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# Austrian EUSDR Presidency ... review and foresight ...

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# EUSDR Presidency as ...

- Presidency as **process** to **ensure continuity** in cooperation processes and to **further develop the governance mechanisms** (ensure stable structures is precondition for any thematic cooperation activity) => create **inputs for discussions** (eg future perspectives, embedding, exchange with other DR organisations), try upon **interactive formats** to foster cross-sectoral exchange, integration of **youth** (DYC, DYON) => **create efficiency and added value for stakeholders**
- Presidency as momentum to **direct attention, outreach beyond EUSDR key-stakeholders, seize the moment, inspire, listen** carefully => **key events**

# Key events so far ...

Contributing to **Stability and Security**, and a clear **European Perspective** for the whole Danube Region

Enlargement

education for democracy

Security

geopolitical challenge

Transport Ministers Meeting reaffirmed their commitment to ensure the “good navigable status“ of the Danube (PAC 1a)

Wiiw spring seminar of the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

9<sup>th</sup> EUSDR Speakers Conference (Presidents of the National Councils)

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Republic of Austria  
Agriculture, Forestry, Regions  
and Water Management

# Key events so far...

## Fostering Innovation, Skills and Business Opportunities in the Danube Region



Danube Business Talks (PAC 1a)  
Wiiw spring seminar of the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

Danube Tech Summit (GLOBSEC)

27th International Danube Navigation & Tourism Conference  
12th Stakeholder Conference People and Skills (PA9)

# Key events so far ...

- Enhancing the Danube Region **Ecosystem, Water and Green Transition Management**

Good river navigation status

Modernisation of ships/  
Vehicles

alternative fuels

Energy efficiency of  
ports and land-shore  
electricity

energy transition

3<sup>rd</sup> participation day: climate  
change and resilient water  
management in the Danube

European green deal

security of supply of green hydrogen for European  
industry

## Green Transition Management in inland navigation

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# Up-coming Key events ...

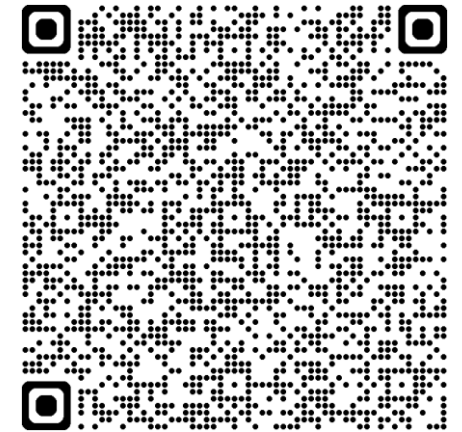
- 11<sup>st</sup> Participation Day 19<sup>th</sup> June, Vienna
  - EUSDR **Annual Forum** 20<sup>th</sup>/ 1<sup>st</sup> June, Vienna
  - Salzburg Forum 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June, Laxemburg
  - National network meeting EUSDR<>Interreg 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September, Linz
  - Danube Region Business Forum 6<sup>th</sup> November, Vienna
  - Annual Meeting of the Danube Rectors' Conference 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September, Krems
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- NC meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June, Bruxelles
  - PAC seminar 11<sup>st</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September, Neusiedl am See
  - NC/ PAC meeting 10<sup>th</sup>/ 11<sup>st</sup> December, Vienna

# EUSDR Annual Forum: Shaping Transformation, Creating Opportunities

	Mi, 19.06.2024	Do, 20.06.2024	Fr, 21.06.2024		
09	Danube Participation Day	Opening	Future Perspectives (Impulse Statement; Market Place of Visions & Ideas)		
10		Danube Region: Diversity & Integration (Opening Lectures & Comments)			
11		Coffee Break			
12		Mayors Talk: Cities as Transformation Hubs (Plenary Session)		Closing	
13		Lunch Break		Lunch Break	
14		Green Transition: Shaping Transformation, Creating Opportunities (Keynotes + Breakout Sessions)		Field Trips - Site Visits in Vienna and Lower Austria	
15		Coffee Break			
16		Geopolitics in the DR (Public Plenary Session)			
17		Welcome Reception		Danube Party	Ministerial Meeting
18					
19					

Exhibition Area !

World Café Table Host !



Register via QR code

# EUSDR Annual Forum workshop session topics

CLIMATE CHANGE & ADAPTATION	WATER & ECOLOGY	SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY
Accelerate community-led green energy initiatives	Resilient waterway management	Skills and education for the green transition
Circular economy	water quality good enough for fish to survive	Arts and culture as discursive spaces for transformation
Place-based innovation in brownfield reindustrialisation	Understanding the dynamics of floods and droughts	



# Looking ahead ...

- key events are taken up in up-coming governance meetings (summary of key events results)
- invite key event organisers to PAC seminar
- bring together Interreg PPs and EUSDR stakeholders (embedding)
- joint session with ICPDR and DC
- ensure interactive format to exchange
- synthesis inputs for discussion on future cohesion policy



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Thank **YOU** for your attention!

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