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Overview of DANUBENET

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In the communication related to the implementation of the **EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)**, an important role is attributed to the NGO sector. Thus it is necessary to prepare and enable the NGOs to fulfill this role. The DANUBENET project provides efficient means for this preparation, such as network development, knowledge transfer, information sharing, as well as a multipliable model for the organization of local information events.



DANUBENET Networks of NGOs for successful EUSDR

The Beginning in Vidin (Bulgaria), 29.11.2010.



INVITATION

FOR CREATION THE NETWORK AS

DANUBE NET for NGOs

The European Union now is starting a development strategy, as a macro-regional one, for the territory of the water basins of the Danube related countries.

The basic political message of the strategy, and the support of the success as well, the cooperation, and unity of the governments, the communities, the NGOs and all people who are living in this macro-region.

The European Commission and the European Parliament are declaring in their statements and documents, NGOs that are representing the stakeholders, as can be needed to involve as widest fields, and very intensively into the creation and realisation of the Danube Macro-Regional Strategy.

The initiative of the European Union Commission and the Council of Europe in the Danube basin all states' governments, has joined forces with the implementation strategy.

It is very important and needed that the NGO-organizations on regional, national and international level make cooperate in the Danube macro region, by making common job-level, advocacy professional platforms, and they create their integrated networks for a successful Danube Strategy.

We, who gathered today in this city Vidin, on the bank of the Danube (in Bulgaria), put that initiative for the national, and regional NGO-organizations in the 14 countries of the Danube Strategy, let be as establishers, participants and who operate of a successful common network of NGOs in Danube-Basin named „Danube Net for NGO-s for” (DANUBE NET) .x

Let us create and develop the democratic NGO-networks together, in job-profiles, and stake-holder fields, and later in common integrated system, as the „Danube-Net for NGO-s”, the Danube-Net!

During the organising work and operation way let us apply the democratic principles of EU institution system, let us adopting the operating models of EU-Parliament and EU –Commission!

By the common cooperation of the NGO-organizations, in the creation of DANUBE NET, operating in the Danube Basin as national and regional level, this way will be able to provide in the field of EDRS a counter-balanced and properly authentic stake-holder service, and can be the partner institutions in relevant competent, universal way on the society side for the EU decision organizations, institutions, furthermore for the national networks, the national parliaments and governments.

Vidin, November 29. 2010.

ПРИЗИВ

ЗА СЪЗДАВАНЕ НА

ДУНАВСКА МРЕЖА НА НЕПРАВИТЕЛСТВЕНИТЕ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ DANUBE NET for NGOs

Европейският съюз стартира стратегия за макро-регионално развитие за страните, свързани с водосъбирателните територии на река Дунав.

Основното политическо послание на стратегията и гаранция за успеха ѝ е сплотяването на правителствата, обществото и живеещите в макро-региона.

В своите декларации и документи Съветът на Европа и Европейският парламент изложиха становището си, че неправителствените организации, представляващи заинтересуваните, трябва да бъдат колкото се може по-широко и интензивно включени в оформянето и осъществяването на Дунавската макро-регионална стратегия.

По инициатива на Европейската комисия и Съвета на Европа, правителствата вече се обединиха за осъществяване на Дунавската стратегия.

Важно и необходимо е в Дунавския макро-регион националните и регионални неправителствени организации да си сътрудничат, да сътворяват общи професионални платформи и да създават интегрирани мрежи за успеха на Дунавската стратегия.

