

4th Ordinary General Assembly of the Danube Civil Society Forum in the EU Strategy for the DanubeRegion

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19th Ordinary Meeting of the ICPDR

Last year, at the 6-7 December 2016, Vienna – Austria, the 19th Ordinary Meeting of the ICPDR. Since 2015, the Danube Civil Society Forum may attend on the ICPDR meetings as observers.

The outcome of 19th OM of the ICPDR was an agreement on the participation of DCSF representative in the

Public Participation Expert Group of ICPDR

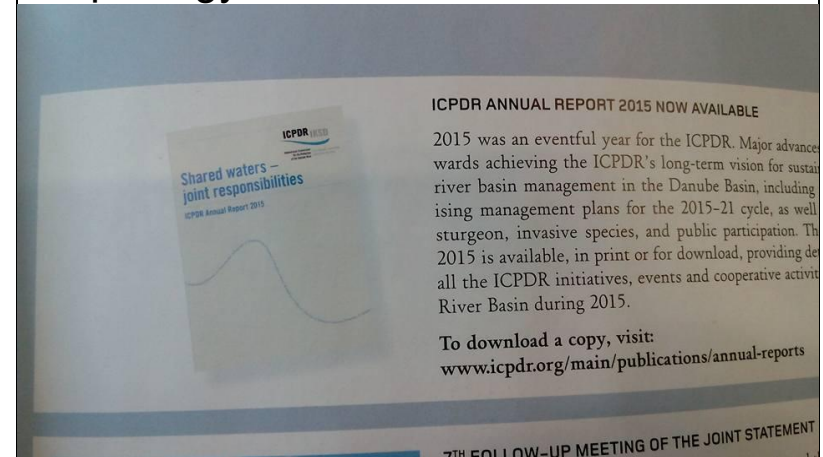
ICPDR- some info

SUB-BASIN INITIATIVES

- 1) International Sava Commission
- 2) Tisza River Basin (including Tisza Project)
- 3) Prut River Basin
- 4) Danube Delta (including Danube Delta Project)

PROJECTS WITH ICPDR INVOLVEMENT

- 1) SOLUTIONS Project
- 2) Coca-Cola – WWF “Partnership” for a living Danube”
- 3) MARS Project
- 4) FAIRway Project
- 5) AquaCross
- 6) STURGENE Project
- 7) Iron Gates Follow-up Monitoring Project
- 8) Danube GEF project on hydro-morphology and river restoration



2nd National Hearings in Serbia, 24th March 2017

The Danube Civil Society (DSCF) aims to strengthen the cooperation and linking of civil society actors in the Danube region and their active participation in the EUSDR-related policy processes and European integration. Connecting efforts, knowledge and experience and building strong co-operation, communication and coordination between civil society and the government are seen as a necessary precondition for achieving success in the implementation of the Danube Strategy.

The Conference was opened by the President of the Assembly of AP Vojvodina Mr Istvan Pastor, while the introductory part saying by Mrs Ana Ilić, National coordinator for EUSDR in the Republic of Serbia and deputy director of the Office for European Integration of the Republic of Serbia, Mr Nebojša Vojnović, undersecretary of the Provincial Secretariat for Regional Development, International Cooperation and Local Self-Government, Stefan A.Luetgenau, President of the Danube Civil Society Forum, Eisenstadt, Austria and Matija Vilfan, chief DSP from Brussels, Belgium.

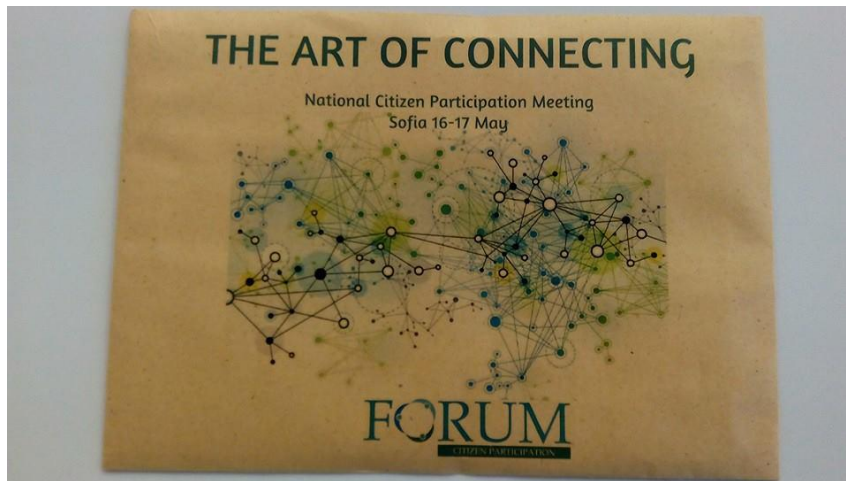


10/04/2017 at the Vinča Institute for Nuclear Science

I had a lecture on process of the Implementation of the Danube Strategy in Serbia and presentation of our Forum. The lecture was attended by permanent staff at the Institute, part-time associates and students



