

## Newsletter July 2019: 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 a review of some of our past events.

We wish you a continuing successful cooperation!

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Danube Region Monitor Workshop | May 9, 2019 | Vienna, Austria**

Priority Area 9 has initiated the preparation of a 'Danube Region Monitor' to visualize developments in the field of education and labour market in the Danube Region and highlighting possible policy actions. The findings will be the base for recommendations of measures in the field of education and labour market.

On May 9th, 31 researchers and experts for education and/or labour market from eleven Danube Region countries have met in Vienna for the presentation and discussion of the first draft report of the Danube Region Monitor. In early autumn 2019 the Steering Group Members and nominated experts will again be invited to submit their written comments and suggestions on the revised draft. The final version of the report and conclusions will then be presented and discussed at the following workshop, that will take place in October 2019 in Chisinau.

[More info \(https://www.peopleandskills-danuberegion.eu/meetings/events/danube-region-monitor-workshop-2/\)](https://www.peopleandskills-danuberegion.eu/meetings/events/danube-region-monitor-workshop-2/)

#### **16th Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 9 | May 10, 2019 | Vienna, Austria**

The main focus of the 16th Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 9 'People and Skills' were the PA9 relevant events and general developments of the EUSDR. Further topics on the agenda were the current activities of the Danube Strategy Point and the updated roadmap of the review of the Action Plan of the EUSDR. Moreover, the Steering Group Members of all Danube Region countries presented and discussed current reform priorities in education and labour market policies. On this occasion, PA9 project representatives have also been invited to present their projects; such as: 'eTwinning Danube Region Conference' of the Austrian National Agency Erasmus+; 'Generation Earth' of the World Wide Fund for Nature, 'Danube@work' of the Austrian Trade Union Federation as well as 'Cambro - Open Space for Learning and Counselling Space' of the Caritas Vienna.

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### **Workshop ‘Solving future skills challenges in the Danube Region’ | June 11-12, 2019 | Chisinau, Republic of Moldova**

The 2-days workshop assembled experts on skills development from different sectors - educational institutions, public administration, research, NGOs, employers - in the Danube Region. The aim of this workshop was to exchange expertise on current developments and challenges concerning skills mismatch, its measurement and different approaches to this issue. Successful examples of measures of skills development in different countries of the Danube Region have been shared. Based on the findings of the workshop, the potential for future cooperation across the Danube Region on the issue, in the framework of existing funding tools, has been explored. The workshop has been organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova as Priority Area Coordinator 9 of the EUSDR. More info (<https://www.peopleandskills-danuberegion.eu/meetings/events/workshop-solving-future-skills-challenges-in-the-danube-region/>)

### **Thematic Conference - School cooperation in the Danube Region: Experiences and future actions | June 13-14, 2019 | Vienna, Austria**

The EUSDR Priority Area 9 in cooperation with the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ Education hosted the eighth edition of the “eTwinning Danube Region Conference” in Vienna, Austria on 13th and 14th of June 2019. The conference offered a platform for sharing experiences of the eTwinning initiative. Klaus Körner of the Directorate General “Education, Youth, Sport and Culture” of the European Commission opened the conference together with Ursula Panuschka, Head of Erasmus+ School Education and eTwinning Austria and embedded the initiative in a wider context. PAC9 Jürgen Schick from the Ministry of Education, Science and Research presented the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and highlighting the aspect of cooperation in the educational field. All together 48 teachers from twelve Danube Region countries, teaching pupils aged 11 to 19, participated at the event. Amongst the participants were also teachers from European Neighbourhood countries like the Republic of Moldova and the Ukraine. The conference was a big success – eleven new transnational school cooperation projects have been registered and every participant is involved in at least one project. More info ([https://www.peopleandskills-danuberegion.eu/?post\\_type=event&p=3081&preview=true](https://www.peopleandskills-danuberegion.eu/?post_type=event&p=3081&preview=true))

### **8th Annual Forum of the EUSDR | June 27-28, 2019 | Bucharest, Romania**

As a key event of the 2019 Romanian EUSDR Presidency, the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Romania, the European Commission and the Danube Transnational Program jointly organized the 8th Annual Forum on 27th and the 28th of June 2019 in the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest. The event revolved around the topic "Building cohesion for a shared prosperity in the Danube Region". The Forum was focussing on connectivity and regional mobility, economy, ICT, environment, tourism, links between Macro-regional strategies, ESIF programs and the new Cohesion Policy. The second day of the Forum was dedicated to post-2020 EU policy design, with a focus on the role of the DTP and EU mainstream programs for the region. [More info \(http://suerd.gov.ro/en/\)](http://suerd.gov.ro/en/)

### **OUTLOOK 2019**

- October 23 Danube Region Monitor Workshop | Chisinau
- October 24 International PA9 Stakeholder Conference | Chisinau
- October 25 17th Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 9 | Chisinau

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