



Austrian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

Introducing the Austrian EUSDR Presidency Program

where we stand ...

the making of ...

- **Shared Responsibility** between Foreign Ministry and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management
- Establishment of a task force to **identify stakeholders capable & interested to contribute**
- Presidency as **process to ensure continuity** in cooperation processes, **direct attention, seize the moment, inspire, listen** carefully
- Kick-off letter to EUSDR stakeholders with invitation to get involved
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the understanding of our role ...

- co-chair (with DSP) in EUSDR governance meetings (NC/PAC meetings, thematic task forces & working groups), trio meetings, MRS-week in Brussels, 4MRS meeting, at national level: ÖROK WG DR: **ensure continuity in EUSDR processes**
- participation as presidency in thematic EUSDR meetings (key-events, SG-meetings, stakeholder conferences): relate EUSDR activities/priorities to Austrian Presidency program or discussion processes in key events: **outreach beyond EUSDR key-stakeholders**

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- further develop of **governance** mechanisms => "the structure is in place!", next steps: Gather experience on understanding of roles, improve cooperation at interfaces, integration of youth, "How can stakeholders at various levels contribute to the big picture?": **efficiency**, added value for stakeholders
- **Hot topics** to promote political attractiveness: Offer discussion formats to promote cross-sectoral approaches: **prepare contributions for current discussions**
- Launch process on **value added** of cooperation in Danube Region to gain arguments for **debate on future** of EUSDR

the austrian EUSDR presidency: thematic and strategic orientation

Slogan: **Shaping Transformation, Creating Opportunities: A Prosperous, Resilient and Secure Danube Region**

Geo- political context

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

Thematic prioritis

- Fostering **Innovation**, **Skills** and **Business Opportunties** in the Danube Region
- Enhancing the Danube Region **Ecosystem**, **Water** and **Green Transition Management**

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Cross-cutting themes

- Participation and involvement of **Youth**, **Civil Society** and of **regional and local stakeholders**; initiate and promote cultural cooperation in the Danube Region.

Institutional and governance objectives

- Strengthen **political commitment** and broad ownership of EUSDR, joint efforts to enable tangible funding opportunities, illustrate clear **added value** of EUSDR and ensure visibility.

Besides, launching a discussion to **identify key messages and processes on future perspectives** for the EUSDR.

at eusdr thematic priority: innovation, skills and business opportunities

- Fostering **research & innovation** in the DR
- Boosting **skills and competences**
- Enhancing **competitiveness** and **Business Opportunities** including Tourism

Key events:

Vienna Tech Summit (12 Dec 23)

Danube Business Talks (spring 24)

PA9 Stakeholder Conference (23 May 24)

High Level DR Business Forum (autumn 24)



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Thank **YOU** for your attention!

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