

# PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE DANUBE STRATEGY

## LOCAL ACTORS AND PARTICIPATION

25 June 2014

Esterházy Palace, Eisenstadt, Austria

The Conference will enable with a *new format* the international civil society and local actors from the 14 EUSDR countries to meet, exchange views and perceptions among each other and to meet and discuss in-depth with EU and national decision makers.

There will be a set of 3 elements to enable participants from all levels to get active and involved.

*Focused key notes* will open the conference. Participants will form 4 *thematic villages* in separate rooms. The *rotating wheel of key-note speakers* moving from village to village will enable in depth exchange of views with each village for 30-45 minutes. Following this villages meetings, participants will hear in the closing plenary reports from the villages.

As a *permanent structure* a forum *tents to action* in the inner court yard will host presentations of NGOs, cities, networks, projects ideas and a lot of open space to meet and discuss. The Café Maskaron in the court yard will offer a place to meet.

### Participants:

The Participation Day is held as a stakeholder conference of PA 9 “Investing in People and Skills” and PA 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation” in the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region. Furthermore the event will bring together all participants of the Danube River Show Project and last but not least stakeholder and local actors from civil society, the cultural sector, the youth sectors, local authorities as well as academia. More than 220 people have expressed their interest to participate. More than **170** participants have been registered from all parts of the Danube region.

**Representatives of Local Authorities** from cities in the Danube region.

**NGOs** from 14 EUSDR countries

**NGO Networks:** DCSF, DaNet, Rede Social Romania, Danube Environmental Forum, Danube Networkers, Danube Strategy Research Network (DSRN), Young Citizens Danube Network (YCDN)

**Cultural Sector:** Artists, Museums, Cultural Actors, The Danube Cultural Cluster, representatives of festivals etc.

**Youth:** Representatives of nat. and local agencies, NGOs, schools, higher and dual education, second-chance education etc.

### Side Event:

On 24<sup>th</sup> and in the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> June, a joint working group meeting of PA9/WG 6 & PA10/WG 1 on *Migration Management at the local level* will be held in the Palace.

### Follow-Up:

The conference will produce a final document consisting of the *Eisenstadt Declaration on Participation in the Danube Region* and the reports and documents produced by the four villages. The final document and the main findings and discourses of the conference will be discussed in Workshops at the Danube Strategy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum of the EUSDR in Vienna.

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#### **Introduction and Welcome**

Stefan August Lütgenau, DCSF, Austria

Jürgen Schick, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators PA 9: Investing in People and Skills, Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs, Austria

Roland Hanak, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators PA 9: Investing in People and Skills, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

Werner Almhofer, National Contact Point, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria



**Key-Note Speech:**

Fabrizio Barca, Director General, Ministry of Economy and Finances, Italy



**Key-Note Speech:**

Iveta Radičová, Oxford/Bratislava





**Welcome on behalf of the Burgenland:**  
Gerhard Steier, President of the Legislative Assembly of Burgenland





### **Local Administration: Subsidiarity, Competence and Transparency**

- Embedding the Local Level in the EUDSR Structures
- National Strategies for Local Action in the EUDSR

Moderation: Gábor Schneider, Budapest/Stockholm, Peter Langer, Ulm/Wien



### **Culture: Creating Structures for Creativity in the Danube Region**

- Policy Alignment in the Danube Region
- Cultural Pluralism for a vivid democracy
- Potential of Contemporary Arts and Creative Industries

Moderation: Regina Hellwig Schmid, Regensburg, German





### **Civil Society: Capacity Building, Participation, Subsidiarity**

- Structure for CS Participation in the EUSDR
- Supportive National Environments for Participation
- Capacity-Building in the CS Sector

Moderation: Iva Taralezhkova, Bulgaria



### **Youth: Education-Participation-Qualification**

- Transition between education and labour market
- Linking formal and non-formal education
- Competence Development of young people
- (Youth) Empowerment through active Citizenship

Moderation: Anna Wohlessen, Austria and Stefan Barth, Germany





### **Tents to Action:**

In the courtyard a tent village hosted a permanent forum to present projects, NGOs, networks, ideas, people and teams.