

Danube Financing and Capacity Building Dialogue

Day 1 – Focus on Financial Opportunities

Thursday 26th October 2017

09.00-09.30	Registration
09.30-10.15	Welcome and Opening (Conference room (Sala mare)) Vasile Batca , Minister at the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova Rudolf Schicker , PA10 „Institutional Capacity Building“ Coordinator EUSDR Christine Freilinger , Austrian Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova Daniel Ionita , Romanian Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova Aneil Singh , Head of Operations, European Union Delegation to Moldova Lena Andersson Pench , Director at the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission (video message) Moderator: Herta Tödtling-Schönhofer , Managing Director Metis GmbH
10.15-11.15	Conference Block 1 – The need for a dialogue between donors and project promoters: a regional approach within the EUSDR Alexander Karner , Head of Country Office at the Austrian Embassy in Chisinau, „Cooperation and synergies for the Danube Region “ Oxana Paierle , Head of the International Department at the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the RM, „Synergies between existing policies and programmes “ Stefan August Lütgenau , Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Region (FEF), „Alignment of funding and alignment of actions “ Iulia Petuhov , Executive Director Moldova Investment and Export Promotion Organization, „Overview on the business climate in Moldova “
11.15-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-12.45	Conference Block 2 – Donors, Funding Sources/Instruments – Enhancing coordination and communication Antonio Castillo , Head of European Investment Bank Representation to Moldova Matija Derk , EU High Level Adviser for regional development, „Attracting investment funding to regions - regional development perspective “ Marius V. Niculae , Project Officer, Danube Transnational Programme, „Danube Transnational Programme - financing instrument in the Danube Region “ Claudia Singer , Project Manager, PA10 Coordination, „Lessons learned from project support in the Danube Region – The Danube Project Support Toolkit” Aurel Lozan , GEF/SGP National Steering Committee Moldova, „SGP in Moldova: with small grants to great impacts “

	<p>Anna Gherganova, PA9 Coordinator, <i>"Cooperation and coordination within PA9 of the EUSDR"</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alexander Karner, Head of Country Office at the Austrian Embassy in Chisinau</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	<p>Conference Block 3 – THINK TANK on Capacity Building – Best Practice from Romania – Expert Forum Bucharest</p> <p>Sorin Ionita, Expert administrative reforms and capacity building</p> <p><i>Lessons about the public administration reform and capacity building from Romania</i> <i>Types of regional assistance projects and how Moldova can boost absorption</i> <i>SWOT Analysis of EUSDR in Moldova</i></p>
15.00-15.30	<p>Tatiana Udrea, Expert Cross Border Cooperation Office, State Chancellery <i>„Cross border cooperation: past best practices and future new opportunities“</i></p>
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break
15.45-16.30	<p>Conference Block 4 – Governance, partnership and cooperation – for fostering regional development</p> <p>Igor Studennikov, Executive Director of the Centre for Regional Studies, Odessa; Member of the DCSF Executive Committee, <i>„Cross-border cooperation between Ukraine and Moldova: achievements, opportunities and problems“</i></p> <p>Valeria Ieseanu, Programme Specialist, Inclusive Growth Cluster Lead, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), <i>„The importance of strong partnerships across public, private and non-profit sectors on national, regional and global levels in advancement of sustainable development“</i></p> <p>Viorica Cerbusca, Director „ResponsibleBusinessGeneration“ Moldova, <i>„Responsible Governance for a healthy entrepreneurial ecosystem“</i></p> <p>Moderator: Herta Tödtling-Schönhofer, Managing Director Metis GmbH</p>
16.30-16.45	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Rudolf Schicker, PA10 „Institutional Capacity Building“ Coordinator EUSDR</p>

