

Danube Civil Society Forum Executive Committee Meeting

Resolution Minutes

21, March 2018, 10:00-16:30

Participants

Irene Lucius
Igor Studennikov
Laura Szitar

Stefan August Lütgenau
Vanesa Lux
Dessi Hristova

Iva Taralezhkova
Daniela Stojkovic

Stefan August Lütgenau greets the participating Executive Committee members.

As Executive Committee members are present, the quorum is met.

10:00 Start of the Meeting

Executive Committee agreed on the agenda of the Meeting.

Stefan A. Lütgenau, president of the DCSF reported on the last National/Danube Participation days and reviewed the current financial background of the DCSF as well as the financing opportunities for the upcoming PDs.

Executive Committee discussed the outlook of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and also other Macro Regional Strategies, and brainstormed on the opportunities for the Participation Days after 2020. They agreed on addressing the topic of minor and micro funding; the idea of having a horizontal financing, in hands of a bigger institution but shaped on, allocated to and built for civil society projects with smaller funds.

Executive Committee members shared their opinions on the concept of National Participation Days. They agreed on having theme oriented National Participation Days in the future, devoting less importance to the EUSDR but to set common goals, find common topics and to deal with these diverse topics that affects the given country the most.

Executive Committee discussed the situation of the Water Framework Directive and the Hydropower of Nystra. Irene Lucius, Igor Studennikov and Daniela Stojkovic should provide a half page paper elaborating the above mentioned problems, until mid-April 2018 to have the possibility to use these reports at the NPDs and the 5th Danube Participation Day.

Simon Vrecar will provide a short description of the suggested topic: Digital Transformation of Government and role of the Civil Society.

Iva Taralezhkova and Dessi Hristova sketched the possible financing opportunities of the 5th DPD in Sofia and introduced a draft agenda for the 2 day long pre-event. The Executive Committee agreed on holding an altogether 3 daylong event, with 2 warm up days and a one day long Danube Participation Day.

Executive Committee debated on the programme of the 5th DPD and will suggest possible speakers, moderators to join the proramme. They agreed on the title of the next Danube Participation Day:

Regaining civic space. The sub topics on the first 2 days will be: media relations, open data / digital transformation and funding opportunities. The Executive Committee agreed on the draft agenda for the 3rd Danube Participation Day. In the morning concise reports on the Participation Partnerships and some flagship projects will be presented. In the afternoon a speed dating method will give the participants the opportunity for meeting and finding new partners. All three days of the DPD will be built for interactivity. The 5th DPD will integrate video introductions and use innovative communication tools such as Slido.

The Executive Committee debated on the situation of the DCSF's social media operations. Throughout 7 years, NGO World and Danube has funded the design and presence of DCSF on social networks. Between 2014 and 2017 this valuable activity was co-financed (not from the DCSF financial resources). As this opportunity ended the Executive Committee suggested looking for additional financing for the DCSF's communication strategy. Daniela Stojkovic Jovanovic had proposals on possible external financing opportunities.

TO DO:

- 1. Simon Vrecar: will provide a short description of the suggested topic: Digital Transformation of Government and role of the Civil Society, until mid-April 2018.**
- 2. Irene Lucius together with Daniela Stojkovic and Igor Studenikov: will provide a half page paper elaborating the problem of Water Framework Directive and the Hydropower of Nystra until mid-April 2018**
- 3. Iva Taralezhkova and Dessi Hristova: are drafting a new, detailed agenda for the 3 days of the 5th DPD as well as suggesting possible venues for the event.**
- 4. Daniela Stojkovic: is looking for additional financing for the DCSF's communication strategy**

Upcoming DCSF events:

National Participation Days: Romania (2018), Belgrade, Serbia (September 2018), Ljubljana, Slovenia (2018 September)

Danube Participation Day: Sofia, Bulgaria 15-17th October 2018

DCSF EXCOMM Meeting: 17 May 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

16:30 End of the Meeting

Members not present with a notice:

Gábor Schneider

Carmen Stadelhofer

Simon Vrecar