

Annex 1 to the EUSDR Implementation Report 2019

EUSDR Priority Area	Actions according to EUSDR Action Plan (2010)	Progress of implementation as reported by PACs to the DTP as per 2019
PA 1A	Action: To complete the implementation of TEN-T Priority Project 18 on time and in an environmentally sustainable way	Finalised
	Action: To invest in waterway infrastructure of Danube and its tributaries and develop the interconnections	Finalised
	Action: To modernise the Danube fleet in order to improve environmental and economic performance	Finalised
	Action: To coordinate national transport policies in the field of navigation in the Danube basin	Finalised
	Action: To support Danube Commission in finalising the process of reviewing the Belgrade Convention	Not reported
	Action: To develop ports in the Danube river basin into multimodal logistics centres	Finalised
	Action: To improve comprehensive waterway management of the Danube and its tributaries	Finalised
	Action: To promote sustainable freight transport in the Danube Region	Finalised
	Action: To implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS)	Under implementation
	Action: To invest in education and jobs in the Danube navigation sector	Finalised
PA 1B	Action: To bring to completion the TEN-T (rail and road) Priority Projects crossing the Danube Region, overcoming the difficulties and the bottlenecks including environmental, economic and political, particularly in the cross-border sections	Under implementation
	Action: To implement the Rail Freight Corridors forming part of the European rail network for competitive freight	Under implementation
	Action: To enhance cooperation between air traffic stakeholders in order to prepare a plan to implement shorter plane routes	Delayed
	Action: To ensure sustainable metropolitan transport systems and mobility	Under implementation
	Action: To improve the regional/ local cross-border infrastructure and the access to rural areas	Under implementation
	Action: To develop further nodal planning for multimodality	Under implementation
	Action: To develop further Intelligent Traffic Systems by using environmental-friendly technologies, especially in urban regions	Under implementation
PA 2	Action: To further explore the sustainable use of biomass, solar energy, geothermal, hydropower and wind power to increase the energy autonomy and to promote and support multipurpose cross border RES utilisation projects	Finalised
	Action: To facilitate networking and cooperation among national stakeholders (national and local authorities, businesses and citizens) in order to promote energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change and to increase the use of renewable energies	Finalised
	Action: To improve energy efficient, cost efficient and innovative low-carbon technologies, including smart solutions while respecting the principle of technological neutrality	Finalised
	Action: To promote energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in buildings and heating systems including by renovating district heating and combined heat and power facilities	Finalised
	Action: To enforce regional cooperation with the aim of supporting the implementation of projects connecting the gas and electricity markets (PCI and PEI) and particularly focusing on the priority projects of the Central and South Eastern Europe Gas Connectivity (CESEC) initiative	Finalised

