

# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

**Date:** 18-19 October 2018 (Thursday-Friday)

**Venue:** Sofia, National Palace of Culture, <http://www.ndk.bg/home>

**Thursday, 18 October 2018**

## Meeting of Ministers in charge of Tourism from the Danube Region

09:00 – 13:00 | Closed meeting by invitation only

## 7th Annual Forum of the EUSDR – Day 1

10:00 – 13:00 | Registration and light lunch

### Opening session

*Venue: Hall 3 of National Palace of Culture*

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| 13:00 – 14:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA</b>, Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• <b>Mrs Corina CRETU</b>, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy</li> <li>• <b>Mrs Petya AVRAMOVA</b>, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works</li> <li>• <b>Mrs Nikolina ANGELKOVA</b>, Minister of Tourism</li> </ul> |
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14:00 – 14:15	<p><b>Keynote speech: Mr Tibor NAVRACSICS</b>, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport</p> <p><b><i>New challenges of European Cultural Heritage</i></b></p>
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**Panel 1: Measures for Development and Conservation of Cultural Heritage – added value for achieving economic growth and employment**

*Moderator: Mrs Vittoria ALLIATA-DI VILLAFRANCA*  
*Director Administrative Capacity Building and Programme Implementation II,*  
*DG REGIO, European Commission*

*Venue: Hall 3 of National Palace of Culture*

14:15 – 14:25	<p><b>Introductory remarks: Mrs Charlina VITCHEVA</b>, Deputy Director-General, DG JRC, European Commission</p> <p><b><i>Science and Technology tools promoting European heritage and tourism</i></b></p>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018: Promoting Sustainable Cultural Tourism</b></li> </ul> |
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*Speaker: Mr Walter ZAMPIERI*  
*Head of Unit Cultural Policy, DG EAC, European Commission*

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultural heritage and new technologies – online and interactive access to cultural heritage</b></li> </ul> |
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*Speaker: Mrs Nora GRANCAY*  
*Member of the Slovak Tourist Guides Association*

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Qualified staff – a prerequisite for the development of tourism</b></li> </ul> |
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*Speaker: Mr Cesare ONESTINI*  
*Director of the European Training Foundation*

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: Sustainable tourism and European funds and investments</b></li> </ul> |
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*Speaker: Mr Stefano DOMINIONI*

	<p><i>Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Challenges to cross-border regions in the geographical scope of the EUSDR, focusing on the preservation of cultural heritage</b> <i>Speaker: Mrs Gordana PLAMENAC</i> <i>President of the Board Danube Competence Centre, Serbia</i></li> <li>• <b>Sustainable tourism as a prerequisite for strengthening the cooperation of countries and regions in the geographical scope of the EUSDR</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Pietro ELISEI</i> <i>Managing Director, URBASOFIA</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Parallel thematic sessions</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Parallel thematic session 1: Sustainable tourism mobility</b> <i>Moderator: Mr Andreas FRIEDWAGNER</i> <i>CEO, VERRACON GmbH, Austria</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Hall 7 of National Palace of Culture</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tourism infrastructure</b> <i>Speaker: Mrs Jitka VRTALOVA</i> <i>Czech Association of Cities for Cycles</i></li> <li>• <b>Improvement of Danube River navigation</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Gerhard SKOFF</i> <i>President of the Danube Tourism Commission, Austria</i></li> <li>• <b>Eurovelo 6 as the backbone for cycling tourism in the Danube region</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Ed LANCASTER</i> <i>Senior Policy Officer – Cycling Tourism and Regional Policy, European Cyclists' Federation</i></li> <li>• <b>Presentation of three Danube Transnational Programme and one INTERREG Europe Programme projects</b> <i>Project DANTE</i> <i>Project DANUBE STREAM</i> <i>Project TransDanube Pearls</i> <i>Project Last Mile</i></li> </ul>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Parallel thematic session 2: Security in Public Spaces</b> <i>Moderator: Mrs Eva-Maria ENGDAHL</i> <i>Head of Sector – Protection, Unit Terrorism and Radicalisation, DG HOME, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Venue: Hall 8 of National Palace of Culture</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collaboration for ensuring safety and security in tourism</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Emil KOLEV</i> <i>National Police DG, Ministry of Interior, Bulgaria</i></li> <li>• <b>Dealing with the consequences from acts of terrorism in Europe and worldwide</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Nenad BOGUNOVIC</i> <i>Criminal Police Directorate, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Serbia</i></li> <li>• <b>Soft target/Public spaces: vulnerability assessment and protection</b> <i>Speaker: Mr. Martin LARCHER</i> <i>Project Officer of Scientific Research, Unit Safety and Security of Buildings, DG JRC, European Commission</i></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Security and safety at major events with an international dimension</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Volodymyr ILIUSHCHENKO</i></li> </ul>

