









## Danube Youth Council Role

The primary role of the Danube Youth Council (DYC) is to **provide the core decision-making bodies in the Danube Region Strategy with advice and recommendations** to enable dynamic exchange and learning processes.

In doing so, the DYC will act as an independent body, not affiliated to any political party or political organisation. The DYC aims at contributing to improve **capacity building**, **communication and cooperation for young people in the Danube Region**.

The DYC advises EUSDR National Coordinators on all questions relating to youth and youth participation in the EUSDR and its member countries, supporting the **mainstreaming of youth policies into the EUSDR governance and its member countries** through the provision of information, opinions and proposals.

DYC representatives will actively be involved on a thematically oriented basis at **meetings** of relevant decision-making bodies and events like the EUSDR Annual Forum or other EUSDR related events. In this way the DYC will structurally contribute to the mainstreaming of youth policies in the EUSDR.

The DYC is created for the purpose of working with the different levels of the EUSDR governance and other institutions in the Danube Region and the European Union.

DYC members will **meet at least three times a year**, discuss and address topics for all relevant EUSDR meetings and prepare the **EUSDR Youth Event as part of the EUSDR Annual Forum.** Resulting recommendations, reports and other material will be submitted in written to relevant EUSDR bodies via the Danube Strategy Point, which will serve as facilitator.

## Danube Youth Council Mission

The DYC shall in its role as advisory body contribute to addressing youth related issues within the EUSDR and also represent the perspective of youth on EUSDR thematic issues by:

- Providing a discussion platform for exchange of expertise and advice in areas related to youth issues and policies;
- Providing information & opinions to EUSDR National Coordinators and/or Priority Area Coordinators in areas related to youth policies;
- Recommending how best to plan and implement the embedding of youth policies in the governance of the EUSDR;
- Promoting and interlinking trans-sectoral issues;
- Helping to raise support and funds for youth related projects in the EUSDR;
- Providing a youth focused link to cohesion, EU enlargement, EU neighbourhood and other EUSDR relevant policies on transnational, macro-regional, national, regional and local levels;
- Connecting EUSDR youth policies to EU/European organisations as well as other macro-regional strategies;
- Supporting the visibility of the EUSDR and its aims "on the ground" and online (e.g. via social media), gathering input from/serving as link to other relevant institutions and organisations.

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