

# EUSDR Joint Meeting of National Coordinators and Priority Area Coordinators

29 – 30 January 2024

Venue: Danube River Lab/BOKU Wasserbaulabor  
Am Brigittenauer Sporn 3, Vienna, Austria

## Draft Agenda



**DAY 1: Monday, 29 January 2024, 11.30-18.15 CET**

11.30-12.00	<b>EUSDR TRIO Presidency Meeting</b>
11.30-12.00	<i>Registration &amp; Light Lunch</i>
12.00-12.10	<b>1. Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Ambassador Nikolaus MARSCHIK, Secretary General, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria</i>
12.10-12.20	<b>2. Introduction and Adoption of the Agenda</b> <i>Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i> <i>Anna YURCHENKO, Deputy Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine for European Integration</i>
12.20-13.00	<b>3. The EUSDR in 2024 – Joint Outlook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Austrian EUSDR Presidency: Programme, Priorities, Key Events</b> <i>Harald STRANZL and Roland ARBTER, Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i></li> <li>• <b>European Commission</b> <i>Johan MAGNUSSON, European Commission / DG REGIO</i></li> <li>• <b>Danube Strategy Point (DSP)</b> <i>Robert LICHTNER, Coordinator, Danube Strategy Point</i></li> <li>• <b>Danube Youth Council (DYC)</b> <i>Anja FILIPOVIĆ and Viktorija ĆOSIĆ, Danube Youth Council</i></li> <li>• <b>Interreg Danube Region Programme (DRP)</b> <i>Simona ENE, Interreg Danube Region Programme, Joint Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
13.00-13.30	<b>4. Youth in the Danube Region / Danube Youth Council</b> Introduction by members of the Danube Youth Council (DYC) <i>Anja FILIPOVIĆ and Viktorija ĆOSIĆ, Danube Youth Council</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DYC reflection of the 1<sup>st</sup> year and expectations for 2024</li> <li>• Towards a DYC Vision for the Danube Region: first elements</li> </ul>

	<p>Discussion document provided.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> <i>EUSDR National Coordinators, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators and Danube Youth Council</i></p>
13.30-15.00	<p><b>5. Current Topics - Open Exchange on Recent Developments in the Danube Region</b></p> <p><b>Guiding questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is currently happening in the Danube Region and deserves special attention by the EUSDR stakeholders (incl. activities and projects)?</li> <li>• Are there any new windows of opportunities for the EUSDR?</li> <li>• What kind of cross-sectoral/cross-actor cooperation could be supported?</li> </ul> <p>Room document provided.</p> <p><b>Open Exchange and discussion</b> <i>EUSDR National Coordinators and EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators</i></p>
15.00-15.15	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
15.15-16.15	<p><b>6. “EUSDR as a Laboratory for Accession”: EU Enlargement and Gradual Integration</b></p> <p><b>Introduction</b> <i>Ambassador Johannes EIGNER, Special Envoy for the Western Balkans, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria</i> <i>Thomas HAGLEITNER, European Commission / DG NEAR</i></p> <p><b>Guiding question:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what way can the EUSDR contribute concretely to enlargement / gradual integration of EU accession countries?</li> </ul> <p>Room document provided.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> <i>EUSDR National Coordinators and EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators</i></p>
16.15-17.00	<p><b>7. Update from Interreg Danube Region Programme (DRP)</b> <i>Simona ENE, Interreg Danube Region Programme, Joint Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRP calls for projects: statistics and reflexion of EUSDR relevance / EUSDR contributions in DRP projects</li> <li>• SMF: exchange on status-quo</li> </ul> <p><b>Guiding question:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to better support projects in demonstrating the contribution to the EUSDR? Are there any best practices to be shared?</li> <li>• What is the biggest challenge for PACs in supporting EUSDR relevant projects (both application and implementation)?</li> </ul> <p><b>Information and discussion</b> <i>EUSDR National Coordinators and EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators</i></p>
17.00-17.10	<p><i>Family photo</i></p>

17.10-18.10	<p><b>Site visit: Guided Tour through the Danube River Lab / BOKU Wasserbaulabor</b></p> <p><i>Professor Helmut HABERSACK, Institute of Hydraulic Engineering and River Research, BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences</i></p>
18.15	<p><i>End of Day 1 / Bus Transfer to the City Centre</i></p>
19.30	<p><b>Networking Reception</b></p> <p><b><i>Welcome by Ambassador Martin EICHTINGER, Special Envoy and Coordinator for Neighbourhood Policy and Foreign Policy Dimension of the Danube Region, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria</i></b></p> <p><b>Separate invitation followed.</b></p> <p>Location: Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (hall: Alois Mock Saal), Minoritenplatz 8, Vienna</p>

## DAY 2: Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 09.00-14.00 CET

09.00-10.30	<p><b>8. Austrian EUSDR Presidency Initiative: Identifying Key Messages on Future Perspectives for Macro-Regional Cooperation in the Danube Region post-2027</b></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> <i>Roland ARBTER, Harald STRANZL and Jutta MOLL-MARWAN, Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i></p> <p><b>Moderation and Presentation:</b> <i>Kai BÖHME and Franziska SIELKER, Spatial Foresight</i></p> <p><b>Guiding question:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which messages should be delivered for the upcoming debate on EU cooperation frameworks in the period post-2027?</li> </ul> <p><b>Room document provided.</b></p> <p><b>Moderated discussion</b></p>
10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45-12.15	<p><b>9. Open discussion in three working groups on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of the Danube Youth Organisations Network (DYON)</li> <li>Shaping the Governance: How to implement what's written in the EUSDR Governance Architecture Paper - Concrete Understanding of Roles, Responsibilities and interlinks of NCs, PACs and SG members</li> <li>Topic presented to the plenum by the participants that are of most importance for the discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>Room document provided.</b></p> <p><b>Moderated discussion</b></p> <p><i>EUSDR National Coordinators and EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators followed by Reports from the three working groups</i></p>
12.15-12.30	<p><b>10. Information by the Danube Strategy Point on Current and Upcoming Activities</b></p> <p><i>Robert LICHTNER, Coordinator, Danube Strategy Point</i></p>
12.30-13.00	<p><b>11. EUSDR Annual Forum and Meeting of Ministers 2024 - Outlook</b></p> <p><i>Harald STRANZL and Roland ARBTER, Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i> <i>Johannes LUTTER, Urban Innovation Vienna / City of Vienna</i></p>
13.00-13.15	<b>AoB</b>
13.15-14.00	<i>End of Meeting &amp; Light Lunch</i>