

**The 10th Annual Forum
of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)**

**TOWARDS A GREEN AND DIGITAL DANUBE REGION
26-27 October 2021, Bratislava & online**

DRAFT AGENDA

The 10th EUSDR Annual Forum, jointly organised by the Slovak Republic, the European Commission, the Danube Transnational Programme and with support of the Danube Strategy Point, will take place on 26-27 October 2021. The EUSDR Annual Forum will take place in a hybrid format. This means that the organizers and presenting participants (so-called speakers) will physically meet in Bratislava, from where the entire Annual Forum will be streamed. Speakers will present their presentations and registered online participants will have the opportunity to interactively participate in discussions through one of the used online platforms.

DAY 1: 26 OCTOBER 2021

**10:00-12:00 – Reflections & Discussion of the Danube Participation Day
(PA10, Danube Civil Society Forum)**

Report on the event organised by Priority Area 10 of the EUSDR and the Danube Civil Society Forum on 25 October as a side-event of the EUSDR Annual Forum.

10:00-12:00 – Meeting of EUSDR Ministers responsible for Innovation and Digitisation

The ministerial meeting is traditionally part of the EUSDR Annual Forum and the most important political meeting of the Strategy.

10:00-16:00 – WWF Side Event: CLIMAFORCEELIFE Opening Conference on the Impact of Climate Change on Forests

12:00 – (Virtual) Press Conference and Family Photo

13:00-14:00 – Opening of the 10th EUSDR Annual Forum

14:00-15:00 – Plenary Session

15:00-15:30 – Break

15:30-17:30 – Danube Transnational Programme Annual Event

18:00 – Networking Dinner for Presenters

DAY 2: 27 OCTOBER 2021

09:30-11:00 – Parallel Workshops

- Youth – role of youth organisations in the EUSDR (PA10, PA9, DYN, DCSF, DSP)
- Digital transformations and innovations (EC)

11:00-11:30 – Break

11:30-13:00 – Parallel workshops

- Biodiversity – Threats and Opportunities
(SK Ministry of Environment, SK Centre for Scientific and Technical Information)
- Support to non-EU states - Economic & Investment Plan for the Western Balkans and other initiatives (EC DG Regio, DG Near)

13:00-14:00 – Break

14:00-15:30 – Embedding Workshop

The Council Conclusions on the implementation of MRS (12/2020) call on MRS key implementers to organise by the end of 2021, with the support of the Commission, workshops for project promoters in order to encourage participation in the calls for projects within the relevant directly and indirectly managed programmes.

15:30-16:30 – Handover Ceremony and Closing