

Invitation

Invasive alien species in the Danube Region – IAS of regional concern

Venue: Hungary, Tata, Palm Event House of Kristály Hotel Imperial****
(Address: 2890 Tata, Angolpark)

Date: 04/03/2026 – 05/03/2026

Registration: <https://forms.gle/YywsD95F8eMCWFPT7>

Main focus of the event: Within EUSDR PA6 the Danube Invasive Alien Species (DIAS) working group was established in 2014 the same year when EU's IAS regulation was adopted. The EUSDR Hungarian national coordination contributed to its objectives with the preparation and publication of the book „Invasive animal species in Hungary”. To support further steps on IAS management in the Danube River Basin we provide the opportunity for the discussion and networking of relevant ministries, European Commission, international organizations, nature conservation authorities, research institutes and NGOs.

Draft Programme

Day1 (04/03/2026)

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome

Viktor György Oroszi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, EUSDR national coordinator

Vyara Mincheva, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria, EUSDR national coordinator (online)

Ana Kobašlić / Florian Ballnus, EUSDR PA6 - Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air&Soil

Quality priority area coordinators
Croatia/Bavaria

First session: Setting the Scene - EU IAS regulation and regional initiatives

Moderator: **Enikő Gazdagné Rózsa**,
*Ministry of Energy of Hungary, EUSDR PA6
Steering Group member*

9:15-9:35

Daniel Nuijten, European Commission DG Environment (online)

Implementation of the EU 'Regulation 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species' and its regional consequences

9:35-9:55

Teodora Trichkova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, EUSDR PA6 Danube Invasive Alien Species (DIAS) Working Group leader

Implementation of the DIAS strategy – main results since 2014 and future activities of DIAS

9:55-10:15

Béla Csányi and **Momir Paunović**, ICPDR Joint Danube Survey 5 IAS coordinators

Experiences of the ICPDR Joint Danube Surveys regarding the occurrence of IAS along the Danube river

10:15-10:35

Ema Gojdičová, State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Carpathian Wetland Initiative

Draft list of invasive alien species of the Carpathian Region (2014) and relevant activities of the CWI

10:35-10:55

Celia Lopez Cañizares, University of Murcia

LIFE InvasAqua project – An Iberian example
how to cooperate regarding aquatic IAS with
regional concern (online)

10:55-11:05

Q&A

11:05-11:30

Coffee break and networking

**Second session: Invasive alien species of
EUSDR member states concerns**

Moderator: **Diószegi-Jelinek Laura**, Ministry
of Agriculture of Hungary, National IAS
coordinator

11:30 – 11:45

**Gábor Magyar, Ministry of Agriculture of
Hungary, Head of Nature Conservation
Department**

IAS control in Hungary and the national list of
IAS

11:45-12:00

**Barbora Holicka, Ministry of Environment
Slovak Republic, National IAS coordinator**

IAS control in Slovakia and the national list of
IAS

12:00-12:15

**Petra Kutleša, Ministry of Environmental
Protection and Green Transition of Croatia,
Head of the Alien Species Management
Department**

IAS control and the national list of IAS in
Croatia

12:15-12:30

**Branka Tavzes, Ministry of the Environment,
Climate and Energy of Slovenia, National IAS
Coordinator**

12:30-12:45

IAS control and the national list of IAS in Slovenia

12:45-13:00

Representative of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia

IAS control and the national list of IAS in Serbia, harmonization with the EU IAS regulation

Q&A

13:00-14:00

Lunch and networking

Third session: Good practices to prevent, manage and eradicate IAS in the Danube Region

Moderator: **Vlatko Rožac**, President, *DANUBEPARKS Network*

14:00 – 14:15

Gabriela Morozov, senior counsellor, *Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority*

List of invasive plant species in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve and pilot measures to control the IAS in the Danube Delta within the LIFE WILDIslands project

14:15-14:30

Alen Kiš, associate, *Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province Serbia*
Outcomes of the SAVATIES project - Preserving Sava River Basin Habitats through Transnational Management of Invasive Alien Species

14:30-14:45

Andrej Devečka, *BROZ – conservation association* Slovak Republic, project manager
Aims and results of the LIFE RESISTANCE project

14:45 - 15:00

László Garamszegi – *HUN-REN Ecological Research Center, Director General*
Hungarian National Laboratory for Health Security project – aims and results of the Division of Invasion Biology

15:00 - 15:10

Q&A

15:10 - 15:30

Coffee break and networking

Fourth session: Workshop on IAS of regional concern within the Danube Region

15:30 – 16:15

Workshop in 2 moderated groups (for offline participants only)

Moderators: EUSDR Priority Area 6

16:15 - 16:25

Wrap-up of the workshop

16:25 - 16:30

Closing words

EUSDR Hungarian National Coordination & EUSDR PA6 coordinators

Day2 (05/03/2026)

9:00 - 12:00

Borbála Major, *Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate*
Guided field trip in Tata (member of the Wetland City Network) **at the Fényes Study Trail, part of the „Lakes by Tata” RAMSAR site**

Speakers of the conference are currently under invitation!

We reserve the right to change the program!

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