



European Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 4

„To restore and maintain the quality of waters“

SK Activities for 2016

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PA4 aims during EUSDR SK Presidency

A) To enforce the dynamic integrated management and water protection focused on providing sufficient amount and quality of waters with regard to climate change impact connected to sustainable development of society

Main focus

1. support national approaches in the Danube Region identifying the drought and water scarcity
2. implement effective adaptation measures within the drought and water scarcity issues

Expected benefits will be presented during the 5th EUSDR Annual Forum (Bratislava, 3-4/11 2016)

1. preparation of the analysis of national approaches within the Danube countries
2. identification and preparation of basin wide measures within the drought and water scarcity

Output

International conference *EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE CONDITIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE (DROUGHT AND WATER SCARCITY)*



PA4 aims during EUSDR SK Presidency

B) To pursue the topic of maintaining a good status of waters when implementing new infrastructure projects (see below) within the sustainable development of the Danube Region:

1. Flood Protection Measures
2. Water Restoration Measures (e.g. water reservoirs, ponds, polders, wetlands,...)
3. Water Power Plants
4. Water Ways
5. Ports, highways, bridges, tunnels, etc.

Main focus

- maintaining a good status of waters according to the Article 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive.

Expected benefit

- gathering the attitudes of Danube countries providing basic data for the European Commission regarding effective procedures for assessing new sustainable development activities of people in relation to achievement of good status of waters



PA4 achievements

- initiated wide **POLICY DISCUSSIONS** with the water-quality related stakeholders of policy-making at international, European and regional level;
- identified **PRIORITY TOPICS** and **GAPS** that PA4 should further focus on in line with the Roadmap actions and Blueprint implementation;
- ensured **INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION** with key water partners;
- continuously worked on **STRENGTHENED COOPERATION** with **KEY ACTORS** and **PARTNERS**, including the ICPDR and PA5 (Joint Document on Synergies PA4-PA5-ICPDR), Carpathian Convention, ISRBC, JRC, GWP;
- started **SECTORIAL DISCUSSIONS** of key priorities of PA4 (strengthening the sub-basin initiatives and cooperation, sediments, early warning, buffer zones, drinking water, urban waste water);
- initiated **RESEARCH** and completed **SURVEYS** in areas of water protection, alternative waste water treatment; phosphates and solid waste collection.
- facilitated **COLLECTING EXPERIENCE** and promoted the idea that EUSDR aims should be included in the national programming;



PA4 achievements

- **ENSURED HIGH VISIBILITY** and dissemination of the Danube Strategy (PA4) at many forums (including the Water Summits and other conferences);
- **ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND STAKEHOLDER SEMINARS** - focused on the Danube macro-region and water in September 2013, conference on drinking water supply in December 2013, conference on water resources protection in April 2015, conference on financing possibilities in November 2015; conference on drought and water scarcity in May 2016





PA4 achievements

- took efforts toward facilitating **ALIGNMENT OF FUNDING** (DTP, CENTRAL EUROPE, HORIZON2020, LIFE, etc.);
- supported and facilitated the **PROJECT GENERATION, PARTNERSHIP SEARCH** and **NETWORKING**;
- **FACILITATED BRINGING INVOLVED EXPERTS TOGETHER** at different working groups, provided financial support in order to ensure the participation of non EU experts as well.
- focused on deepening the **NON EU MEMBER COUNTRIES COOPERATION** by organizing the visits and common meetings with water management experts from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and Moldova
- presented its achievements in **EUSDR Annual Forums**





PA4 activities in 2016

- **Coordination and management of PA4 activities**
 - organization of Steering Group and PACs bilateral meetings;
 - preparation of Annual Forums events - 2015 and 2016;
 - cooperation with the ICPDR, Sava Commission, GWP and Carpathian Convention;
 - active participation in ICPDR RBM EG and ICPDR ordinary meetings
- **Dissemination activities**
 1. Printed documents:
 - PA4 general leaflet;
 - leaflet on PA4 projects
 - leaflet of Drinking Water Directive update;





PA4 activities in 2016

- brochure on principles aiming at reducing the diffuse pollution from agriculture;
- *country reports on wastewater situation in non-EU countries (especially BiH, SRB, UA and MD);*
- *legal study on alternative collection and wastewater treatment (A5);*
- *legal study on limiting the presence of phosphates in detergents (A7).*

2. Conferences, workshops

- conference on effective water resources utilization for the sustainable development of the regions and ecosystems conservation with regard to drought and water scarcity concerning the climate change – 17-18 May 2016;
- *3rd Stakeholder Conference – September 2016;*
- workshop on common effective attitudes to the assessment of new sustainable human development activities towards the Danube Region development (in accordance with Article 4.7 of the WFD – 2000/60/EC) – September 2016.
- events during 5th EUSDR Annual Forum – 3.- 4. November 2016, Bratislava

3. Updating website www.danubewaterquality.eu



PA4 activities in 2016

- **Support to PA4 projects generation**
networking, partners search, projects database, information on financing possibilities – 2nd calls of INTERREG, Danube Transnational Programme;
- **Strong involvement in project proposal development** processes via the support of project preparatory meetings organization
- **Questionnaire investigation** among SG members on state of play on the assessment of financial needs of the Danube countries for the implementation program on building and updating UWWT technology and BAT recording;
- **Support to NCP** during EUSDR SK Presidency
- **Reporting on PA4 activities** – Interim report, Final report, EC report



Thank you for your attention