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Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and adoption of the agenda Annamária Nádor, HU PAC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
10:05 – 10:30	Report of the CZ and HU PAC's: Progress since the 30th Steering Group Meeting Annamária Nádor, HU PAC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Tomáš Vondra, CZ PAC, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
10:30 – 10:50	State of play, European Commission Johan Magnusson, Team Leader, DG Regio
10:50 – 11:10	Current and future activities of DSP Raphael Sachs, Pillar Officer, Danube Strategy Point
11:10 – 11:40	Cross PA cooperation possibilities: PA1B-PA2 in the topic of „Hydrogen fuels in transport) Beno Fekonja PA1B
11:40 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:30	“Energy Community” project presentations (Equal Energy, EnerGISE, NRGCOM)
12:30 – 13:00	Problems and Solutions to Cybersecurity Crises in Renewables - Erika Langerová - Czech Technical University, Prague
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 14:30	Study on Energy Crisis Management Experiences in the EUSDR Countries Márton Sipos, KPMG
14:30 – 15:00	REPowerEU Roadmap gas market modelling Borbála Takács-Tóth, Péter Kotek, REKK
15:00 – 16:00	SG members roundtable: State of art of gas phase-out in EUSDR countries
16:00 – 16:15	AOB, Closing words Annamária Nádor, HU PAC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Tomáš Vondra, CZ PAC, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic



PAC Report – Joint progress since last SG Meeting

Annamária Nádor HU PAC

Tomas Vondra CZ PAC

- Meeting with the new Pillar Officer
- Promote project generation: regular info to SG Members and stakeholders on relevant open calls (e.g. Danube Region 3rd Call)
- Discussion on EUSDR Governance
- Pa1B-PA2 horizontal cooperation
- New website design
- Continuous discussion, online strategic meetings



Joint session at the EUSDR AF: Affordable, secure and sustainable energy for the Danube Region



Topic introduction, EUSDR challenges (Annamária Nádor, PA2 PAC)

Gas phase out and energy diversification in EUSDR countries (Márton Sipos, KPMG Hungary)

Energy efficiency state-of-art and challenges in the EUSDR (Léon Kamenický, GATUM)

Energy sovereignty key challenges in the Danube Region based on the experiences of SECW 2025 (Sanja Kapetina, MoFTER)

Panel discussion



Progress on Hungarian side

Participation at relevant workshops, conferences:

- The Visegrad Four countries' energy challenges: A new gas reality, households' energy poverty and Clean industrial Deal (May 27, Budapest)
- Gas market overview (November 21, Budapest)
- Central European Energy Conference (November 24-25 Bratislava)

Continuous follow-up of supported projects (GeHeCo, NRGCOM, StoreMore)

LoR (NERO: A national trust-based energy renovation one-stop-shop - LIFE-2025-CET-OSS)

Studies on gas-phase out

- Energy Crisis Management Experiences in the EUSDR Countries (KPMG)
- RePower EU Roadmap and gas market modelling (REKK)

Study on the Hydrogen markets of the EUSDR (KPMG)



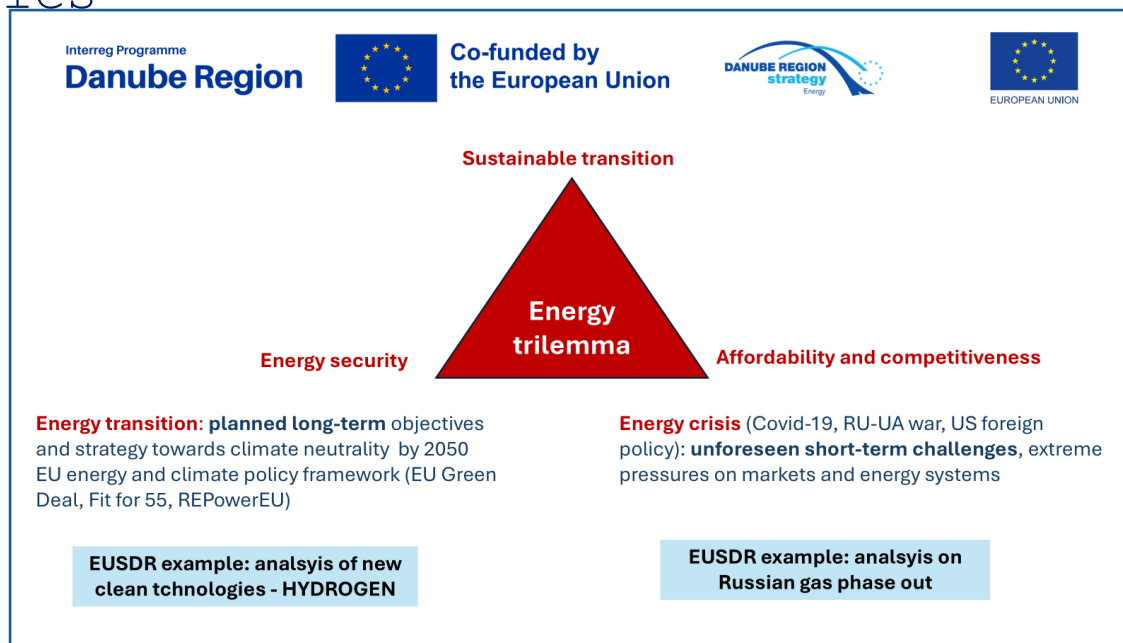


MRS days (September 24-25 Bruss

Workshop: "Increasing energy security and accelerating green energy: the role of the Strategies"



Presentation: Solutions on energy transition in times of crisis- examples from the EUSDR (A. Nádor)





Sarajevo Energy and Climate Week

22-26 September, Sarajevo

Panel discussion titled 'Hydrogen – industry decarbonization', international experts discussed the potentials of the region **to produce and use green hydrogen, the infrastructural and technological barriers**, with a special emphasis on **decarbonization**

PA2 HU coordination offered its contribution to the panel and brought

Mr. Márton Sipos from KPMG to present

the most important findings of the

hydrogen study of PA2 prepared in





Progress on Czech side

- New PAC team
- Attempt for energy cybersecurity webinar – panel of Erika Langerová later today
- Letter of recommendation for SMEnergize project – DEX IC
- Attending the Unlocking SME Energy Potential – focused on one stop shops – SMEnergy
- Speaker for MRS-SBS days PA2 panel

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State of play, European Commission

Johan Magnusson, DG Regio



Current and future activities of DSP

Raphael Sachs, Pillar Officer, Danube Strategy Point



Cross PA cooperation possibilities: PA1B - PA2

Alternative fuels and energy efficiency in transport

Beno Fekonja PA1B



PA1B – PA2 cooperation from PA2 perspective

Role of alternative fuels (especially hydrogen) - many EUSDR countries identify the transport sector as a potential user in their national strategies

Decarbonizing transport through Renewable Energy expansion

Integrated Energy – Transport Planning

- Coordinated infrastructure planning
- Grid and storage expansion

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Coffee break

Enjoy your refreshments



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“Energy Community” project presentations



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Problems and Solutions to Cybersecurity Crises in Renewables

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Study on Energy Crisis Management Experiences in the EUSDR Countries

Márton Sipos, KPMG

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REPowerEU Roadmap - gas market modelling

Borbála Takács-Tóth, Péter Kotek, REKK



Roundtable discussion of SG Members

State of art of gas phase-out in EUSDR countries



Closing words

Annamária Nádor, HU PAC

Tomas Vondra, CZ PAC

