

Danube Civil Society Forum
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Report on the meeting of the WG2

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DCSF Working Group 2 concluded that in order to achieve sustainable development in the Danube Region, the knowledge, skills and dedication of environmental civil society and expert organisations and of knowledgeable individuals must be made much better use of. This can be done by involving them in structured manner in planning and decision making processes. Prerequisites are:

- 1) Better use existing mechanisms for involvement, e.g. inviting CSOs as observers in EUSDR PA Steering Groups or install stakeholder forums for large infrastructure projects
 - 2) Provide better access to funding to cover costs of involvement (e.g. travel costs) and for capacity building measures (for data interpretation); such funds can be integrated into infrastructure budgets and existing public funding programmes (e.g. small grants programme integrated into existing EU funding instruments)
 - 3) Openly share data and information with civil society.
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