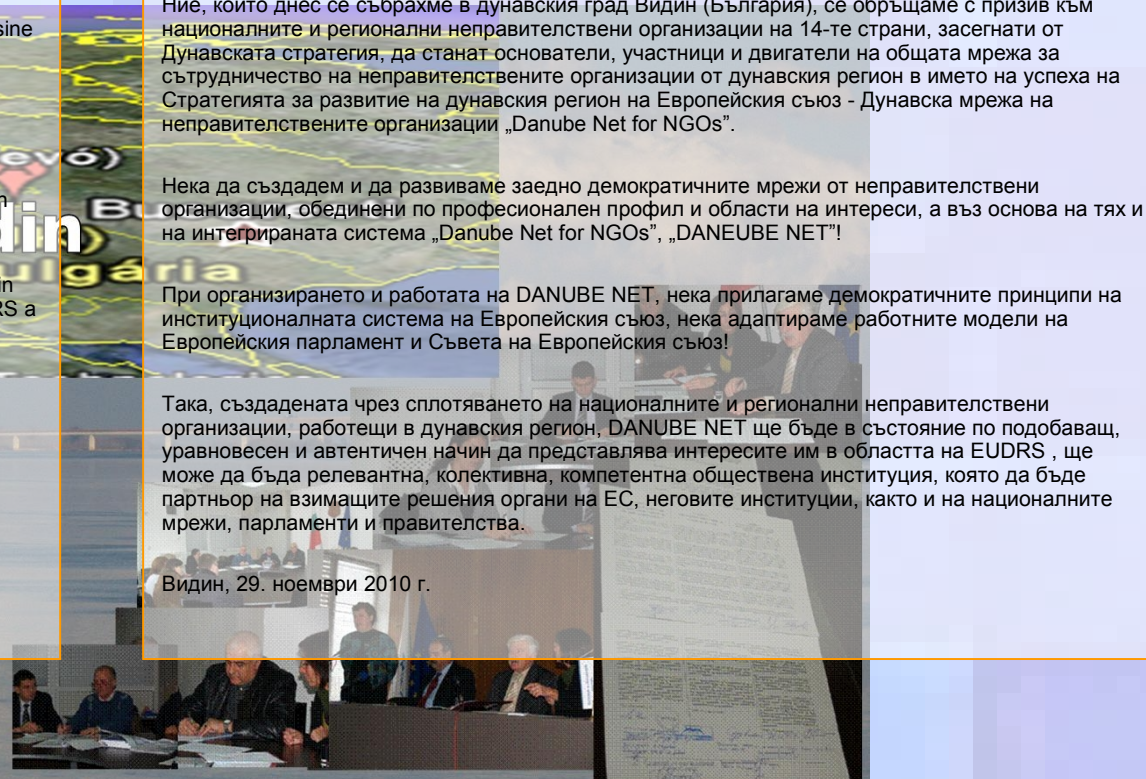
Ние, които днес се събрахме в дунавския град Видин (България), се обръщаме с призив към националните и регионални неправителствени организации на 14-те страни, засегнати от Дунавската стратегия, да станат основатели, участници и двигатели на общата мрежа за сътрудничество на неправителствените организации от дунавския регион в името на успеха на Стратегията за развитие на дунавския регион на Европейския съюз - Дунавска мрежа на неправителствените организации „Danube Net for NGOs”.

Нека да създадем и да развиваме заедно демократичните мрежи от неправителствени организации, обединени по професионален профил и области на интереси, а въз основа на тях и на интегрираната система „Danube Net for NGOs”, „DANEUBE NET”!

При организирането и работата на DANUBE NET, нека прилагаме демократичните принципи на институционалната система на Европейския съюз, нека адаптираме работните модели на Европейския парламент и Съвета на Европейския съюз!

Така, създадената чрез сплотяването на националните и регионални неправителствени организации, работещи в дунавския регион, DANUBE NET ще бъде в състояние по подобаване, уравновесен и автентичен начин да представлява интересите им в областта на EUDRS, ще може да бъде релевантна, колективна, компетентна обществена институция, която да бъде партньор на взимашите решения органи на ЕС, неговите институции, както и на националните мрежи, парламенти и правителства.

Видин, 29. ноември 2010 г.





Activities of DANUBENET

Managed by

1. National Registration Points for NGOs
2. Preparing Work Groups of Networks and the Danube Congress

NATIONAL NETWORKS

(with county-wide NGOs)

(name of the country:...)
**NATIONAL NETWORK of NGOs
to EUSDR**

TRANS-REGIONAL CROSS-BORDER NETWORKS

e.g. HUNGARIAN-SLOVAKIAN NETWORK
(MEMBERS AS e.g. Ister-Granum Territorial
Cooperatiion)

e.g. Austrian-Czech cross-border network

TRANS-NATIONAL NETWORKS

(represented by 14 countries)

TRANS-NATIONAL NETWORK by PRIOTIES of EUSDR

e.g. Trans-national Network of Water Quality

TRANS-NATIONAL NETWORK by DISCIPLINES, PROFESSIONS to EUSDR

e.g. Danube Chambre of Commerce Association

DANUBENET CONGRESS

- as the supranational level of corporate NGOs to EUSDR
- with institutional role, but not a registered intsitute by the law
- as the ANNUAL DANUBE CIVIL FORUM OF EUSDR



Conferences Civil forums



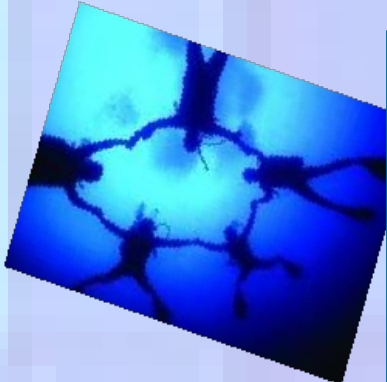
The aims of the DaNet conferences



is to provide the NGOs in the countries participating in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region opportunities to get familiar with and understand the priorities of the Danube Region and the general practices of the EUSDR. In the scope of the project – by means of more than 20 information events and workshops - NGOs will be encouraged to foster national, cross-border and international partnerships around various priority areas and issues of the EUSDR. Participating NGOs will be given the opportunity to cooperate in the creation and exploitation of opportunities for volunteer work related to the Danube Strategy.

