

Participation: Designing 2020+ with local actors and macro-regional strategies

Participation Day
in the EUSDR

Working Group

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„Agenda for Participation“ & Participation Partnerships

Agenda for Participation of Civil Society and Local Actors in EU Macro Regions

- sums up the activities developed and implemented by the DCSF and Priority Area 10 since 2014.
- Based on the experience in cooperation with representatives of civil society and from the local/regional level

Participation Partnerships

- sustainable working groups aiming at promoting and implementing participation at all levels in the Danube Region
- Roadmap for local actors and civil society to identify the state of play, define a (common) vision and possible steps towards implementation

Participation Partnership: Designing 2020+ with local actors and macro-regional strategies

Aim of the Partnership

The Partnership will look at participatory structures that integrate civil society and local actors in regional development and EU funding instruments (Partnership Principle) in regard to challenges, good practices and opportunities within the ongoing discussion on EU Cohesion Policy 2020+.



Lead Partner

Priority Area Coordination 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation”

Designing 2020+ ...with local actors and macro-regional strategies

- Mid-term review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 → simplification | flexibility | result-oriented approach
- 15 November 2017: General Affairs Council on cohesion
- EC Proposal on post-2020 MFF before 1 January 2018 (according to Art. 25 of the Council Regulation No 1311/2013)
- Discussion related to the ‚White Paper on the Future of Europe‘ & Art. 50 negotiations between EU and UK („BREXIT“)
- Discussion at EU level (e.g. European Parliament, Cohesion Alliance, Urban Agenda, EuroCities)
- Discussion at macro-regional level (Opinions on post-2020 funding) → simplification | establishing a system of trust | participation
- EC Report: ‚Implementation of the partnership principle and multi-level governance in 2014-2020 ESIF‘

Aim of the Working Group

- 🌱 Exchanging on good practices, experience related to participation for designing regional development policies
- 🌱 Identifying challenges of participation in regional policy-making development policies
- 🌱 Identifying needs to better engage in designing regional development policies/Cohesion Policy
- 🌱 Sharing planned activities and brainstorming/proposing (joint) activities and/or needs

Guiding Questions

- How can local actors and civil society be better involved in post-2020 EU funding and regional development?
- What do local actors and civil society need in order to engage more actively?
- What do Managing Authorities and public authorities need in order to better involve local actors and civil society?

Schedule

🌿 Tour de table

🌿 Inputs for Designing 2020+

- George **Petrov**, Citizens Participation Forum Bulgaria
- Thomas **Heindl**, Leader Region *Südliches Waldviertel-Nibelungengau*
- Vladimir **Kvaca**, AEIDL

🌿 Discussion I: Exchanging on the state-of-play (50 minutes)

🌿 Discussion II: Proposals for (joint) actions in the Participation Partnership (50 minutes)

🌿 Joint reflection of the discussion



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Discussion: Exchanging on the state-of-play

- 🌱 Which examples of stakeholder involvement in regional development do you know?
- 🌱 What challenges do you face in your country/region?
- 🌱 What kind of tools, guidance or other support would you need in order to participate in programming/policy-making?
- 🌱 What do you need to better involve civil society, local/regional stakeholders in programming or formulating spatial development policies?

Discussion: Proposals for (joint) actions

- 🌱 What activities are you currently planning that you would like to share with the Participation Partnership?
- 🌱 What kind of know-how would you like to exchange/receive within the Participation Partnership?
- 🌱 Who/which stakeholder groups should be further involved in the Participation Partnership?
- 🌱 Do you have a project idea you would like to further explore within the Participation Partnership?
- 🌱 Would you like to explore opportunities for cooperation with the members of the Participation Partnership?



Reflection of the Discussion



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