

DCSF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2 MARCH 2015

Venue WWF office, Ottakringer Straße 114-116, 1160 Vienna

Accommodation St. Stephanushaus, Ungargasse 36, 1030 Vienna

Short summary:

Project Application related to DCSF:

Foster Europe is an active partner in the project LADDER, (Non-state actors and local authorities in raising public awareness of development issues and promoting development education in the European Union) which was accepted. Foster Europe will be responsible for one of its main work packages. The first kick off meeting is planned for 21st-22nd February 2015.

The project application ENGINE has reached the score of 87, 5 points out of 100. It was not selected as the minimum score for a successful application was 88 points. ENGINE will reapply. This project could co-finance DCSF activities.

The application in the initiative "START Danube Region Project" was not preselected.

EUSDR:

The Annual Forum of the EUSDR together with the 2nd Participation Day will take place from 28th-30th October 2015, in Ulm. To achieve a successful implementation of the 2nd Participation Day a workshop will take place on 23rd February in Stuttgart, where the State Ministry Baden-Württemberg, in cooperation with PA 10, Danube Civil Society Forum, local NGO's representatives and civil society networks will start the planning process.

The policy paper, *Participation in the EUSDR: Principles - Formats - Procedures* (attached), shared also by the DG REGIO among other DGs, will be one of the ground documents for the participation in the EUSDR. It is important to consider this paper in preparation process of the 2nd Participation Day.

General Assembly and Interna

The DCSF General Assembly 2015 will be held one day before the 2nd Participation Day on 27th October 2015 in Ulm to save the travel expenses of participants. The premises for this meeting were booked. The exact program and agenda shall be discussed.

The DCSF Communication Strategy, one of the key elements in the DCSF, was further developed (attached).

The online participatory DCSF platform was divided into two sub-platforms D-LAP and DCSF website. The D-LAP website will not be supported by PA 10 funds. The DCSF and Foster Europe could further develop this DCSF website idea as the only interactive and participatory communication tool in the EUSDR (<http://clients.eliasmüller.de/danube/f>).

The hypothetical DCSF Annual Budget (attached) was calculated based on two possibilities. First, the minimum costs € 32.100 per year to organize two Executive Committee Meetings, General Assembly, and to further fund the DCSF Website and Working Group/s. Second, the approximate costs € 94.415 per year to run a fully functioning office including the costs for above mentioned events, for support of four Working Groups, for office rent, for communication strategy, and for consultation.

DCSF has received written applications and verbal requests from four applicants to become a member of the DCSF. Their membership shall be decided upon.

ILEU and DANET organized in December 2014 a qualification seminary with 50 participants from various Danube states.

Agenda

Sunday, 1st March 2015

Arrival of participants

18:00 Dinner, Gasthaus Wild Radetzkyplatz 1, 1030 Wien

Monday, 2nd March 2015

WWF office, Ottakringer Straße 114-116, 1160 Vienna

09:00 Start of the Meeting

09:00 Report from Stefan August Lütgenau on planned activities

09:30 General debate on recent developments and activities

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Work Plan 2015: 4th EUSDR Annual Forum, 2nd Participation Day, and 3rd DCSF General Assembly

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Communication Strategy, DCSF Website

14:30 DCSF Annual Budget

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 DCSF Membership

17:00 Next meeting

18:30 Dinner, Gasthaus Seidl's Ungargasse 63, 1030 Wien

Participants

1. Tihana Fabijanic
2. Irene Lucius
3. Stefan August Lütgenau
4. Carmen Stadelhofer
5. Daniela Stojkovic
6. Igor Studennikov