20:00 – 22:00	Dinner and cultural programme Venue: Hall 3 of National Palace of Culture
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### Friday, 19 October 2018

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EUSDR – Day 2

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
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9:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Keynote speech: Mrs Lena ANDERSSON-PENCH</b>, Director European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission</p> <p><b>Future of co-operation</b></p>
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#### Panel 2: Danube Transnational Programme contribution to the Danube Region

Moderator: Mrs Baiba LIEPA  
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Venue: Hall 3 of National Palace of Culture

10:00 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Presentation on the territorial needs of the Danube area</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Petr OSVALD</i> Chair of the COTER, European Committee of the Regions, Member of Plzeň City Council, Czech Republic</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Overview of the state of play in the implementation of the Danube Transnational Programme</b></li> <li>● <b>Brief presentation of a selection of project results and Danube Transnational Programme Capitalisation Strategy outcomes</b></li> <li>● <b>Conclusion: Potential elements of the future contribution of the Danube Transnational Programme for the development of the region, including plans for the 3rd call for proposals</b>  <i>Speakers: Mr Imre CSALAGOVITS</i> Head of the DTP Managing Authority and DTP projects representatives</li> </ul>
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11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
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#### Panel 3: EU Macro-regional strategies and the future of cooperation

Moderator: Mr Jean-Pierre HALKIN

Head of Unit for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, DG REGIO, European Commission

Venue: Hall 3 of National Palace of Culture

11:45 – 13:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Synergy / interrelation of the EUSDR with the ESIF programmes</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Radu GORINCIOI</i> EUSDR National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Synergy and coherence between EU Macro-regional strategies for meeting EU common objectives</b>  <i>Speaker: Mr Roland ARBTER</i> EUSDR National Coordinator, Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, Austria</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>The EUSDR - How to have a grounded Macro-regional strategy that still can fly?</b></li> </ul>
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	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Speakers: Mrs Sandra di BIAGGIO ESPON EGTC Mr Jörg MIRTL INTERACT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Topic concerning participation of ENI countries in EU Macro-regional strategies</b> <i>Speaker: Mrs Oxana PAIERELE EUSDR National Coordination Unit during 2013-2018, Republic of Moldova</i></li> <li>● <b>Current and future implementation opportunities for EUSDR</b> <i>Speaker: Mr Anguel BEREMLIYSKY Project Manager, Directorate Administrative Capacity Building and Programme Implementation II, DG REGIO, European Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>Closing session</b> <i>Venue: Hall 3 of National Palace of Culture</i>	
13:45 – 14:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Closing remarks</b> <i>Mrs Lena ANDERSSON-PENCH, Director European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Mrs Denitsa NIKOLOVA, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria</i> <i>Mr Victor NEGRESCU, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Romania</i></li> </ul>
14:05 – 14:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Closing ceremony for handing over the Presidency of the EUSDR to Romania</b> <i>Mrs Denitsa NIKOLOVA, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria</i> <i>Mr Victor NEGRESCU, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Romania</i></li> </ul>
14:10 – 15:30	Farewell lunch