	Action: To exchange best practices and to develop activities to decrease energy poverty, to increase the protection of vulnerable consumers and to empower consumers to engage in the energy market	Finalised
	Action: To promote diversification of supply (e.g. through access to multiple sources, including LNG)	Finalised
	Action: To ensure that actions are coherent with the general approach of the Energy Community and explore synergies between the Energy Community and the Danube Strategy processes	Finalised
	Action: To reinforce the Carpathian Convention to share best practices and to develop joint projects	Finalised
	Action: To encourage exchange of information and best practices to improve cooperation, create synergies and to initiate joint projects with other macro-regional initiatives and relevant stakeholders from national, European and global level	Finalised
PA 3	Action: To build on cultural diversity as strength of the Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To enhance cooperation and contacts between people of different origins, to encourage creativity, and provide a driving force for cultural innovation and economic development, based on heritage, traditions and tourism	Under implementation
	Action: To develop the Danube Region as a European brand	Under implementation
	Action: To establish the Danube Region as important European tourist destination	Under implementation
	Action: To promote short-stay weekend tourism and recreation, as well as longer stays	Under implementation
	Action: To further develop the navigation and port system for Danube river cruise ships and private yachts	Delayed
	Action: To further develop and intensify Activity Tourism	Under implementation
	Action: To further enhance interconnection and cooperation in education and scientific and research activities for tourism	Under implementation
	Action: To improve planning and infrastructure for tourism	Delayed
	Action: To support the improvement of the quality of tourism products	Delayed
	Action: To promote sustainable tourism	Under implementation
	Action: To promote wellness tourism in the Region	Under implementation
	Action: To collect existing data on cultural activities and establishing a comprehensive data base giving an overview of cultural activities in the Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To promote cultural exchange and exchange in the arts	Under implementation
	PA 4	Action: To implement fully the Danube River Basin Management Plan
Action: To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level		Under implementation
Action: To continue to invest in and support the information collection systems already developed by ICPDR		Under implementation
Action: To continue boosting major investments in building and upgrading urban wastewater treatment facilities across the Danube Basin, including measures to build capacity at the regional and local level for the design of such infrastructure		Under implementation
Action: To establish buffer strips along the rivers to retain nutrients and to promote alternative collection and treatment of waste in small rural settlements		Under implementation
Action: To foster and develop an active process of dialogue and cooperation between authorities responsible for agriculture and environment to ensure that measures are taken to address agricultural pollution		Under implementation
Action: To legislate at the appropriate level to limit the presence of phosphates in detergents		Under implementation
Action: To treat hazardous substances and contaminated sludge with the newest and best available technology and to develop and promote remediation measures for hazardous producing or abandoned industrial sites and waste deposits		Under implementation
Action: To assure the proper control and progressive substitution of substances that are considered problematic for Danube Region		Under implementation
Action: To reduce existing water continuity interruption for fish migration in the Danube river basin		Under implementation
Action: To promote measures to limit water abstraction		Under implementation
Action: To strengthen general awareness and facilitate exchange of good practice in integrated water management issues in the Danube Basin among decision-makers at all levels and among the population of the Region		Under implementation

	Action: To promote measures aimed at reducing knowledge deficits, developing and transferring tools, methods and guidelines concerning the safeguarding of drinking water supply	Finalised (except for 1 of 3 activities)
	Action: To further strengthen Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) practices on the Western shores of the Black Sea	Under implementation
PA 5	Action: To develop and adopt one single overarching floods management plan at basin level or a set of flood risk management plans coordinated at the level of the international river basin	Finalised (except for 1 of 4 activities)
	Action: To support wetland and floodplain restoration as an effective mean of enhancing flood protection, and more generally to analyse and identify the best response to flood risk (including “green infrastructure”)	Finalised (except for 1 of 3 activities)
	Action: To extend the coverage of the European Floods Alert System (EFAS) system to the whole Danube river basin, to step up preparedness efforts at regional level (including better knowledge of each other's national systems) and to further promote joint responses to natural disasters and to flood events in particular, including early warning systems	Not reported
	Action: To strengthen operational cooperation among the emergency response authorities in the Danube countries and to improve the interoperability of the available assets	Not reported
	Action: To continuously update the existing database of accident risk spots (ARS Inventory), contaminated sites and sites used for the storage of dangerous substances”	Not reported
	Action: To develop rapid response procedures and plans in case of industrial accidental river pollution	Not reported
	Action: Anticipate regional and local impacts of climate change through research	Not reported
	Action: To develop spatial planning and construction activities in the context of climate change and increased threats of floods	Not reported
PA 6	Action: To contribute to the 2050 EU vision and 2020 EU target for biodiversity	Under implementation
	Action: To manage Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas effectively	Under implementation
	Action: To protect and restore most valuable ecosystems and endangered animal species	Under implementation
	Action: To explore together the appropriateness of reviewing the Convention Concerning Fishing in the Waters of the Danube	Under implementation
	Action: To develop green infrastructure in order to connect different bio-geographic regions and habitats	Under implementation
	Action: To reduce the spread of invasive alien species (IAS)	Under implementation
	Action: To decrease the input of pesticides into the environment of the Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To remove safely obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals in the area of Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To prepare and implement transnational spatial planning and development policies for functional geographical areas (river basins, mountain ranges etc.)	Under implementation
	Action: To ensure appropriate treatment of solid waste	Under implementation
	Action: To create standardised and compatible information on land cover on transnational basis	Under implementation
	Action: To raise awareness about soil protection	Under implementation
	Action: To decrease air pollutants	Under implementation
	Action: To raise awareness of the general public, by acknowledging and promoting the potentials of natural assets as drivers of sustainable regional development	Under implementation
	Action: To educate children and young people	Under implementation
Action: To build capacities of local authorities in the environment-related matters	Under implementation	
PA 7	Action: To cooperate in implementing the flagship initiative “Innovation Union77 of the Europe 2020 Strategy” in the Danube Region countries	Under implementation
	Action: To coordinate better national, regional and EU funds to stimulate excellence in research and development, in research areas specific for the Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To strengthen the capacities of research infrastructure	Under implementation
	Action: To strengthen cooperation among universities and research facilities and to upgrade research and education outcomes by focusing on unique selling points	Under implementation
	Action: To develop and implement strategies to improve the provision and uptake of Information and Communication Technologies in the Danube Region	Not reported
	Action: To draw up internet strategies	Not reported

