



Water Related Activities in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)



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International Cooperation in the Danube
Region - Online event, November 2020*



EUSDR is connecting people to improve quality of life through sustainable development in the Danube Region.



DANUBE STRATEGY POINT

The 5 Pillars

SUPPORT
for core
EUSDR
stakeholders
(Presidency,
NCs, PACs,
EC)

COORDINATION
between EUSDR
stakeholders and
EU financing /
funding
instruments
(Embedding)

Internal and
external
**COMMUNI-
CATION**

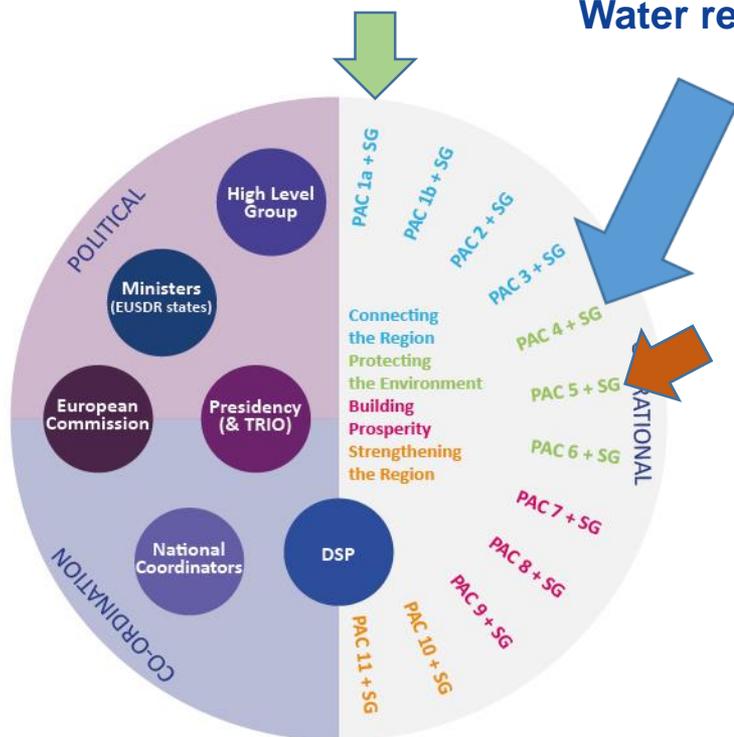
**CAPACITY
BUILDING**
towards PACs
and non-EU
countries

**MONITORING
and
EVALUATION**
of EUSDR

DSP is the supportive body for all stakeholders involved in the EUSDR. It is financed by the DTP.

EUSDR – STRUCTURE

Water related thematic priorities



EUSDR – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS



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- 10 Years after EUSDR creation
- SWD(2020) 59 final
- Actions in Strategic context (policy context, geopolitical context)
- Streamlining, focus, new challenges (40% from 137 actions to 85)

Alignment to 5 Policy Objectives:

1. Counteracting Climate Change
2. Stimulating Sustainable Development
3. Establishing and enforcing Knowledge Society, stimulating the Economy and fight Poverty
4. Improving Mobility and Connectivity
5. Enhancing Democracy, sound Administration and strong Involvement of Civil Society and Youth

Horizontal Frames:

1. Digitalisation
2. migration and demographic change
3. climate change and sustainable development

EMBEDDING



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- Strategic process – Programming 2021-2027
- Definition of Strategic topics
- Embedding into national/regional operational programmes
- Focus: ESIF (ERDF, ESF, CF) / IPA III / NDICI funds

WATER QUALITY



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ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS



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OTHER RELATED PAs



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EMBEDDING

List of strategic topics

EUSDR PA 4 WATER QUALITY

- HAZARDOUS & EMERGING SUBSTANCES and WASTE WATER
- WATER AND AGRICULTURE
- CLIMATE CHANGE

EUSDR PA 5 ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

- DANUBE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUB-BASIN FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS
- DISASTER MANAGEMENT
- CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

EMBEDDING

List of strategic topics

EUSDR PA 1A **Waterways Mobility**

- CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE WATERWAY AND PORT INFRASTRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

EUSDR PA 2 **Sustainable Energy**

- ENHANCED USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

EUSDR PA 7 **Knowledge Society**

- TO RESPOND TO EMERGING CHALLENGES IN THE DANUBE REGION (E.G. COVID -19 CRISIS AND ITS NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES) THROUGH RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY



*“We are aware that crises and challenges can offer **new opportunities** for adapting our priorities and for further stepping up the overall coordination effort. Therefore, we are determined to **respond to changes**, promote stronger recovery measures, cohesion and convergence in order to **foster the wellbeing** of our citizens. We are open to follow the trends, to respond to changes and to **strengthen the Danube Region’s resilience.**”*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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