

EU Strategy for Danube
A new challenge in the context of the territorial cohesion
in the South East European Space
Agenda

20th of January , Bucharest

Venue: *Novotel Bucharest City Centre*

09:00-09:30 *Registration of participants*

09:30- 09:40 Opening of the event - Mr. Răzvan Murgeanu, Secretary of State, MRDT

Session 1 : Danube as a linkage between the EU Member states and their neighbours

Moderator- Mr. Iuliu BARA-general director, MRDT

09:40-09:50 Presentation of Romania's priorities – Romanian National Coordinator for EU Danube

Strategy – ***His Excellency Mr. Viorel Ardeleanu, Ambassador Ministry of Foreign Affairs***

09:50- 10:00 **Mrs. Simona Pohlová** - Directorate General for Regional Policy - Unit E1 Territorial Co-

operation (aims and principles of EU Danube Strategy)

10:00-11:00 Experience/Priorities of Austria, Hungary, Germany, Serbia, Bulgaria and Slovakia

10:00- 10:10 Experience/Priorities of Austria – ***His Excellency Mr. Martin Eichtinger, Ambassador***

10:10- 10:20 Experience/Priorities of Hungary – ***His Excellency Mr. Oszkár Fűzes, Ambassador***

10:20 – Experience/Priorities of Germany – ***Mr. Holger Scherf, Deputy Head of Mission German Embassy Bucharest***

10:30 - Experience/Priorities of Serbia – ***His Excellency Mr. Danilo Vucetic, Ambassador, deputy national coordinator of the Republic of Serbia for EU Strategy and ambassador in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia***

10:40 Experience/Priorities Bulgaria – ***Mrs. Lilyana Pavlova, Deputy Minister***

10:50 – Experience/Priorities Slovakia – ***Mr. Pavel Holik, national coordinator of the Slovak Republic for EU Strategy, Government Office of the Slovak Republic***

11:00

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

Session 2: „South East Europe” project development experience in the Danube region and gaps identified within the process

Moderator- Mrs. Simona ENE-counselor, MDRT

11:15-12:00

- Mr. Ivan Curzolo – Head of Unit, Ms. Lelia Rotaru, Communication Manager (SEE Joint Technical Secretariat): gaps of the approved projects, what was not taken into account, means to improve project development?
- Ms. Kathrin Gruber – (SEE Contact Point): Austrian past and present experience and future perspectives
- Mrs. Mihaela Popovici – Technical Expert(ICPDR): gaps of the approved projects, what was not taken into account, means to improve project development

Q&A

Session 3: Strategic projects within the Danube region in the „South East Europe” context

Moderator- Mr. Iuliu BARA-general director, MRDT

12:00-12:30

- Mr. Ivan Curzolo - Head of Unit - (SEE Joint Technical Secretariat): what is the state of art of the discussions regarding „strategic projects” for the SEE Programme. What results do we expect? How do we encourage use of results in other programmes and by different stakeholders?
- Mrs. Margarita Jancic – Monitoring Committee member SEE OP Slovenia: strategic project development and use of this experience in the SEE Programme
- Mr. Dragos Seuleanu – President Foundation for Democracy, Culture and Liberty - Example of Danube related strategic project approved by Romania - Bulgaria OP – „Socio-economic condition and evolution of the Romania-Bulgaria Cross-Border Area between 2009 – 2015”
- Mr. Teofil Gherca – Head of Unit- MRDT: integrated approach to strategic project development
- DANUBE FLOODRISK PROJECT

Session 4: „South East Europe Programme” as a financing opportunity for projects in the Danube region and complementarity to other instruments (national, convergence, territorial cooperation programmes)

Moderator- Mrs. Sorina Canea,public manager, MRDT

12:20 – 13:00

- *Mr. Iuliu Bara – General Director - MRDT: Complementarity of financing instruments*
- *Mr. Șerban Cucu - General Director, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Managing Authority for SOP Transport*
- *Ms. Raluca Fratila – councillor, Directorate for Programme and Evaluation, Ministry of Environment and Forests – Managing Authority for SOP Environment*
- *Mr. Sorin Voicescu (Authority for Structural Instruments Coordination) - linkage between sectorial/operational programmes and CTE programmes*
- *Mr. Ivan Curzolo - Head of Unit - (SEE joint Technical Secretariat): Why choose transnational cooperation: what are the pros, strengths, advantages, weaknesses?*

Q&A

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session 5 : Parallel workshops

Moderators:

14:00 - 16:00

- *Workshop 1 – accessibility and communication*
- *Workshop 2 - protection of environment*
- *Workshop 3 - economic development, culture and strengthening of administrative*

15:00-15:30: Coffee break

Closing session: Plenary– the rapporteur of each workshops summarizes the results of the discussions

Moderator- Mr. Iuliu BARA-general director, MRDT

16:00-16:30

Final discussions and conclusions