



EU Strategy for the Danube Region Presidency programme for 2016

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Meeting of the National Coordinators

10. 12. 2015

EUSDR 2016 Activities

Political level

9. 2. 2016 Vienna

Meeting of ministers responsible for water sector
(organised by ICPDR)

23.-24. 5. 2016 Bratislava

EUSDR TRIO Presidency Ministerial Meeting
(during the 5th Danube Financing Dialogue)

3.-4.11.2016 Bratislava

**Meeting of ministers responsible for research, innovation
and business**
(side event of the 5th EUSDR ANNUAL FORUM)

EUSDR 2016 Activities

Operational level NC and PAC meetings

10.12.2015 Brussels

Meeting of the National Coordinators

25. 2. 2016 Bratislava

Meeting of the National Coordinators

8. 3. 2016 Bratislava

Meeting of the Priority Area Coordinators

23.-24. 5. 2016

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(during the 5th Danube Financing Dialogue)

EUSDR 2016 Activities

Events

23.-24.5.2016 Bratislava
5th Danube Financing Dialogue

8.-9.7.2016 Bratislava
EUSDR Start-ups presentation
(side event of the Committee of Regions Conference)

October 2016 Brussels
EUSDR Knowledge Society Workshop
(side event of the OPEN DAYS 2016)

3.-4.11.2016 Bratislava
5th EUSDR ANNUAL FORUM

Additional events/meetings may
be organized according to needs.

5th EUSDR ANNUAL FORUM

3rd and 4th NOVEMBER 2016

Bratislava

- Expected attendace: 750 participants
- Structure similar to previous forums:
Opening and closing plenary session, thematic sessions, parallel workshops and panel discussions
Evening reception
- Meeting of ministers responsible for research, innovation and business

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Meeting of ministers responsible for water sector/ organised by ICPDR

Bratislava
9.2.2016

EUSDR TRIO Presidency Ministerial Meeting

Bratislava
22.-23.5.2016

Meeting of ministers responsible for research, innovation and business/
side event of the 5th EUSDR ANNUAL FORUM
Bratislava
3.-4.11.2016

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NC Meeting
Brussels
10.12.2015

NC Meeting
Bratislava
25.2.2016

5th Danube Financing Dialogue
Bratislava
22.-23.5.2016

EUSDR Start-ups presentation/
side event of the Committee of Regions Conference
Bratislava
8.-9.7.2016

EUSDR Knowledge Society Workshop
side event of the OPEN DAYS 2016 - European week of regions and cities
Brussels
October 2016

5th EUSDR ANNUAL FORUM
Bratislava
3.-4.11.2016

PAC Meeting
Bratislava
8.3.2016

NC + PAC Meeting
Bratislava
22.-23.5.2016

2015 DEC / JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUNE JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV END 2016

EUSDR

Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic to be passed towards the end of 2015, dealing with:

1. Strengthening the **governance** of the EUSDR in the Slovak Republic

2. **Priorities** of the SK presidency in the EUSDR

Strengthening the EUSDR governance in the SR

- Clear attribution of responsibility of Slovak ministries for EUSDR priority areas
- Clear attribution of responsibilities of the Danube Strategy Consultation Group members in the SR
- Ambition to strengthen the mandate of Slovak members of Steering Groups, lower the high fluctuation, streamline the communication flow, etc.

Thematic priorities – Knowledge Society

1. Developing knowledge society, support for the innovation & competitiveness in the Danube Region

- Creation of a **platform** for drawing financial resources for common research and innovation projects, implementation of **DRRIF** feasibility study conclusions, utilizing the experience of Germany and Austria
- Supporting **project preparation** of potential Danube Strategy projects, teacher training in vocational education, education of Roma population with the aim of their integration into the society
- Strengthening the **cooperation of research institutions with business**, utilizing the Danube JRC platform for linking the EUSDR with the smart specialization strategy

Thematic priorities – Water

2. Reasonable water management as a precondition for the preservation of ecosystems and a sustainable development of the Danube Region

- Support of investments aimed at constructing **wastewater treatment facilities** and sewerage systems in the framework of available financial resources from Operational Programmes 2014-2020
- Safeguarding drinking **water supplies** and sufficiency of water for preserving the **ecosystems** with due regard for **climate change**
- Introducing measures for reduction of **water pollution** from agricultural activity and measures for reducing migration barriers in rivers for **fish migration**
- Ensuring a good state of waters for the implementation of infrastructure projects

Horizontal priorities

1. EUSDR Governance

2. Embeddedness of the EUSDR into programmes financed from European structural and investment funds

Thank you for your attention