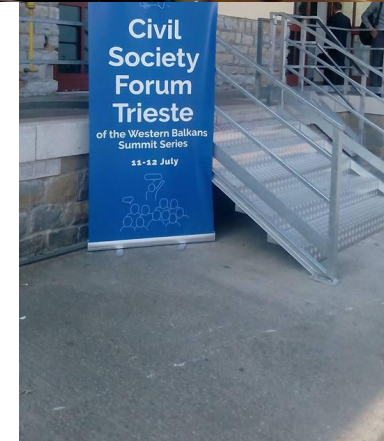
Sofia National Citizen Participation Meeting, 15-17th of the May



Civil Society Forum Trieste

The Civil Society Forum Trieste was organized under the umbrella of the Civil Society Forum of the Western Balkans Summit Series.

The meeting in Trieste was bring together representatives of over fifty civil society organizations, think tanks, policy institutes and other organisations from the countries of the Western Balkans and the European Union, and provide a platform for their impact on the so-called Berlin Process.



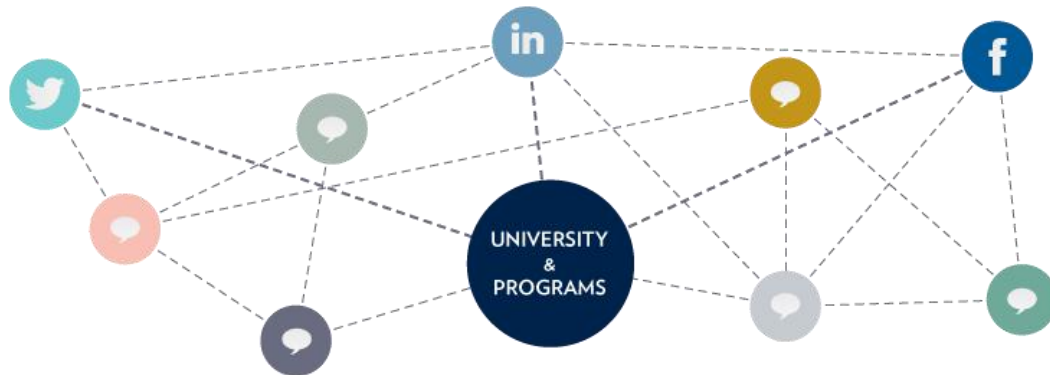
ReSTI -2nd partner meeting in Sofia

In the digital era, creation of social and technological innovation is of paramount importance. The Danube Region does not lag behind the rest of Europe when it comes to ideas and initiatives within the Research, Social and Technological Innovation (ReSTI) field. Still, specific managerial skills necessary for development of ReSTI projects and their implementation are on inadequate level and need to be improved in future. The aim of this project is to remove gaps in knowledge and skills in managing social and technological innovation projects. The general goal is to create an environment in which interested stakeholders can find easy-to-use checklists, learning modules and advice with a specifically tailored content regarding the management of ReSTI projects. The final output of the project is to establish an innovative learning system aimed at increasing employ-ability and quality of ReSTI projects.



Social media

Over the past decade, communication methods have changed drastically, with Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and many such platforms on the go, it comes as no surprise that there is a close connection between social media and civil society. It has become the easiest and the fastest way of connecting, learning and communicating.



Impact of Social Media

- **Connectivity:** Social media networks are designed for the purpose of communal connections. These platforms are used by students to connect among themselves, institutes constantly communicate through websites, social media presence sharing relevant information. Having an online presence helps strengthen connectivity without any limitations on proximity.
- **Community building:** A great way to reach out to potential community and professionals. It gives a chance to network with different industry experts and faculty of different institutions, social media can provide a better industry exposure.
- **Stimulate Knowledge and discussion:** There is constant Sharing of information, content on Social media, giving and receiving information at rapid speeds. These include views and opinions, knowledge and many more. Social media provides platform to assess, analyze, retain and share information on a widespread.
- **Visibility Advantage:** According to last statistic data 65% of the population go online to search info content. Thus institutes with online presence have an advantage of being more visible. Also, having an online presence often contribute towards a positive approach towards the institute.

Our results

- FB page: 230 followers
- FB group: 247 members (daily news)
- Twitter account: 751 followers, 1511 tweets
- LinkedIn: 80 members



Future steps- DCSF

1. Understand/ Communication: flows and trends in EU
2. Know- How exchange: on assistance and integration within the EUSDR
3. Enhance: the role and capacity of the CSO s
4. Raise of the awareness on the importance of CSOs roles in the process of the EUSDR
5. Encourage cross border cooperation of Public authorities and CSOs
6. Respond



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