

29th Steering Group Meeting of PA 9 – Draft 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

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Chairs:

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

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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 • 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 • Maryna Tverdostup – The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies – wiiw
16.20 – 17.30	Tour de Table (5 minutes/country) • 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 Elisa Cocco, DG REGIO
09.15 – 10.00	State of Play PA9: News, Initiatives, and Events 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 - Sandra Brkanović, Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) - Susanne Nielsen, European Training Foundation - Caroline Lercher Tauber and Gabriela Radkova, Danube Youth Council (DYC) - Q&A / Discussion
10.35 – 10.50	Updates from Projects - 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