



PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE DANUBE STRATEGY

LOCAL ACTORS AND PARTICIPATION

25 June 2014, Esterházy Palace

The Conference will enable with a *new format* the international civil society and local actors from the 14 EUSDR countries to meet, exchange views and perceptions among each other and to meet and discuss in-depth with EU and national decision makers.

There will be a set of 3 elements to enable participants from all levels to get active and involved. *Focused key notes* will open the conference. Participants will form 4 *thematic villages* in separate rooms. The *rotating wheel of key-note speakers* moving from village to village will enable in debt exchange of views with each village for 30-45 minutes. Following this villages meetings, participants will hear in the closing plenary reports from the villages.

As a *permanent structure* a forum *tents to action* in the inner court yard will host presentations of NGOs, cities, networks, projects ideas and a lot of open space to meet and discuss. The Café Maskaron in the court yard will offer a place to meet.

Participants:

The Participation Day is held as a stakeholder conference of PA 9 “Investing in People and Skills” and PA 10 „Institutional Capacity and Cooperation“ in the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region. Furthermore the event will bring together all participants of the Danube River Show Project and last but not least stakeholder and local actors from civil society, the cultural sector, the youth sectors, local authorities as well as academia. More than 220 people have expressed their interest to participate. More than 170 participants have been registered from all parts of the Danube region.

Representatives of Local Authorities from cities in the Danube region.

NGOs from 14 EUSDR countries

NGO Networks: DCSF, DaNet, Rede Social Romania, Danube Environmental Forum, Danube Networkers, Danube Strategy Research Network (DSRN), Young Citizens Danube Network (YCDN)

Cultural Sector: Artists, Museums, Cultural Actors, The Danube Cultural Cluster, representatives of festivals etc.

Youth: Representatives of nat. and local agencies, NGOs, schools, higher and dual education, second-chance education etc.



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Side Event:

On 24th and in the morning of 25th June, a joint working group meeting of PA9/WG 6 & PA10/WG 1 on *Migration Management at the local level* will be held in the Palace.

Follow-Up:

The conference will produce a final document consisting of the *Eisenstadt Declaration on Participation in the Danube Region* and the reports and documents produced by the four villages. The final document and the main findings and discourses of the conference will be discussed in Workshops at the Danube Strategy in the 3rd Annual Forum of the EUSDR in Vienna.





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Programme

11:00-11:45 *snack offered in the court yard*

12:00 Introduction and Welcome

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, DCSF, Austria

Jürgen **Schick**, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators PA 9: Investing in People and Skills, Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs, Austria

Roland **Hanak**, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators PA 9: Investing in People and Skills, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

Werner **Almhofer**, National Contact Point, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

12:45 Key-Note Speeches:

Fabrizio **Barca**, Director General, Ministry of Economy and Finances, Italy

Iveta **Radičová**, Oxford/Bratislava

Welcome on behalf of the Burgenland

Gerhard **Steier**, President of the Legislative Assembly of Burgenland

14:30 - 16:30 4 Villages (each keynoter will stay 30/45 min in every village)

a) Local Administration: Subsidiarity, Competence and Transparency

- *Embedding the Local Level in the EUSDR Structures*
- *National Strategies for Local Action in the EUSDR*

Moderation: Gábor **Schneider**, Budapest/Stockholm, Peter **Langer**, Ulm/Wien

b) Civil Society: Capacity Building, Participation, Subsidiarity

- *Structure for CS Participation in the EUSDR*
- *Supportive National Environments for Participation*
- *Capacity-Building in the CS Sector*

Moderation: Iva **Taralezhkova**, Bulgaria

c) Culture: Creating Structures for Creativity in the Danube Region

- *Policy Alignment in the Danube Region*
- *Cultural Pluralism for a vivid democracy*
- *Potential of Contemporary Arts and Creative Industries*

Moderation: Regina **Hellwig Schmid**, Regensburg, Germany



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d) Youth: Education-Participation-Qualification

- *Transition between education and labour market*
- *Linking formal and non-formal education*
- *Competence Development of young people*
- *(Youth) Empowerment through active Citizenship*

Moderation: Anna **Wohlessner**, Austria and Stefan **Barth**, Germany

17:00 Closing Plenary

Report from the Villages:

- Local Administration
- Youth
- Culture
- Civil Society

Closing Remarks

Kurt **Puchinger**, EUSDR Priority Area Coordinator, PA 10

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, DCSF

Permanent Installations:

Tents to Action:

In the courtyard a tent village will host a permanent forum to present projects, NGOs, networks, ideas, people and teams. A calendar for face to face meetings will be available.

Please note: Your conference badge is your voucher for a snack at noon and coffee/tea and sweets in the afternoon.

Programme might be subject to change

