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EUSDR EMBEDDING EXERCISE – STATE OF PLAY

- *In terms of the national context of the Strategy implementation in the Czech Republic, the EUSDR macro-regional dimension is streamlined in most of the national Operational Programmes such as:*
 - i) *Integrated Regional Operational Programme (mentioning explicitly targets¹ of PA3, PA9 and PA10 in terms of thematic scope and highlights the regions of South Moravia, Olomouc Region, Zlín Region and Vysočina Region which are directly geographically based in the Danube river basin).*
 - ii) *Operational Programme for Entrepreneurship, Innovations and Competitiveness (mentioning explicitly targets of PA2, PA7, PA8 and PA9).*
 - iii) *Operational Programme Research, Development and Education (mentions explicitly targets of PA7 and PA9).*
 - iv) *Operational Programme Environment (mentions targets of PA2, PA4, PA5 and PA6).*
 - v) *Operational Programme Employment (names targets of PA9 and PA10).*
 - vi) *Operational Programme Prague – the Pole of Growth (explicitly naming targets of PA2, PA7 and PA9).*
- *For instance in the case of Operational Programme Environment we have experienced the most significant interest in the projects with macro-regional coverage which the EUSDR national coordination partially attributes to its growing collaboration with the ICPDR CZ Presidency (2016) and Carpathian Convention CZ Presidency (both seated at the Ministry of Environment). In few other cases, the link of former START/TAF applicants to the funding support from LIFE or Horizon 2020 has already been established. Additionally, there are personnel overlaps between the ministerial coordination committees and their members responsible for the EU Danube Strategy/macro-regional strategies and national, cross-border and transnational programmes.*
- *The Czech National coordination of the EUSDR has been continuously striving to build trust and improve exchange of information with the programme authorities in order to enhance*

¹ As defined by the EUSDR Action Plan in mid-2015

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coordination: i.e. in the course of February and March 2016 there will be several presentations on the EUSDR and its opportunities on the floor of the: a) National Parliament (European Affairs Committee and its relevant sub-committees) given by both the National Coordinator and the Priority Area Coordinator (PAC2) and b) National Committee for the transnational, cross-border and inter-regional cooperation chaired by the Ministry of Regional Development which is as the national coordination authority for the EU funds is also responsible for nominations of the national delegates to the ETC Monitoring Committees. We believe that this approach will support the positive approach towards the EUSDR of the national implementing/managing authorities responsible for the EU funds in the Czech Republic.