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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### on the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and its implementation in Ukraine

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## AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Registration of participants**
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Opening session**
- Igor Studennikov**, Executive Director of the Centre for Regional Studies, Manager of the project “Strengthening Civil Society Involvement in Assisting the Government with the Implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region”
- Andriy Vartsaba**, Head of the Department of external economic relations, investment of capital and transboundary cooperation of the Zakarpatska Oblast State Administration
- Jörg Mirtl**, EUSDR Priority Area 10 “Institutional capacity and cooperation”, Government of the City of Vienna
- Stefan August Lütgenau**, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions; President of the Danube Civil Society Forum
- Volodimir Flenko**, Vice Mayor of Uzhgorod
- Miroslava Lendyel**, pro-rector of the Uzhgorod National University
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Session I: EU Strategy for the Danube Region – a macro-regional strategy for the diverse region**
- Moderator Stefan August Lütgenau**, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions; President of the Danube Civil Society Forum
- Key notes (10 min):**
- Jörg Mirtl** – EU Strategy for the Danube Region: key notes after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual EUSDR Forum
- Gabor Schneider** – Macro-regional strategies as a tool for cohesion in modern Europe
- Stefan August Lütgenau** – Civil society: a driving force of the Danube Strategy process
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Discussion**
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Tea/coffee break**
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Session II: Comprehensive Vision of the EUSDR implementation in Ukraine**
- Moderator:**
- Igor Studennikov**, Executive Director of the Centre for Regional Studies, Manager of the project “Strengthening Civil Society Involvement in Assisting the Government with the Implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region”
- Key notes (10 min):**
- Igor Studennikov** – Developing a Comprehensive Vision of the EUSDR implementation in Ukraine: steps and approach
- Oleg Luksha** – Local specifics of the EUSDR implementation in the Zakarpatska oblast

**Local experts key notes (7 min.):**

**Andriy Vartsaba** – Support participation of non-government and not-for-profit organisations of Zakarpatska oblast in implementation of transboundary collaboration projects in Carpathian region

**Myhailo Tokar** – Peculiarity of reforming the regional politics in Ukraine using the experience of countries in Danube Region and European standards

**Ivan Revtyi** – Dissemination the best practices of local government in Slovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania in activities of city councils in the Zakarpatska oblast

13:00 – 13:30 **Discussion**

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 15:10 **Continuation of the Session II**

**Sergiy Ustych** - Peculiarity of sociological research the transboundary collaboration in Zakarpatska oblast

**Evgeniy Luksha** – Conservation and use a historical heritage of the Danube Region as a foundation of development tourism and traditions of the international harmony

**Natalia Nosa** – Forming networks of the non-government organisations partnership in Zakarpatska oblast

**Oleksandr Bokotey** - Interreligious collaboration in attraction the religious communities to address environmental problems in the Zakarpatska oblast in the context of the Danube Strategy

15:10 – 16:00 **Discussion**

16:00 – 16:20 **Tea/coffee break**

16:20 – 16:50 **Conclusions**