Brief introduction & brainstorming session*

#### **Bled Strategic Forum & Young Bled Strategic Forum**

Jernej Grahor, Priority Area 10 Coordinators

*Presentation & Q&A*



#### **Action 8: To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development**

#### **Cross-macro-regional Cooperation on Smart Communities**

*Brief introduction & brainstorming on next steps to enhance smart communities initiatives*

#### **Cross-Priority Area Cooperation on Fighting Trafficking in Human Beings**

*Brief introduction on the state of play and exchange on possible next steps*

17:15-17:45	<b>UPDATES FROM THE EC</b> Karolina Jasinska-Mühleck, European Commission/DG REGIO Comment by András Edelenyi, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) <i>Presentation &amp; Discussion</i>	<b>Agenda Item 2</b>
17:45-18:00	<b>UPDATES FROM THE EU DANUBE STRATEGY PRESIDENCY</b>	
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Joint Dinner (Restoran Mihailo Obilićev venac 16, Beograd 11000, Serbia)</b>	

<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2023   9:30 – 13:30</b>		
9:00-9:30	<b>Arrival</b>	
9:30-10:00	<b>Updates from the DSP: Embedding * Monitoring * Flagships * Danube Youth Council</b> Katharina Lenz, Danube Strategy Point & DYC member Ratin Sazedul, Danube Youth Council <i>Presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</i>	<b>Agenda Item 3</b>
10:00-10:30	<b>Flagships: Selection of Flagship Initiatives 2023</b> <i>Brief Introduction &amp; Discussion (+Decision in the Steering Group)</i>	<b>Agenda Item 4</b>
10:30-11:00	<b>The race for the host for the Specialised EXPO 2027: Exploring the Opportunities for EUSDR</b> Dušan Borovčanin, Serbia Convention Bureau <i>Presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</i>	<b>Agenda Item 5</b>
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:15-11:45	<b>Danube Region Programme</b> Johannes Gabriel, Danube Region Programme <i>Presentation &amp; Discussion</i>	<b>Agenda Item 6</b>
11:45-12:30	<b>Info Film on Priority Area 10 – Developing the script</b> <i>Brief Introduction and Script Development with Steering Group</i>	<b>Agenda Item 7</b>
12:30-13:00	<b>Collecting topics for Coffee Table Talks &amp; Extended Steering Group Meeting</b> <i>Collecting and prioritising topics</i>	<b>Agenda Item 8</b>
13:00-13:15	<b>AoB</b>	
13:15-13:30	<b>Closing Session</b>	
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Light Lunch (upon invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</b>	