

Newsletter July 2018: EUSDR Priority Area 9 "People & Skills"

Dear stakeholders of Priority Area 9 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region!

The team of Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills" now looks back on eventful past months and we would like to share some news and tell you about some of our past events.

We wish you a great and inspiring summer!

The team of EUSDR Priority Area 9 "People & Skills"

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SAVE THE DATE: 6th Stakeholder Conference on November 29th, 2018 in Vienna, Austria

The 6th Stakeholder Conference of PA9 will be held in Vienna, Austria, on 29 November 2018. This conference will revolve around the topic "The Future of PA9 'Investing in People and Skills' in the Danube Region" in light of new, emerging needs and changing contexts and with regard to the Revision of the 2010 Action Plan of the Danube Region Strategy.

The conference will assemble actors and promoters of the EUSDR from 14 Danube Region countries and beyond in order to share good practice, to address common challenges for the future and to develop innovative projects and networks in the fields of increasing quality and efficiency of education and labour market systems, improving educational outcomes, fostering cooperation in labour market policies and promoting equal opportunities and social inclusion. Further info can soon be found on our [PA9 website](#).

Workshop "Creating a more efficient labour market in the Danube Region"

The workshop was organized on 22 May 2018, in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. The main discussions focused on four topics: ways to improve the effectiveness of Sectoral Committees; the role of the labour market information systems in improving labour market efficiency; the effectiveness of the active labour market programmes and increasing the efficiency of apprenticeship systems.

The workshop brought together 131 participants from Danube Region countries, experts of international organizations and EU Agencies such as: IOM, ILO, ETF who shared best practices, addressed common challenges for the future, developed

projects ideas, created networks for policy development in order to ensure an efficient labour market in the Danube region. [More info](#)

Thematic conference - Learning, Teaching, Exchanging – school cooperations in the Danube Region

The EUSDR Priority Area 9 in cooperation with the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ Education hosted the seventh edition of the “eTwinning Danube Region Conference” in Vienna, Austria on 14 and 15 June 2018. The conference revolved around the topic „Learning, teaching, exchanging - school cooperations in the Danube Region“. All together fifty teachers from twelve Danube Region countries, teaching pupils aged 11 to 19, participated at the event. It was truly fitting, that the first day of the event took place on the “Bertha von Suttner Schulschiff”, a school boat on the Danube river. Amongst the participants were also teachers from European Neighbourhood countries like the Republic of Moldova and the Ukraine. The conference was a big success – twelve new transnational school cooperation projects have been registered and each of the eleven participating countries is involved in at least one project. [More info](#)

14th Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 9

The 14th Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 9 ‘People and Skills’ took place on 21 June 2018 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. At this occasion, the steering group members of all Danube Region countries presented and discussed current reform priorities in education and labour market policies. The forthcoming review of the EUSDR Action Plan, its roadmap and possible future work areas of Priority Area 9 have been discussed intensively. Further topics on the agenda included current PA9 projects, the development of the ‘Danube Region Monitor’ as well as the future of the DSP - Danube Strategy Point. [More info](#)

Joint meeting of the EUSDR NCs and PACs with Corina Crețu, the European Commissioner for Regional Policy

On the occasion of the forthcoming review of the EUSDR Action Plan, the PAC9 took part at a meeting with Corina Crețu, the European Commissioner for Regional Policy, together with the EUSDR NCs (National Coordinators) and PACs (Priority Area Coordinators). The joint meeting was held in Brussels, Belgium on 26 June 2018. Prior to this meeting, PA9 contributed to a joint meeting of NCs and PACs that took place in Sofia on 25 May 2018 as well as to a PAC Meeting on 2 February 2018, both organized by the Bulgarian Presidency.

Visit our new website

Priority Area 9 “People & Skills” revisited its [website](#)! Check out useful information on current projects and initiatives, available funding opportunities, upcoming events, studies as well as possibilities for cooperation and much more!

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