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AGENDA

International conference

"European Strategy for the Danube Region: opportunities and challenges for Ukraine"

December 15-16, 2016

Venue: Kyiv, Ukraine

Objectives of the International Conference:

- consolidate the efforts of central authorities and of the representatives of 4 Ukrainian regions for EUSDR implementation;
- present the priorities of EUSDR Ukrainian regions for their inclusion in EUSDR Agenda for 2017;
- stimulate the start of the work of the EUSDR National Coordinator in Ukraine;
- stimulate the dialog of affiliated Ministries, National Coordinator, representatives of the local authorities and expert community for EUSDR implementation;
- share the best practices of EUSDR countries in coordination and implementation EUSDR on the national level.

Participants' profile:

Number of participants: 60 persons

Ukrainian participants:

representatives of the Ministers responsible for EUSDR implementation, representatives of Executives Committees, local counselors 4 EUSDR Ukrainian regions (Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsy and Odesa regions), CSOs involved

International participants:

EU delegation to Ukraine; representatives of 14 EUSDR countries (National Coordinators, PA Coordinators), CSOs involved, Embassies of EUSDR countries.

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10.00 – 15.00	Arrival of participants 11.00 Press-conference
15.00-15.15	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivanna KLYMPUSH-TSYNTSADZE, vice-prime minister on European and Euro Atlantic integration • Vyacheslav NEHODA, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine • Hugues MINGARELLI, Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine • Daniel SEIBELING, Project Manager of Hans Seidel Foundation in Ukraine,

	<p>Moldova and Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rostyslav TOMENCHUK, Chairman, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics
15:15-17:00	<p>Advantages and possibilities of cooperation in the context of the European Strategy for the Danube Region Moderator: Nadija AFANASIEVA, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EUSDR Priorities and opportunities for countries outside the European Union - EUSDR Agenda for 2017 - Financial instruments for Ukraine: INTERREG Danube Transnational Program - Communication component within EUSDR <p>Marco ONIDA, Team Leader, Competence Centre Macro-regions and European Territorial Co-operation, DG REGIO István JOÓ, Danube Region Strategy Ministerial Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2017 Hungarian Chairmanship in EUSDR Alessandra PALA, Head of Joint Secretariat, INTERREG Danube Transnational Program</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17.00 – 17.30	Coffee break
17:30-19:30	<p>Objectives and priorities for enhancing the participation of Ukraine in the EUSDR Moderator: Rostyslav TOMENCHUK, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vision of Ukraine's participation in EUSDR - National Coordinator structure and objectives - new opportunities for regional development - presentation of a report on development priorities of 4 regions of Ukraine <p>Olena KUCHERENKO, Head of Department Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine Serhij SAENKO, Deputy Director of the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Oksana YURYNETS, Sub Committee Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Regional and Cross-Border Cooperation between Ukraine and the EU Mykola KUZIO, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources Viktor DOVGAN, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Infrastructure NN, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education of Ukraine</p> <p>Discussion</p>
20.00	Networking reception

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10.00-12.00	Countries experience in the implementation of the European Strategy for the Danube
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	<p>Region Moderator: Matija VILFAN, Danube Strategy Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moldovan possibilities and achievements within the EUSDR as non-EU country - Romanian vision of EUSDR as coordinator of three priority areas - Slovak experience in 2016 EUSDR Chairmanship, results and conclusions <p>Mr Michal Blaško, Slovak EUSDR National Coordinator Ms Silvia Davidoiu, Romania National EUSDR Coordinator Mr Anatol Usatii, Republic of Moldova National EUSDR Coordinator</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12.00 – 13.00	<p>Lunch Informal Communication</p>
13.00 – 15.00	<p>The role of civil society in EUSDR implementation Moderator: Stefan August LÜTGNAU, Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects of civil society organization in the Danube Region - Involvement of civil society in enhancing the participation of Ukraine in EUSDR <p>Igor STUDENNIKOV, Center for Regional Studies Zinovyj BROJDE, Centre "EcoResource" (State Scientific & Technical Centre for inter-sectorial & regional problems of the Environmental Safety and Resource Oleg LUKSHA, International Institute of Humanity and globalization "Noosphere" Olena KRAVCHENKO, International Charitable Organization "Environment - Law - Human"</p> <p>Discussion</p>