Day 2 – Focus Participation Day

Friday 27th October 2017

09.30-10.00	Registration and Coffee		
10.00-10.30	Opening Session (Conference room (Sala mare)) Moderator: Natalia Moghilda , Expert in European Programmes, Transnational cooperation		
	Welcome and setting the scene Oxana Paierale , Head of the International Department at the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the RM, „ <i>Progress in EUSDR promotion. Next steps.</i> “ Anatolii Usatii , Ex EUSDR National Coordinator, Vice Minister at the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova Valentin Ciubotaru , Executive Director, NGO BIOS		
10.30-15.30	PARALLEL PANELS – Needs, strategic planning and examples of initiatives from different donors These three parallel panels explore the needs in Moldova and provide some insight in strategic planning. Donors present examples of initiatives (instruments or projects). The presentations and discussions will explore the potential for better coordination and communication between policy actors, funding instruments of different donors and project promoters.		
	PW 1: SUSTAINABILITY: creating resilience, Conference room 1 (Sala mare) Chair: Valentin Ciubotaru , Executive director, NGO BIOS	PW 2: INCLUSIVENESS: social inclusion and innovation Conference Room 2 Begonia Chair: Stefan August Lütgenau , Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Region (FEF)	PW 3: GROWTH: Making the most of public investment - governance and cooperation Conference Room3 Blu Lounge Chair: Franz Tödting , Professor multi-level governance and development (retired), University of Economics and Business, Vienna
	Background, context and strategic planning • Valentin Ciubotaru , Executive Director, NGO BIOS	Background, context and strategic planning • Ulrike Bruederle , Director IASCI, implementing agency of	Background, context and strategic planning • Eugen Roşcovanu , President of the Asociation SMEs Moldova (AMR)

	<p><i>participation – the best practice to achieve Sustainability“</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Mărgineanu, President of the Patronate Associations of Tourism Industries from Republic of Moldova (APIT) • Marina Miron, Project Manager at the Association for Tourism Development in Moldova, „Co-financing of tourism projects in Moldova“ • Dumitru Drumea, National Coordinator „Global water partnership“, „Experiences in the creation of the 'Prutul de Jos' biospheres“ area 	<p>NEXUS Moldova, an integrated service provider for Moldovan migrants and their families. “Trends in Moldovan Migration 2010 to 2015”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefan Barth, Co-founder and Managing Director of Agapedia Germany, „Trans-sectoral Cooperation “ • Svetlana Andries, Programme Manager, UN Women Moldova, „Social inclusiveness in the framework of the SDGs“ 	<p>„Evolution of microbusiness in the Republic of Moldova and the necessities for sustainable development of the Country “</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurelia Țepordei, Director of the Professional Development Department, Academy of Public Administration of Moldova, „Contribution of the Academy of Public Administration to the Consolidation of the Capacities of the Public Authorities “ • Igor Studennikov, Executive Director of the Centre for Regional Studies, Odessa; Member of the DCSF Executive Committee, „Building a multi-level governance and coordination system to make Ukraine an active participant in the Danube Strategy process“
12.30-13.30	Lunch		
	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrei Isac, President AO EcoContact „Mainstreaming environment and promoting green economy as good governance tool for mobilizing internal funds and attracting foreign investments.“ • Tamara Leah, Deputy Scientific Director at the Institute of Pedology, 	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasile Mirzenco, Executive Director of the National Farmers Federation of Moldova, „Facilitating access to finance for small and medium-sized farmers enterprises via microfinance institutions“ • Liliana Dobler, Specialist of attracting investments and writing 	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Igor Cojocaru, Alecu Russo University, „Concept of regional innovation center Balti as best practice in Moldova“ • Liliana Ivanova, Director Ukraine Odessa State Administration Danube Center for Sustainable Development, „Experience in implementation the cross-border, large-scale

	<p>Agrochemistry and Soil Protection „N. Dimo“, „Activities and experience in achieving important strategic objectives for Moldova's agriculture“</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iuliana Cantaragiu, Expert at the National Environmental Center (NEC), „Promoting integrated water resources management in Moldova on tributaries of Prut river“ 	<p>projects, Lozova Commune's Town Hall – „The experience of Lozova village to integrate migrants into community development, including the development of the Local Development Strategy for 2016 – 2020.“</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcoci Veronica, Director General GRAWE CARAT, “Challenges and Opportunities” 	<p>project under Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova“</p>
15.30-16.30	<p>Closing Session (Grand Hall floor 2)</p> <p><i>Short conclusions of the 3 parallel panels presented by the Chairs of the panels</i></p> <p>Valentin Ciubotaru, Executive director, NGO BIOS</p> <p>Stefan August Lütgenau, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Region (FEF)</p> <p>Franz Tödtling, Professor multi-level governance and development (retired), University of Economics and Business, Vienna</p> <p>Concluding remarks:</p> <p>Rudolf Schicker, PA10 „Institutional Capacity Building“ Coordinator EUSDR</p>		