

29th Steering Group Meeting of PA 9 – Agenda

Date: 6 November 2025, 15.00-17.30 CET, 7 November 2025, 9.00-12.00 CET

Venue: Hotel Holiday (Meeting Room: “Una”), Zmaja od Bosne 4, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Chairs:

Jörg Mirtl, *Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Austria*

Jürgen Schick, *Federal Ministry of Education, Austria*

Ludmila Pavlov, *Ministry of Education and Research, Republic of Moldova*

Olha Dubovyk, *Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity, Ukraine*

Thursday, 6 November 2025

14.45 – 15.00	Registration
15.00 – 15.10	Welcome and Introduction (Priority Area Coordinators) Adoption of the Agenda
15.10 – 15.40	State of Play EUSDR: News, Initiatives, and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlook on the Bulgarian EUSDR Presidency (Vyara Mincheva) • Information on the 3rd Call of the Interreg Danube Region Programme (Stephen Halligan) • Update from the Danube Strategy Point (Cristina Cuc)
15.40 – 15.55	Coffee Break
15.55 – 16.20	The Danube Region Monitor ‘People & Skills’: Main Conclusions and Policy Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryna Tverdostup – The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies – wiiw
16.20 – 17.30	Tour de Table (5 minutes/country) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reactions to the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Danube Region Monitor ‘People & Skills’ (optional) • Updates on Education, Labour Market and Social Policies in Each Country
18.30 – 20.30	PA9 Steering Group Dinner (Restaurant “Apetit”, Zmaja od Bosne 13, 71000 Sarajevo, BA)

Friday, 7 November 2025

08.45 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome and Introduction to Day 2 (Priority Area Coordinators)
09.05 – 09.15	General Update from the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elisa Cocco, DG REGIO
09.15 – 10.00	State of Play PA9: News, Initiatives, and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th Meeting of the ESF Network in the Danube Region, 25-26 September 2025, Bratislava, SK 4th Meeting of the Danube Region Platform on Centres of Vocational Excellence, 30 September 2025, online Thematic Conference “Roma Empowerment”, 16-17 October 2025, Vienna, AT PA9 Event during the 14th EUSDR Annual Forum “Closing the Skills Gap: Green and Digital Skills for a Competitive Europe”, 6 November 2025, Sarajevo, BA The Danube Region Monitor “People and Skills”, outlook (online database, 2028 update) Outlook 2026
10.00 – 10.05	Adoption of the PA9 Work Programme (SG Decision)
10.05 – 10.35	Updates from Partners and the Danube Youth Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Brkanović, Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) Susanne Nielsen, European Training Foundation Caroline Lercher Tauber, Danube Youth Council (DYC) Q&A / Discussion
10.35 – 10.50	Updates from Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franz Riemelmoser, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Interreg Danube Region Programme project “TransAC” Jani Kozina, Anton Melik Geographical Institute, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU), Interreg Danube Region Programme project “WIN” Q&A / Discussion
10.50 – 11.00	Any Other Business Conclusion and Next Steps
11.00 – 12.00	Farewell Coffee and Light Lunch