

5th Meeting of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region

Date: 8th and 9th of October 2019

Venue: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 2 Triaditsa str., SOFIA

Objective: The seminar aims at identifying policy areas and necessary factors for successful transnational cooperation in the European Social Fund Plus 2021-2027 in the Danube Region and to define concrete tasks to make use of the full potential of ESF Managing Authorities and Macro-Regional Strategies to maximize the contribution to a social Europe.

<i>Time</i>	<i>8th of October 2019 Programme Item</i>
12.30	Light Lunch, Meet and Greet
13.00 – 13.30	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claudia Singer / Barbara Willsberger, EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) ▪ Tour de Table
13.30 – 14.00	Increasing the Impact for a Social Europe. How to make use of Macro-Regional Strategies as a Strategic Framework for Cooperation in the ESF+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claudia Singer / Barbara Willsberger, EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) <p>The presentations will give an overview of the first draft of a Vision Paper for the ESF MA Network in the Danube region. The presentation includes the concept, the targets and the tools of macro-regional strategies (MRS) and will explore the interfaces between macro-regional strategies and the European Social Fund to increase impact of activities through mutual support.</p> <p>Q&A</p>
14.00 – 14.45	Group Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is your vision of the ESF Network? ▪ How do you expect to benefit from the ESF Network?
14.45 – 15.00	Coffee Break
15.00 – 16.00	Transnational Cooperation in the ESF+ 2021-2027 – News from the EC Maria-Anna Paraskeva, European Commission, DG Employment
16.00 – 17.00	Success Factors of Transnational Coordination – Experiences from the Baltic Sea ESF-Network Q&A Instruments of Transnational Cooperation in the ESF – Lessons Learnt for the Future Tour de Table

Q&A

17:00 – 17.30	New Ways for Transnational Cooperation – the Future within the Baltic Sea Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anders Bergström, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) <p>Q&A</p>
19.00	Dinner

<i>Time</i>	<i>9th of October 2019 Programme Item</i>
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome and Wrap-up of Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N.N.
9.15 – 9.45	The Benefit of Transnational Cooperation – Experiences from the “project side” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ESF Managing Authority Bulgaria <p>Discussion of the drafted text module.</p>
9.45 – 10.30	Text Module “Transnational Cooperation” within the Operational Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael Mayer, ESF Managing Authority Baden-Württemberg, Germany / Barbara Willsberger, Priority Area 9, EUSDR <p>Discussion of the drafted text module.</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.45	Shaping the Future of Transnational Cooperation – Group Discussions Moderation: Michael Mayer, ESF-MA Baden-Württemberg, Claudia Singer and Barbara Willsberger, EUSDR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Which social challenges addressed in the ESF OPs would most benefit from transnational collaboration? ▪ Which topics would be suitable for transnational cooperation in the Danube Region? ▪ Which instruments/tools do you consider a must-have for transnational cooperation in the ESF+.
11.45 - 12.00	Wrap-Up of the Discussions – Summary of the Inputs for the Vision Paper
12.00 - 12.30	Conclusions and Next Steps
12.30	Light Lunch