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Welcome



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Agenda

12:00-13:00	Welcome lunch
13:00-13:10	Registration
13:10-13:25	Opening remarks Zuzana Šimicová, CZ PAC
13:25-14:10	Report on progress of the PAC Team since the 27th Steering Group Meeting Zuzana Šimicová, CZ PAC Annamária Nádor, HU PAC
14:10-14:40	State of play, European Commission Johan Magnusson, Team Leader, DG Regio
14:40-15:00	Small refreshment
15:00-16:10	Roundtable discussion of SG members
16:10-16:30	Discussion of Danube Strategy Flagships 2024
16:30-16:55	Presentation of the study: Energy efficiency in industry Daniel Vlček – CEO GATUM s.r.o. Léon Kamenický – Senior consultant GATUM s.r.o.
16:55-17:00	Closing words Zuzana Šimicová, CZ PAC
17:00	Transfer to the Annual Forum Welcome reception
18:30-19:00	Boarding on MS Admiral Tegetthoff – Welcome reception





PAC Report – Joint progress since last SG Meeting

Zuzana Šimicová, CZ PAC

Annamária Nádor, HU PAC

Strategic meeting – February 6

PA2 progress report 2022-2023 – input for the 5th Report on the
Implementation of EU Macro-Regional Strategies – sent to SG members

1. Main achievements and horizontal activities in the Reporting Period 2022-2023
2. Capitalisation
3. Funding
4. Cooperation with EUSDR main Stakeholders
5. Steering Groups
6. Involvement and Cooperation with other Stakeholders
7. Policy Development
8. Opportunities and Challenges





Progress on Czech side

- First outcome of the study on the theme of Energy Efficiency in Industry
 - An overview of current situation
- SMEnergy - Decarbonization of small and medium enterprises
 - Finance acquired, first phase started
- Newsletter



Progress on Hungarian side

SMF Call information to stakeholders

SMF Call evaluation of proposals – EUSDR/PA2 relevance: 7 proposals

green financing, heat pumps, energy storage, energy efficiency, hydrogen, energy communities (2)

Participation at kick-off events of projects (StoreMore, NRGCOM, Danube-Indeet)

Participation at LP seminar Belgrade

Ongoing public procurement process for the studies planned for 2024:
follow-up of gas phase-out topic and preparation of hydrogen topic – state of play of hydrogen economy in the Danube region





Progress on Hungarian side

Organization of workshop „**How to accelerate community-led green energy initiatives in the EUSDR**” at the 13th AF of the EUSDR (June 20, 14:00-15.30)

Impulse lecture: Simone Burster (Danube Office Ulm): Setting the frame: how to empower municipalities in their green-energy actions - the European Energy Award (EEA) tool

Presentation of a Good Practice Project: Andrej Slancik and Lucia Bogdanyova (Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency): Introduction on the “Just Energy Transition for Central Europe project” and its mobile application of “Global Challenges Mapping”

Moderated discussion on opportunities and Challenges (Irina Apostol DYC, Zoltán Haász NRGCOM project)

June 21, 9:00-10.45: Take away from the sessions

June 21, 11:15-12:15: World Café discussion together with PA4 and PA5

„Climate change adaptation: What do we need for a future-proof cooperation in the Danube Region?” – 30 min discussions in 2 rounds



Progress on Hungarian side

Participation at Ulm Danube Day (July 8) – Thematic session „Economic Cooperation and Hydrogen Supply Chains along the Danube”

Hydrogen related site visit near Ulm (for HU experts)

- Research Institute for Fuel Cell technology and batteries
- University of Applied Sciences Ulm
- Site visit of „H2-Aspen” project at Schwäbisch Gmünd
- Site visit of a hydrogen Refueling Station of Giengen

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State of play, European Commission

Johan Magnusson, DG Regio

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Coffee break

Enjoy your refreshments



Roundtable discussion of SG Members

- The help to Ukraine
- Impacts of energy crisis and following economic consequences
- Development of hydrogen economy and raising energy efficiency in industry



Discussion of Danube Strategy Flagships 2024

Enhancing hydrogen economy in the EUSDR

- Workshop at the 12th AF (Brdo pro Kranju, 2023)
- Promotional video (2023)
- Participation at the Danube Day thematic session (July 2024, Ulm + site visit)

Future plans:

- *Best practice exchanges (2025, 2026)*
- *Comparative study on the hydrogen economy in the EUSDR (2025-2026)*
- *Strategy, policy conference (2027-2028)*
- *Follow-up of related projects (Hyefre, Dabue-Indeet, new projects)*





Discussion of Danube Strategy Flagships 2024

Promote local low-carbon energy actions in the EUSDR

- Organization of workshop „How to accelerate community-led green energy initiatives in the EUSDR” at the 13th AF of the EUSDR (June 20, 14:00-15.30)
- Follow-up of related projects (NRGCOM, EEA along the Danube, new projects)

Future plans:

- *Best practice exchanges (study tours, online workshops, etc)*
- *Energy Poverty Action Plan (2027)*
- *Policy conference (2028)*





Discussion of Danube Strategy Flagships 2024

Diversification of gas supply in the EUSDR

- Study on Russian gas dependency (2022)
- EUSEW policy workshop 2022
- Presentation at EUSDR 11th AF (Kosice, 2022)
- Panel discussion (all-MRS) at 4th MRS Week, Brussels (2023)

Future plans:

- *Update reviews for winters 2023/2024, and 2024/2025 + online workshops (delay due to public procurement)*
- *Online gas market monitoring tool (2025)*
- *Strategy + policy conference (2026) extended to 2027*



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An overview of current state of energy efficiency in industry in the Danube region

GATUM s.r.o.

Daniel Vlček, CEO

Léon Kamenický, Senior consultant



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Closing words

Zuzana Šimicová, CZ PAC
Annamária Nádor, HU PAC



Finding a way to the Annual Forum reception

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Vorgartenstraße

Vienna Shipping Center
Handelskai 265, 1020 Wien



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