The project will lay the foundations of a network for NGOs (DANUBENET), interested in the implementation of the EUSDR.

Activities of Conferences



Communicating to the society about the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Danubenet for NGOs – building up the network of NGOs and preparation of the Danubenet Congress as well as its sustainment; thus establishing a civil-society forum in the region, bringing together public and private actors, enabling them to become involved in the development of macro-regional strategies /European Parliament resolution of 17 February 2011 on the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (P7_TA-PROV(2011)0065) # 3/;

Discussing on whether and how the EUSDR was implemented as stipulated by the European Parliament and how NGOs can participate in the preparation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation of the EUSDR /European Parliament resolution of 17 February 2011 on the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (P7_TA-PROV(2011)0065) # 16/;

Discussing on the topics mentioned in the Danubenet project

Preparation of existing EUSDR projects and collaboration to generate other projects, e.g. „Danube Pearls – Livable riverbanks”

Project object

Organizing more than 20 conferences in 11 countries in which 50 representatives of NGOs (5 local participants and 45 from the neighbouring countries) will participate.

The topics of the EUSDR priority areas and special topics by the DaNet project are mentioned in the following tables.

Additional objectives: Rhine-Main-Danube Canal and Danube Strategy (Germany), transcontinental impact of the Danube Strategy (Netherlands), river network system in Western Europe to the Danube basin (Belgium), Europe2020 strategy and the EUSDR

Establishing the civil forum for EUSDR – the Danubenet for NGOs and its Congress as a supranational co-operation at the closing conference which will take place in Budapest on the 29-th of June – the International Day of the Danube river. Therefore the functions, activities and operational rules of the Danubenet for NGOs will be a common topic on all conferences.

The aim of the first conference, that is to take place in Budapest is to prepare all partners for the realization of the conferences.

EU - The project management team and the partner organizations will be closely working together with the European Commission Directorate General for Regional Policy, as well as with the national governmental bodies responsible for the Danube Strategy.



Programme of all events

1. **Information and Forum** of EUSDR and Priorities by role of the host country and with possible links to the NGO activities;
2. **Workshop** for project generation in the context of the given country's role in the EUSDR;
3. **Consultation**, exchange of expertise the role of DANUBENET in the development of national networks
4. **Preparation** of the DANUBENET CONGRESS

The Programme of the series of events will cover all the 11 priority areas of the Danube Strategy. The Programme of the individual conferences will be established by the Organizing Committee chaired by the local partner organization. All the events will include 1) a conference with speakers from national governments and expert organizations 2) a workshop which will address specific issues using the Open Space Workshop method 3) a forum facilitating partner search, networking and project generation. The organizers will also ensure the widest possible media coverage of the event (press conference, press releases).



Expected Results



The final event of the series will be the DANUBENET Congress to be held in Budapest in June 2012, aiming to give a proper institutional framework to the newly established cooperation.

As another outcome, the project will lead to significant awareness raising related to the Danube Strategy within the NGO sector in participating countries. The project will also encourage NGOs to take initiatives and get involved actively in the implementation of the EUSDR Action Plan.

For further information will come,
please refer to the Project website:
<http://www.danubenet.eu>





DaNet

CONFERENCE SERIES



Budapest (HU)

Lendava (SI)

Osijek (HR)

Szarvas (HU)

Gyula (HU)

Komarno (SK)

Bratislava (SK)

Brno (CZ)

Linz (AT)

Kosice (SK)

Satu Mare (RO)

Brussels (BE)

Rotterdam (NL)

Regensburg (D)

Passau (D)

Timisoara (RO)

Turnu Severin (RO)

Vidin (BG)

Georgiu (RO)

Silistra (BG)

