

EUSDR Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation”

## 27. Steering group meeting of EUSDR Priority Area 10

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Venue: Gartenzimmer, State Ministry Baden-Württemberg

Adress: Villa Clay-Haus, Richard-Wagner-Straße 39, 70184 Stuttgart

### - Final Agenda -

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

10:00 – 10:45 (45´)	Arrival of participants and Welcome coffee	
11:00 – 12:00 (60´)	Optional: Guided Tour Villa Reitzenstein and Park	
12:00 – 13:00 (60´)	Lunch (Catering)	
13:00 – 13:30 (30´)	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory remarks</li> <li>• ‘House keeping rules’</li> <li>• Introduction of the Agenda</li> <li>• Tour de table</li> </ul>	<p><b>Niombo Lomba</b>, Head of Service Unit Danube Region, EUSDR National Coordinator, State Ministry Baden-Württemberg.</p> <p><b>Jernej Grahor &amp; Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p>
13:30 – 15:00 (90´)	<p><b>Progressing Institutional Capacity and Cooperation in the Danube Region</b></p> <p>Presentation and discussion of present and future initiatives to implement the actions (and targets) of Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity &amp; Cooperation” of the EUSDR</p> <p><b>ACTION 1: To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended SG Meeting on Digitalisation in the Public Sector – Presentation and Next steps (estimated time 20 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jernej Grahor &amp; Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination <b>Andreea Prasacu</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the AdCap4GoodGov project (estimated time 10 minutes)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	<b>Raluca Harepean</b> , Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration Romania
	<p><b>ACTION 2: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-border emergency initiatives in the Danube Region – Status overview and next steps for the Task Force (estimated time 25 minutes)</li> <li>• Discussion on potential next topics and areas to be addressed within the PA (estimated time 5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION 3: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and Invest EU (estimated time 5 minutes)</b></p>	<p><b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Jernej Grahor</b> Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p>
<b>15:00 – 15:15 (15´)</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>15:15 – 16:00 (45´)</b>	<p><b>Progressing Institutional Capacity and Cooperation in the Danube Region</b></p> <p><b>ACTION 5: To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Practice Presentation: EUSDR Project fund (estimated time 15 minutes)</li> <li>• Good Practice Presentation: Perspective Danube (estimated time 20 minutes)</li> <li>• Time for discussion (estimated time 20 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Niombo Lomba &amp; Fiona Faas</b>, State Ministry of Baden Württemberg</p> <p><b>Ágnes Sebestyén</b>, Baden-Württemberg Foundation</p> <p>Cooperation partners or SG members (tbc)</p>
<b>16:00 – 16:20 (20´)</b>	<b>Updates from the AT Presidency</b>	<b>Roland Arbter</b> , Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, AT PCY

<b>16:20 – 16:35 (15´)</b>	<b>ACTION 4:To support better coordination of funding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network of ESF+ Managing Authorities in the Danube Region – update and developments (estimated time 15 minutes)</li> </ul>	<b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b> , Priority Area 10 Coordination
<b>16:35 – 16:50 (15´)</b>	<b>Updates from the European Commission / DG REGIO on perspective and developments within EUSDR.</b>	<b>Karolina Jasinska-Mühleck</b> European Commission PA-10 SG representative (online participation )
<b>16:50</b>	<b>End of official program day 1</b>	
<b>17:00 – 17:45</b>	<b>Time for registration in hotel or free time</b>	
<b>17:45 – 18:30</b>	<b>Joint activity: Christmas market “Stuttgarter Hüttenzauber”</b>	
<b>18:45 –</b>	<b>Arrival to Dinner venue Stuttgarter Ratskeller, Marktplatz 1, 70173 Stuttgart</b>	

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

<b>08:30 – 09:00 (30´)</b>	<b>Arrival of participants and welcome coffee</b>	
<b>09:00 – 09:20 (20´)</b>	<b>Outlook on the EUSDR Presidency 2025 in Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	<b>Midhat Džemić</b> , BIH Presidency to the EUSDR representation
<b>09:20 – 11:00 (95´)</b>	<p><b>Progressing Institutional Capacity and Cooperation in the Danube Region</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Flagship initiative – Mothers for Ecology and Peace (estimated time 20 minutes)</li> </ul> <p>Handover of Danube Strategy Flagship Certificate to project implementer MINE e.V.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Flagship initiative - National Participation Days (estimated time 15 minutes)</li> <li>• Platform on Media Literacy updates (estimated time 7 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION 7: To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danube Participation Day 2024 results presentation and outlook to Danube Participation Day 2025 (estimated time 15 minutes)</li> <li>• Bled Strategic Forum &amp; Young Bled Strategic Forum results presentation (estimated time 10 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION 8: To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart Communities Initiative - Update and discussion on further cooperation potentials (estimated time 15 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jernej Grahor &amp; Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Andrea Laux &amp; Olena Kulykova</b>, Mother Centers International Network for Empowerment e.V.</p> <p><b>Stefan Lütgenau</b>, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe</p> <p><b>Jernej Grahor</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Jernej Grahor</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p> <p><b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b>, Priority Area 10 Coordination</p>

<b>10:55 – 11:15 (20´)</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:15-11:30 (15)</b>	<b>Update from the Danube Strategy Point &amp; Danube Youth Council</b>	<b>Katharina Lenz</b> , Danube Strategy Point & DYC representatives
<b>11:30 – 11:45 (15)</b>	<b>ACTION 3: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and Invest EU</b> (estimated time 5 minutes)	<b>Claudia Singer-Smith</b> , Priority Area 10 Coordination
<b>11:45 – 12:00 (15)</b>	Guidance Paper & Learning online platform for PA 10 Newcomers – Update and presentation of outcomes (estimated time 15 minutes)	<b>Andreea Prasacu</b> , Priority Area 10 Coordination
<b>12:00-12:15 (15)</b>	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• next Steering Group Meeting (estimated time 15 minutes)</li> <li>• End of official programme</li> </ul>	<b>Jernej Grahor &amp; Claudia Singer-Smith</b> , Priority Area 10 Coordination
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Light Lunch at the venue and departure</b>	