



## EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

### *List of targets*

#### **PA1A - 'To improve mobility and multimodality/ inland waterways'**

- § Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010.
- § Solve obstacles to navigability, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2015.
- § Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports along the Danube and its navigable tributaries to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.
- § Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015.
- § Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonise education standards in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020, taking duly into account the social dimension of the respective measures.

#### **PA1B - 'To improve mobility and multimodality/ road, rail and air links'**

- § Improved travel times for competitive railway passenger connections between major cities.
- § Implementation of the 4 Rail Freight Corridors crossing the Danube Region as planned within 3 or 5 years and possible inclusion of a new corridor with added value of linking together the EU and non-EU member states' railway systems.
- § Development of efficient multimodal terminals at Danube river ports and dry ports to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.

#### **PA2 - 'To encourage more sustainable energy'**

- § Achievement of national targets based on the Europe 2020 climate and energy targets.
- § Remove existing bottlenecks in energy transport in countries of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region in order to allow reverse flow of gas by 2015.
- § Strengthen cooperation of the Energy Community countries with international financial institutions to upgrade the EC countries' energy infrastructure and energy markets by 2015.



§ Elaborate further the overarching European energy policy goals based on the Energy 2020 goals 'a strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy' with special attention to the energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond and to work towards the completion of the energy internal market; the non Member States are aspiring to achieving these goals.

### **PA3 - 'To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts'**

- § Develop a Danube Brand for the entire Danube Region based on already existing work.
- § Support the implementation of a harmonised monitoring system, dedicated to tourism, able to provide complete and comparable statistical data in all the 14 states part of the EUSDR.
- § Develop new and support existing Cultural Routes relevant in the Danube Region.
- § Develop green tourist products along the Danube Region.
- § To create a 'Blue Book' on Danube cultural identity.
- § Ensure the sustainable preservation of cultural heritage and natural values by developing relevant clusters, and networks of museums, interpretation and visitors centres within the Danube Region.
- § Promoting exchange and networking in the field of contemporary arts in the Danube Region.

### **PA4 - 'To restore and maintain the quality of waters'**

- § Achieve the management objectives set out in the Danube River Basin Management Plan.
- § Reduce the nutrient levels in the Danube River to allow the recovery of the Black Sea ecosystems to conditions similar to 1960s.
- § Elaborate a Danube Delta Analysis Report by 2013 as a step towards completion of the Delta management Plan, which shall be adopted by 2015.
- § Secure viable populations of Danube sturgeon species.
- § Elaborate, adopt and implement the sub-basin management plans, such as Sava, Tisza and Prut sub-basins.



#### **PA5 - 'To manage environmental risks'**

- § Implement Danube wide flood risk management plans - due in 2015 under the Floods Directive – to include significant reduction of flood risk by 2021, also taking into account potential impacts of climate change.
- § Update of the accidental risk spots inventory at the Danube River Basin level by 2013. To address the challenges of water scarcity and droughts based on the 2013 update of the Danube Basin Analysis and the ongoing work in the field of climate adaptation, in the Danube River Basin Management Plan to be adopted by 2015.

#### **PA6 - 'To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils'**

- § To halt the deterioration in the status of all species and habitats covered by EU nature legislation and achieve a significant and measurable improvement, adapted to the special needs of the Danube Region by 2020.
- § Secure viable populations of Danube sturgeon species and other indigenous fish species by 2020.
- § By 2020, ecosystems and their services are maintained and enhanced by establishing green infrastructure and restoring at least 15% of degraded ecosystems, including degraded soils.
- § By 2020, Invasive Alien Species and their pathways are identified and prioritised, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and pathways are managed to prevent the introduction and establishment of new Invasive Alien Species.

#### **PA7 - 'To develop the knowledge society through research, education and information technologies'**

- § To invest 3% of GDP in Research and Development by 2020.
- § Broadband access for all EU citizens in the Region by 2013.
- § Increase the number of patents obtained in the Region by 50%.

#### **PA8 - 'To support the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development'**

- § Establishing a cluster network for the EUSDR (identification of the founded institutions in this connection, as well as the existing networks).
- § Improvement of the vocational training, subject to participation by the private sector (a dual system of practice and theory) through pilot projects (identifying the potential institutions, as well as the partners and projects).
- § Improvement of the technological transfer through establishing measures like consulting services by chambers and other institutions or organizations, typically in cooperation with the Priority Area Coordinator from Priority Area 7 "knowledge society".



§ Better use of environmental technologies, like for example: sewage treatment, refuse disposal, generation of energy from renewable resources, etc., first of all, through determination of the regional decision-makers concerning submission of the applications.

**PA9 - 'To invest in people and skills'**

§ Contribution to the achievement of EU 2020 targets, in particular with regard to smart and inclusive growth

§ Contribution to the 'Education and Training 2020' strategic framework and its four strategic objectives.

§ Efficient cooperation between relevant actors through involvement and extension of existing regional cooperation networks and initiatives.

§ To foster creative partnerships at the interface of education, training and culture.

§ Contribution to the improvement of labour markets and social inclusion in the region.

§ Contribution to higher synergies of education systems and labour market demands on all levels.

§ Establishment and implementation of a small project funding mechanism.

**PA10 - 'To step up institutional capacity and cooperation'**

§ Establishing benchmarks for e-government and reducing excessive bureaucracy by 2012.

§ Maximum 4 weeks for business start-up permissions by 2015.

**PA11 - 'To work together to promote security and tackle organised and serious crime'**

§ Efficient exchange of information between relevant law enforcement actors by 2015 with the aim of improving security and tackling serious and organised crime in the 14 countries.

§ Effective co-operation between relevant law enforcement actors by 2015.

§ Promoting the rule of law. - Assistance for participating countries by deepening and promoting the idea of the rule of law and strengthening and developing further democratic structures. Promoting (legal) certainty for the people by fighting against corruption.