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DaNet

Conferences
Civil forums

Conferences Schedule

2011		2012					
November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1 Tue	1 Thur	1 Sun	1 Wed	1 Thur	1 Sun	1 Tue	1 Fri Georgiu (Ro)
2 Wed	2 Fri	2 Mon	2 Thur	2 Fri	2 Mon	2 Wed	2 Sat Silistra (Bg)
3 Thur	3 Sat	3 Tue	3 Fri Komarno (Sk)	3 Sat	3 Tue	3 Thur	3 v
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18 Fri	18 Sun	18 Wed	18 Sat	18 Sun	18 Wed	18 Fri Zagreb (Hr)	18 Mon
19 Sat	19 Mon	19 Thur Osijek (Hr)	19 Sun	19 Mon	19 Thur	19 Sat	19 Tue
20 Sun	20 Tue	20 Fri	20 Mon	20 Tue	20 Fri	20 Sun	20 Wed
21 Mon	21 Wed	21 Sat	21 Tue Bratislava (Sk)	21 Wed	21 Sat	21 Mon	21 Thur
22 Tue	22 Thur	22 Sun	22 Wed Brno (Cz)	22 Thur	22 Sun	22 Tue	22 Fri
23 Wed	23 Fri	23 Mon	23 Thur Brno (Cz)	23 Fri	23 Mon Brussels (Be)	23 Wed	23 Sat
24 Thur	24 Sat	24 Tue	24 Fri Linz (Au)	24 Sat	24 Tue Rotterdam (NI)	24 Thur	24 Sun
25 Fri	25 Sun	25 Wed	25 Sat	25 Sun	25 Wed Regensburg (D)	25 Fri	25 Mon
26 Sat	26 Mon	26 Thur Szarvas (Hu)	26 Sun	26 Mon	26 Thu Regensburg (D)	26 Sat	26 Tue
27 Sun	27 Tue	27 Fri Gyula (Hu)	27 Mon	27 Tue	27 Fri Passau (D)	27 Sun	27 Wed
28 Mon	28 Wed	28 Sat	28 Tue	28 Wed	28 Sat	28 Mon Timisoara (Ro)	28 Thur Budapest
29 Tue Budapest	29 Thur	29 Sun	29 Wed	29 Thur	29 Sun	29 Tue Turnu Severin (Ro)	29 Fri Budapest
30 Wed Budapest	30 Fri	30 Mon		30 Fri	30 Mon	30 Wed Vidin (Bg)	30 Sat Budapest
	31 Sat	31 Tue		31 Sat		31 Thur Georgiu (Ro)	

Territorial groups of conferences

A	<i>Opening conference for all DaNet project partners</i>
B	<i>Conference for NGOs from the Danubian Basin I. - especially for NGOs from Mura, Drava, etc. Riverside</i>
C	<i>Conference for NGOs from the Danubian Basin II. - especially for NGOs from Middle and West Balkan Danube area</i>
D	<i>Conferences for NGOs from the Middle Danubian and Carpathian Basin I. - especially for NGOs from Tisza, Maros, Bega, etc. Riverside</i>
F	<i>Conference for NGOs from the Middle Danubian Basin - especially for NGOs from middle area of Danube Basin</i>
G	<i>Conferences for NGOs from the Central Europa - especially for NGOs from Danube and Morava area</i>
H	<i>Conferences for NGOs from the Middle Danubian & Carpathian Basin II. - especially for NGOs from Tisza and its tributaries area</i>
I	<i>Conferences for all DaNet project partners plus german NGOs from Belgium and Nederland</i>
J	<i>Conferences for all DaNet project partners plus german NGOs from Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria</i>
K	<i>Conferences for NGOs of the Middle Danubian & Carpathian Basin III. - especially for NGOs from Sava and other tributaries area</i>
L	<i>Conferences for NGOs from Lower Danube area, Danube Delta of the Danube Basin</i>
AA	ANNUAL CIVIL FORUM of EUSDR <i>for representatives of NGO-networks of Danube Basin and all DaNet project partners</i>