	Action: To use e-content and e-services to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public and private services	Not reported
	Action: To stimulate the emergence of innovative ideas for products and services and their wide validation in the field of the Information Society, using the concept of Living Labs	Not reported
PA 8	Action: To foster cooperation and exchange of knowledge between SMEs, academia and the public sector in areas of competence in the Danube Region	Finalised
	Action: To improve business support to strengthen the capacities of SMEs for cooperation and trade	Finalised
	Action: To support enterprises through high performing training and qualification schemes	Finalised
	Action: To prioritise the effective implementation of measures provided for under the Small Business Act for Europe	Finalised
	Action: To improve the competitiveness of rural areas and in particular of the agricultural sector	Finalised
	Action: To eliminate cross border barriers and bottlenecks to people and business - Seamless Europe for a livable Danube Region	Not reported
	Action: To improve framework conditions for SMEs in areas where competitive infrastructure is missing	Finalised
PA 9	Action: To enhance performance of education systems through closer cooperation of education institutions, systems and policies	Under implementation
	Action: To foster cooperation between key stakeholders of labour market, education and research policies in order to develop learning regions and environments	Under implementation
	Action: To support creativity and entrepreneurship	Under implementation
	Action: To support life-long learning and expanding learning mobility	Under implementation
	Action: To promote equity, social cohesion and active citizenship through education and training	Under implementation
	Action: To improve cross-sector policy coordination to address demographic and migration challenges	Under implementation
	Action: To fight poverty and social exclusion of marginalised communities in the Danube Region, especially the Roma communities	Under implementation
Action: To promote gender equality on the labour market, especially in payment	Under implementation	
PA 10	Action: To combat institutional capacity and public service related problems in the Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To improve the trust of citizens and stakeholders in political authorities	Under implementation
	Action: To establish a Danube Civil Society Forum	Finalised
	Action: To ensure sufficient information flow and exchange at all levels	Under implementation
	Action: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions	Under implementation
	Action: To build Metropolitan Regions in the Danube Region	Not reported
	Action: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and to ensure better coordination of funding	Under implementation
	Action: To support the development of local financial products for business and community development	Under implementation
Action: To examine the feasibility of a Danube Investment Framework	Under implementation	
PA 11	Action: To foster the cooperation in the field of countering smuggling and trafficking in human beings	Under implementation
	Action: To enhance the cooperation in the area of combating illicit drug smuggling	Under implementation
	Action: To intensify the cooperation in combating Internet crimes	Under implementation
	Action: To enhance the fight against illicit trafficking of firearms in the Danube Region	Under implementation
	Action: To strengthen and intensify the law enforcement and police cooperation in the field of property crime	Under implementation
	Action: To intensify the common approach in the fight	Under implementation
	Action: To establish a network of contact and coordination centers along the Danube River	Under implementation
	Action: To strengthen the cooperation with key stakeholders	Under implementation
	Action: To work towards the involvement of the customs authorities in the cooperation within PA 11	Under implementation
	Action: To establish standardised operational procedures for joint activities in case of transboundary technical-technological water traffic accidents and to strengthen the naval transport protection	Under implementation

Action: To continue demining the mine-suspected	Under implementation
Action: To further develop well-functioning border-management systems	Under implementation
Action: To enhance the cooperation on Consular and Visa issues in the Danube Region	Under implementation
Action: To foster the cooperation and exchange of best practices on document inspection management	Under implementation
Action: To address the topic of better managing migration issues in the Danube Region	Under implementation
Action: To enhance the joint efforts in combating corruption and organised crime	Under implementation
Action: To support the Danube states in the administrative cooperation and improvement of qualifications of law enforcement	Under implementation