



## PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE DANUBE STRATEGY

### LOCAL ACTORS AND PARTICIPATION

25 June 2014, Esterházy Palace

**The Participation Day will merge the events of the stakeholder meetings of the PA 9 and PA 10 of the EUSDR, with the closing conference of the Danube River Show Project**

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. 3-4 *focused high level key notes* will open the conference. Participants will form 4 *thematic villages* in separate rooms with the *rotating wheel of key-note speakers* moving from village to village enabling and in debt 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:**

Delegations from cities in the Danube Region, among others Ulm, D, Regensburg, D, Eisenstadt, A, Bratislava, SK, Štúrovo, SK, Estergom, HU, Budapest, HU, Vukovar, HR, Novi Sad, SER, Autom. Province Vojvodina, SER, Smedervo, SER, Vidin BG, Ruse, BG, Giurgiu, RO, Bukarest, RO, Galați, RO, Tulcea, RO, Sulina, RO, Ismail, UA, Odessa, UA, Tscherniwzi, UA, Ushgorod, UA and other cities and regions.

**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.



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### **Side Events:**

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 main findings and discourses will be discussed in special Workshops on Civil Society in the Danube Strategy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum of the EUSDR in Vienna. All participants of the Eisenstadt event are encouraged and invited to register and participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum of the EUSDR in Vienna.





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### Programme

11:00-11:45 *light lunch offer in the court yard*

#### **12:00 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

#### **12:45 Key-Note Speeches:**

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

Iveta Radičová, Oxford/Bratislava

#### **Welcome on behalf of the Burgenland**

Gerhard Steier, President President of the Legislative Assembly of Burgenland

#### **14:30 - 16:30 4 Villages** (each keynoter will stay 30/45 min in every village)

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

- *Embedding the Local Level in the EUSDR Structures*
- *National Strategies for Local Action in the EUSDR*

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

##### **b) 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

##### **c) 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, Germany



#### **d) 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

#### **17:00 Closing Plenary**

##### **Report from the Villages:**

- Local Administration
- Youth
- Culture
- Civil Society

##### **Closing Remarks**

Kurt Puchinger, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinator, PA 10

Stefan August Lütgenau, DCSF

##### **Permanent Installations:**

##### **Tents to Action:**

In the courtyard a tent village will host a permanent forum to present projects, NGOs, networks, ideas, people and teams. A calendar for face to face meetings will be available.

##### **Café Danubien:**

Open Access Café in the Café Maskaron in the courtyard; free coffee/tea for participants (badge), to sit down, chat, discuss and develop plans.

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*Programme might be subject to change*