

A STREAM OF COOPERATION - AGENDA

10.45 - 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 - 13.00 **Thematic workshops and preparation of proposals
– Round 2 on the following specific objectives**

DTP Joint Secretariat and experts on each priority

Room 1: 1.2. Increase competences for business and social innovation

Experts: Viktor Nedović – Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Republic of Serbia

Elke Dall – Head of Unit, Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna and Project Coordinator Danube INCO.NET

Room 2: 2.2. Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

Experts: Teofil Oliver Gherca – Head of unit, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Directorate General for Regional Development and Infrastructure, Romania

Georg Frank – Secretary General of the Danube River Network of Protected Areas

Room 3: 2.3. Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

Expert: Harald Egerer – Head, United Nations Environment Programme - Vienna Liaison Office, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

Room 4: 3.2. Improve energy security and energy efficiency

Expert: Péter Kaderják – Director of the Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

13.00 - 14.00 **Light lunch**

The first day of the event is being webstreamed online in the Danube Transnational Programme website (www.interreg-danube.eu). You can ask questions through Twitter using the hashtag: **#DTPevent**.

KICK-OFF EVENT: A STREAM OF COOPERATION

Budapest, 23-24 September 2015

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DAY 1: Wednesday 23rd September 2015 (Main hall)

08.30 - 09.30 **Registration of participants**

09.30 - 09.45 **Opening session**

Representative of the Government of Hungary as hosting country

· *Balázs Rákossy – Minister of State for the Utilisation of EU Funding, Ministry for National Economy of Hungary*

09.45 - 10.20 **Introductory presentations**

· *Message from the European Commissioner for Regional Policy - Corina Crețu*

· *Overview on Transnational Cooperation 2014-2020
Vicente Rodriguez Sáez – Deputy Head of Unit DG Regio, European Commission*

10.20 - 10.50 **Danube Transnational Programme (DTP)**

Presentation of the Programme: history and evolution, priorities, procedures and key documents

– *Imre Csalagovits – Head of DTP Managing Authority*

10.50 - 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 - 13.00 **Panel discussion: Danube Transnational Programme on its context**

The Danube Transnational Programme, experiences and synergies with other transnational programmes in the area and links with the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Participants:

- *Vicente Rodriguez Sáez – Deputy Head of Unit DG Regio, European Commission*
- *Roland Arbter – Federal Chancellery - Austria*
- *Magdalena Voinea – Head of Unit, Deputy Head of the Romanian National Authority, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania*
- *Sanda Šimić – Head of National Authority Assistant Director - Serbian European Integration Office*
- *Christina Diegelmann – Deputy Head of Unit, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Staatsministerium Baden-Württemberg - Germany*
- *Ladislav Šimko – Executive national coordinator of EUSDR, Government Office of the Slovak Republic*

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13.00 - 14.30 **Buffet lunch**

Time to visit the Partner-search area

14.30 - 15.00 **Opportunities of cooperation in the Danube Transnational Programme**

Types and examples of cooperation – DTP Joint Secretariat

15.00 - 16.15 **First call for proposals**

Provisional calendar, technical requirements and expectations, supporting tools and bodies – DTP Joint Secretariat

16.15 - 16.30 **Conclusions and introduction to Day 2**

20.00 - 22.00 **Networking cocktail**

DAY 2: Thursday 24th September 2015

(Separated thematic workshop rooms)

09.00 - 10.45 **Thematic workshops and preparation of proposals – Round 1 on the following specific objectives**

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Room 1: 1.1. Improve framework conditions for innovation

Experts: Dr. Jonathan Loeffler – Managing director, Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Germany

Balázs Barta – Managing Director, Pannon Business Network, Hungary

Room 2: 2.1. Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention and 2.4. Improve preparedness for environmental risk management

Experts: Dr. János Fehér – Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe Region (GWP CEE), Hungary

Ágnes Rajacic – Senior Desk Officer, National Directorate General for Disaster Management, Ministry of Interior, Hungary

Room 3: 3.1. Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas

Expert: Roberta Calcina – Project manager on transport and accessibility, South East Europe Programme

Room 4: 4.1. Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

Expert: Ivan Curzolo – Expert in Governance and Territorial Cooperation, Seenetwork kft. Budapest