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Project Program

DANUBENET of NGOs for succesful EUSDR

2011-2012	Date	Day	Conference venue		Conference topics/agenda		
			City	Country	EUSDR PRIORITY AREAS	OPEN SPACE PROGRAM TOPICS	Project generation workshop
A./ Opening conference for all DaNet project partners							
Nov	29 30	Tue We	Budapest	HU	2. Encouraging more sustainable energy	Kick off meeting of DaNet - "Danubenet for NGOs"	Restorable windmills and watermills
B./ Conference for NGOs from the Danubian Basin I. - especially for NGOs (AT, HR, HU, SI) from Mura, Drava, etc. riverside							
Jan	12	Thu	Lendava	SI	1. (a) Rail, road and air - improving mobility and multimodality	Research methods for the Danube-Sava-Drava-Mura river system	*
C./ Conference for NGOs from the Danubian Basin II. - especially for NGOs (HU, HR, BA, RS, ME) form Middle and West Balkan Danube area							
Jan	19	Thu	Osijek	CR	6. Preservation of biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils	Preservation of Natural Heritage & Green Tourism	Danube Pearls
D./ Conferences for NGOs from the Middle Danubian and Carpathian Basin I. - especially for NGOs (RO, RS, HU, HR) from Tisza, Maros, Bega, etc. Riverside							
Jan	26	Thu	Szarvas	HU	4. Restoration and maintainance of the quality of waters	River-channels, tributary streams	*
	27	Fri	Gyula	HU	4. Restoration and maintainance of the quality of waters	Sustaining groundwaters	*
F./ Conference for NGOs from the Middle Danubian Basin - especially for NGOs (HU, AT, SK) from middle area of Danube Basin							
Feb	3	Fri	Komarno	SK	4. Restoration and maintainance of the quality of waters	Protecting the Environment in the Danube Region - To restore and maintain the quality of waters, and to help navigation on the rivers.	Danube Pearls

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G./ Conferences for NGOs from the Central Europa - especially for NGOs (AT, CZ, HU, PL, SK) from Danube and Morava area							
Feb	21	Tue	Bratislava	SK	7. Development of the Knowledge Society (research, education and ICT)	1. The Danube basin and questation of regions 2. Encouraging more sustainable energy 3. Investing in people and skills, especially women and improving cross-sector policy coordination to address demographic and migration challenges	*
	22	Wed	Brno	CZ	2. Encouraging more sustainable energy		Restorable windmills and watermills
	23	Thu					
	24	Fri	Linz	AU	9. Investment in people and skills		Danube Pearls
H./ Conferences for NGOs from the Middle Danubian & Carpathian Basin II. - especially for NGOs (HU, PL, RO, SK, UA) from Tisza and its tributaries area							
Mar	12	Mo	Kosice	SK	5. Environmental risks management	What measures the EU can take in the Danube Basin and Central Europe to sustainably fight against potential floods and drought ravages?	Restorable windmills and watermills
	13	Tue					
	14	Wed	Satu Mare	RO	5. Environmental risks management	Managing environmental risks in the Danube Basin	Livable Riversides
	15	Thu					
J./ Conferences for all DaNet project partners plus german NGOs form Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria							
	23	Mon	Regensburg		8. Supporting the competitiveness of enterprises	Improving the mobility and multimodality in the Danube Basin	Danube Pearls
I./ Conferences for all DaNet project partners plus german NGOs form Belgium and Nederland							
Apr	24	Tue	Brussels	BE	The Danube Strategy in "EU 2013 - 2020"	Realization of the Danube Strategy 2013-2020	*
	25	Wed	Rotterdam	NL	1. (b) Inland waterway - improving mobility and multimodality	The water and the population of the cities at the waterborne settlements.	*



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	17	Thu	Maribor	SI	10. Stepping up institutional capacity and cooperation	The Western Balkans in the Danube Strategy	*
May	18	Fri	Zagreb	CR		8. Supporting the competitiveness of enterprises	1. Strengthening the Danube Region: Stepping up institutional capacity and cooperation 2. Partnerships and monitoring in EDRS
L./ Conferences for NGOs (BG, HU, RO, MD, RS, UA) from Lower Danube area, Danube Delta of the Danube Basin							
	28	Mon	Timisoara	RO	1. (b) Inland waterway - improving mobility and multimodality	1. The condition of river-channels in Danube Basin (Central and Eastern Europe), 2. EDRS in connection to the Banat subregion (Hungarian-Romanian-Serbian) relations and the challenges of different cultures and nations living together.	1. River shipping using the river-channels and tributary streams 2. Live Together Fruitfully
May	29	Tue	Turnu Severin	RO		11. Working together to promote security and tackle organised and serious crime	
	30	Wed	Vidin	BG	3. Promotion of culture and tourism, people to people contacts	To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts in the Danube Basin	Danube Pearls
	31	Thu	Giurgiu	RO		Young people participation in the EUSDR	*
Jun	1	Fri					
	2	Sat	Silistra	BG	6. Preservation of biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils	1. To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils 2. The development of the Danube Delta 2013-2020 and more	Danube Pearls
AA./ Annual Civil Forum for representatives of NGO-networks of Danube Basin and all DaNet project partners							
	28	Thu			ANNUAL CIVIL FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DANUBE STRATEGY	To establish the Congress of DANUBENET, as a form of the institutional representation of NGOs How to follow up EUSDR?	Representaion of EUSDR PROJECTS
Jun	29	Fri	Budapest	HU			
	30	Sat					



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