



4th EUSDR Annual Forum in Ulm, Germany

29-30 October 2015



Brief Schedule of PA4 Participation

- **27 October 2015** – JRC event – ***Water workshop***
- **28 October 2015** – JRC event – ***Water workshop***
- **29 October 2015**
 1. ***Protecting the environment in the Danube Region: Integrated horizontal cooperation*** – workshop organized under the auspices of PA4, by the Hungarian side, which takes place from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 2. ***Improvement and co-operation possibilities in the water sector with non-EU countries*** – workshop organized under the auspices of PA4, by the Slovak side, which takes place from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- **30 October 2015**
 1. ***Setting water management priorities until 2021 – The ICPDR Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015*** – workshop organized under the auspices of PA4, by the ICPDR, which takes place from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm



Improvement and co-operation possibilities in the water sector with non-EU countries

- PA4 is particularly focused on building tight relations among the Danube countries, especially non-EU countries, with the aim to concentrate on their water-related problems.
- **The aim of the event is to provide comprehensive information on PA4 activities, especially on**
 1. new technologies in water supply and water treatment,
 2. experience in water sources protection
 3. on-going projects**and find common solutions to water related problems in the Danube River Basin.**



Improvement and co-operation possibilities in the water sector with non-EU countries

- **Speakers:**

1. **Mr Milan Dimkic** from Serbia, Director of the Institute Jaroslav Cerni, will speak about *the water management situation of non-EU countries*
2. **Mr Samo Groselj** from Croatia, Sava Commission, will speak about *the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin as an example of EU/non-EU country cooperation in water management*
3. **Ms Zsuzsanna Kocsis-Kupper** from Hungary, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will speak about *EUSDR PA 4 actions*
4. **Mr Victor Bujac** from Moldova, Basin Water Management Authority, will speak about *water management issues in Moldova and main challenges in waste water treatment and water supply*
5. **Mr Prvoslav Marjanovic** from Serbia, the Institute Jaroslav Cerni, will speak about *waste water situation in Serbia*
6. **Mr Mike Nagorkin** from Ukraine, Trans Carpathian Agency for Investments, Innovations and Development, will speak about *the development of urban waste water treatment plants in Trans Carpathian region*
7. **Mr Vladimír Novák** from Slovakia, Priority Area 4 Coordinator for Slovakia, will speak about *PA4 challenges during the Slovak presidency of EUSDR*

- **Moderator**

Ms Andrea Vranovská, PAC 4 SK assistant, Water Research Institute, Slovakia



Setting water management priorities until 2021 – The ICPDR Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015

- A discussion about the **Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015**, which is setting water management priorities until 2021 in the fields such as biodiversity and ecosystems, renewable energy and hydropower development, inland navigation, the quality and quantity of groundwater resources and adaptation to climate change.
- ***Water requires close co-operation*** among the countries within an international river basin since it does not stop at administrative or political boundaries.
- ***The International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)*** was established by the Danube countries to foster cooperation on water management in the Danube basin, which is the most international river basin in the world.
- ***The ICPDR*** with the involvement of different stakeholders and interest groups ***elaborated the Danube River Basin Management Plan***. The plan will be adopted by the Danube countries in December 2015 and aims to further protect and enhance the status of all waters, prevent their deterioration and to ensure the sustainable, long-term use of water resources.
- The plan is of **key relevance** for different policy fields and interest groups related to water together with **the Joint Program of Measures** agreed by all Danube countries.
- In the upcoming years much attention will be given to **the implementation of the plan** which is also a financial challenge to the countries of the Danube Region. ***The EUSDR could make vital contributions to the implementation of concrete measures on the national and local level***, for example to financial questions through the funding mechanisms of the EU.
- **The intention of the workshop** is to focus on key challenges in managing water issues through achieving good status of all waters of the entire DRB through the cooperation of stakeholders and partners working together within the EUSDR.



Setting water management priorities until 2021 – The ICPDR Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015

- The session will be opened by a **keynote presentation** of an ICPDR representative **Mr Knut Beyer** on the main elements of the Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015, introducing the progress achieved, challenges ahead and planned next steps for sustainably managing the Danube basin's waters. Mr Beyer is from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety and he is the co-chair of the ICPDR River Basin Management Expert Group.
- **Four panellists** will present their views, opinions and relation to different Priority Areas of the EU Danube Strategy, including **representatives of a Danube country government, NGO, business representative and EUSDR Priority Area 4 coordinator**.
- **The moderator (Mr Balazs Horvath)** will introduce the speakers/panellists and moderate the session with active involvement of the audience. He shall put focus on interactive dialogue between the panellists and audience, half of the time will be moderated discussion. The session will be held under the 2015 Danube Day motto "Get active".



Thank you for your attention