



THE NATIONAL FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

'The Danube Region: building cohesion for a shared prosperity'

- **Launching event of the Romanian Presidency of the EUSDR** -

November 5th – 6th 2018, Bucharest – The Palace of Parliament

Agenda¹

November 5th 2018

11.00	Registration of the participants <i>(Welcome Coffee)</i>
12.00	<p>Opening session <i>(Nicolae Iorga conference room, C1 entrance)</i></p> <p>Introductory speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Victor Negrescu, Minister Delegate for European Affairs - <i>the Executive President of the EUSDR National Forum</i> <p>Speech of the Vice President of the EUSDR National Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul Stănescu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration <p>Speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Călin Constantin Anton Popescu-Tăriceanu, the President of the Senate of Romania • Mr. Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Vice-President of the European Parliament

¹ Simultaneous translation (English – Romanian) provided on November 5th 2018

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Denitsa Nikolova - Vice Minister, EUSDR National Coordinator of Bulgaria • Mr. Angel Tâlvăr, President, Commission on European Affairs of the Parliament of Romania • Ms. Rozália-Ibolya Biró, Chairperson, Commission on Foreign Policy of the Parliament of Romania • Mr. Ioan Deneş, Minister of Waters and Forests • Mr. Bogdan Gheorghe Trif, Minister of Tourism
13.00	Lunch (<i>Brâncovenesc Hall, S1 level</i>)
14.00	<p>Plenary session dedicated to the Romanian takeover of the EUSDR Presidency (<i>Nicolae Iorga conference room, C1 entrance</i>)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Cristian Winzer, State Secretary of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Invited speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>European Commission’s perspective on the future of the EU macro-regional strategies</i> – Mr. Marco Onida, Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region • Mr. Robert Sorin Negoită, Chairperson, Romanian Association of Municipalities, representative of Romania in the Committee of Regions • <i>Presentation of the study ‘The Revitalization of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. Between political priorities and economic interests’</i> - Mr. Sorin Ioniță, Director, EXPERT FORUM Association • <i>The New Secretariat of the EUSDR (DSP) – responsibilities, activities and ways of cooperation with the future EUSDR Presidencies and other involved stakeholders</i> – Mr. Rudolf Schicker / Ms. Andreea Pena, representatives of the DSP Secretariat • <i>The cooperation with the Romanian Presidency of EUSDR and the DSP Secretariat in order to support the synergy between the Danube Strategy and the Danube Transnational Programme/DTP</i> - Mr. Imre Csalagovits, Head of the Managing Authority of DTP • <i>The contribution of the Danube Transnational Programme to the EUSDR: achievements and future financing opportunities</i> – Ms. Alessandra Pala, head of the Joint Secretariat of DTP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Răzvan Popa - MEP, member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the Committee on Budgets of the European Parliament
<p>15.30-17.30</p>	<p>Discussion session Session dedicated to the Local Public Administration² (Nicolae Iorga conference room, C1 entrance) Moderator: Ms. Diana Țenea, General Director, AP 3 Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romania’s Strategy for Territorial Development – the role of the transnational cooperation within the process of territorial cohesion – Mr. Liviu Băileșteanu, Director, MRDPA • Joint Strategy for sustainable territorial development of the Romania-Bulgaria trans-border zone – Mr. Radu Necșuliu, Head of Office, MRDPA • Financing mechanisms under the EUSDR umbrella: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The European Territorial Cooperation Programs and the Regional Operational Program – Ms. Camelia Coporan, Deputy Secretary General, MRDPA ➤ The Large Infrastructure Operational Program in the 2014-2020 period – Mr. Cătălin Gheran, General Director, General Department Large Infrastructure Operational Program • Presentations on the stage of the projects implemented within the Priority Areas coordinated by Romania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Cristina Cuc, Counselor, Ministry of Transports – <i>Coordinator of EUSDR Priority Area 1A</i> ➤ Ms. Diana Țenea, General Director, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration – <i>Coordinator of EUSDR Priority Area 3</i> ➤ Adapting to the climate changes within the management of environmental risks – Ms. Simona Pătruț, Counselors, Ministry of Waters and Forests – <i>Coordinator of EUSDR Priority Area 5</i> • Best practices and challenges in the implementation of the EUSDR projects: coordination and cooperation at local level - Local Public Administration representatives <p>Other speeches (delivered by participants) Discussion session</p>

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<p>15.30 - 17.30</p>	<p>Session dedicated to the participation of the civil society to the implementation of EUSDR (<i>‘National Participation Day’ type, Nicolae Bălcescu conference room, C1 entrance</i>)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gabriela Drăgan, Director, European Institute of Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The civil society’s participation in developing the cooperation within EUSDR</i> – Mr. Radu Gorincioi, EUSDR National Coordinator of Romania • <i>The importance of the Strategy for the Danube Region at 100 years of existence of the Danube International Committee</i> - Ms. Cristiana Sârbu, Executive President, ‘Ecological Initiative and Sustainable Development Group’ Foundation (EISDG) • <i>The role of SMR for the future of the European Union</i> – Mr. Eric Bartha, Secretary General, Council of Cities and Regions of the Danube • <i>Existing formats and new cooperation initiatives of the civil society in the Danube region</i> – Mr. Stefan Barth, Chairperson, Agapedia Foundation • <i>The optimization of the intercommunication between the civil society’s organizations and the Public Administration with a role in implementing the new EUSDR Presidency in Romania</i> - Mr. Sever Avram, Executive President, the ‘Local Communities along the Danube River’ Association (CLDR Romania) • <i>The establishment of a EUSDR communication platform at national level</i> – Ms. Olivia Comșa, President, Danube Alliance for Informational Security ALDUSI <p><i>Other speeches (delivered by participants)</i></p> <p>Discussion session</p>
<p>18.00</p>	<p>Cocktail offered by the Minister Delegate for European Affairs (<i>Brâncovenesc Hall, S1 level</i>)</p>

November 6th 2018

9.00	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop dedicated to the revision the EUSDR Action Plan, with the participation of the members of the Inter-Ministerial Working Group and of the EUSDR Advisory Council – (<i>Nicolae Iorga conference room</i>) Moderator: Mr. Radu Gorincioi, EUSDR National Coordinator of Romania • Workshop dedicated to the involvement of the LPA, the civil society and the business environment in the EUSDR implementation (<i>Human Rights conference room, C1 entrance</i>) Moderator: Ms. Ana Otilia Nutu, Director adjunct, EXPERT FORUM Association <p>Speakers/participants: Representatives of NGOs, LPAs, local associative structures, coordinators of public institutions in charge with projects implemented within the EUSDR Priority Areas</p>
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Conclusions and recommendations session (<i>Nicolae Iorga conference room</i>) Moderator: Radu Gorincioi, EUSDR National Coordinator of Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of the proposals concerning the revision of the EUSDR Action Plan and ways of involvement of the LPA, the civil society and the business environment in the EUSDR implementation</i> • <i>Presentation of a Roadmap regarding the relaunching of the EUSDR and the ensuring of the synergy with the other EU macro-regional strategies in the context of the new cohesion policy</i> <p>Final remarks: Mr. Victor Negrescu, Minister Delegate for European Affairs</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Buffet-Lunch (<i>Brâncovenesc Hall, S1 level</i>)