



Hybrid Conference

9th Danube Participation Day

Resilience through Diversity

Involving Civil Society in the Danube Strategy for a resilient future

Tuesday, 18 October 2022 | 10.00 – 14.30 CET

The 9th edition of the Danube Participation Day (DPD) explores the question: How can we build a resilient society with the EU Danube Strategy?

In doing so, we will focus on two concrete aspects:

- *What role plays participation of civil society for a resilient territorial development in the Danube Region and how can we support it?*
- *How can the EU Danube Strategy support Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova on their path towards EU membership?*

The start of our journey takes us to taking stock of the state of play of participation in the EU Danube Strategy. The Danube Civil Society Forum (DCSF) and PA 10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation conducted a survey in summer 2022 on participation of civil society in the EU Danube Strategy. The results of this survey provide a starting point to discuss benefits, expectations, and shortfalls of participation and how to shape effective ways for dialogue.

An equally important question is, how the EU Danube Strategy can contribute to the accession process of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova to the European Union. In particular, the Danube Participation Day aims to examine how participation of civil society in Ukraine and Moldova at national and macroregional level contributes to a fruitful accession process.



Agenda

(Disclaimer: Programme might be subject to change.)

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Time (CET)	Topic
9:30 – 10.00	Accessing the Platform
10.00 – 10.30	<p>Welcome & Opening Session</p> <p><i>Igor Korkhovyi, National Coordinator, Ukraine Presidency EU Danube Strategy</i> <i>Claudia Singer, EUSDR Priority Area Coordination 10/City of Vienna, Austria</i> <i>Stefan August Lütgenau, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe, Austria</i></p> <p>Keynote</p> <p><i>Corina Stratulat European Policy Centre (EPC), Belgium</i></p>
10.30 – 10.40	Interactive Section
10.40 – 12.30	<p>Discussion Panels (Interview style)</p> <p>I. Panel: UA/MD: Building Resilience together on the way to the EU membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Igor Studennikov, Centre of Regional Studies, Ukraine</i> <i>Igor Korkhovyi, National Coordinator, Ukraine Presidency EU Danube Strategy</i> <i>Corina Stratulat, European Policy Centre (EPC), Belgium</i> <p><i>Moderator: Iryna Gumenchuk, A.B.L.E., Germany</i></p>
11.25 – 12.10	<p>II. Panel: Resilient Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Daniel Klimovský, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia</i> <i>Assya Kavrakova, ECAS, European Citizen Action Service, Belgium</i> <i>Mykhailo Nesterenko, Rewilding Ukraine, Ukraine</i> <i>Matthias Holzner, Staatsministerium Baden-Württemberg, Servicebüro Donaauraumstrategie, Germany</i> <p><i>Moderator: Robert Lichtner, Danube Strategy Point, Austria</i></p>
12.10 – 12.30	<p>Reflecting on the Status of Participation in the EUSDR</p> <p>Open Discussion/ Q & A (SLIDO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Questionnaire Results</i> <p><i>Moderator: Claudia Singer, EUSDR Priority Area Coordination 10/City of Vienna, Austria</i> <i>Stefan August Lütgenau, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe, Austria</i></p>
12.30 – 13.15	<p>Lunch Break & Open Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Presentations of Danube Region projects from civil society</i>

13.15 – 14.15	<p>III. Panel: Discussion: EUSDR on the path to resilience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Michal Blaško, NC, Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization, Slovakia</i> ▪ <i>Irene Lucius, WWF-Danube Carpathian Programme, Austria</i> ▪ <i>Lesya Loyko, FORZA, Agency for the development of the Carpathian region, Ukraine</i> <p><i>Moderator: Thomas Prorok, KDZ, Austria</i></p>
14.15 – 14:30	<p>Wrap-up Closing Session</p> <p><i>Moderator: Claudia Singer, EUSDR Priority Area Coordination 10/City of Vienna, Austria</i></p> <p><i>Stefan August Lütgenau, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe, Austria</i></p>
14:30 – 14.45	Coffee Break

<p>14:45 – 16.45</p>  <p>European Association for Local Democracy</p>	<p>Side Event:</p> <p>Afternoon training session on funding opportunities and programs for EU member states and non-member states of the EU</p> <p><i>Trainer: Anna Ditta European Association for Local Democracy, Italy</i></p>
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Technical requirements

The meeting will be conducted with Zoom. We advise that you download the Zoom desktop application as soon as possible to ensure that your IT environment can support the software: <https://zoom.us/download>. The meeting link will be provided to all registered participants prior to the event.

Required equipment: PC/Laptop/Tablet with internet/Wi-Fi connection; smartphone with internet connection.

Tips for Meeting Attendees: Use a computer/laptop connected to a power source. Use a headset with an integrated microphone when taking the floor. We hear you clearer. Be mindful of background noise. Mute your microphone. To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking. Entering the Zoom meeting, please state your full name. You can rename your profile at any time during the session.

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Danube Participation Day

The Danube Participation Days are the annual platform for stakeholders in the Danube Region for participatory governance in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). The conference – that is held back-to-back with the EUSDR Annual Forum – offers the opportunity to exchange, network, and further develop ideas and projects on participatory governance in the Danube Region. The 9th Danube Participation Day is a side event of the 11th EUSDR Annual Forum hosted by the Slovak EUSDR Presidency.

<https://danubestrategy.eu/events/9th-danube-participation-day>

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Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation” (PA 10) of the EU Danube Strategy

Priority Area 10 (PA 10) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) aims at stepping up institutional capacity and cooperation. In accordance with the EUSDR Action Plan, Priority Area 10 addresses institutional capacity-building at local, regional and national level, involvement of civil society in public governance, increasing local development and better spending as well as increasing absorption rates of EU funds. Priority Area 10 is coordinated by the City of Vienna and Slovenia.

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Danube Civil Society Forum (DCSF)

The Danube Civil Society Forum (DCSF) is the platform for civil society dialogue and networking in the Danube basin under the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). It functions as the interface for structured consultations between civil society and public and private authorities on the regional, national, and EU level as well as to international and intergovernmental organisations active in the region.

The Danube Civil Society Forum is dedicated to support civil society organisations in the Danube basin. It aims to promote and enhance civil society participation and networking in the framework of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region.

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