

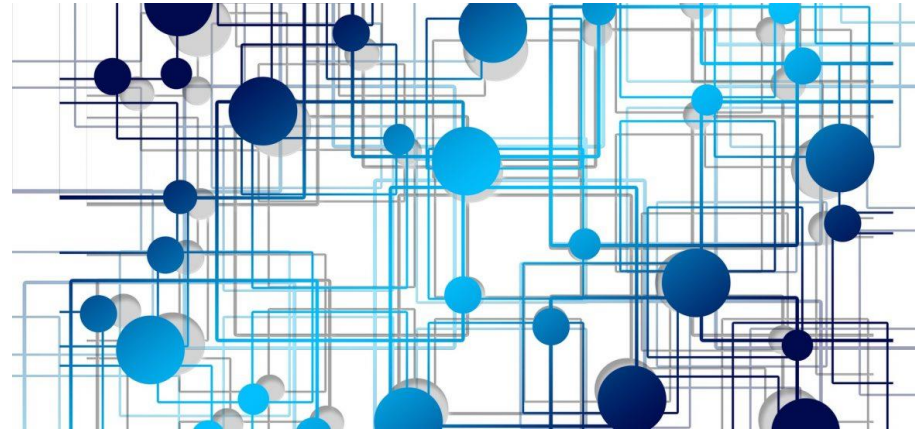


27th Steering Group Meeting of the Priority Area 2

November 28, 2023, Budapest



MINISTRY OF
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OF HUNGARY

Agenda

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | Registration (Connection to Webex) |
| 10:00 – 10:05 | Welcome and adoption of the agenda |
| 10:05 – 10:30 | Report of the CZ And HU PACs: Progress since the 26th Steering Group Meeting |
| 10:30 – 10:40 | Priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the EUSDR, Gerhard Eisl, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria |
| 10:40 – 11:30 | Roundtable Discussion between PACs and SG Members |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 11:50 – 12:20 | Energy efficiency policy update, Heidelinde Adensam, DG Energy |
| 12:20 – 13:00 | Introduction on the integrated hydrogen projects of Pécs, Zsolt Bedő, Pécs University |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 14:00 – 14:20 | Actualities from DG REGIO, Johan Magnusson, DG REGIO |
| 14:20 – 14:40 | Actualities from DSP, Katharina Lenz, DSP |
| 14:40 – 15:40 | Introduction of the winner projects of the Danube Region Program 1st Call in energy topics |
| 15:40 – 16:00 | AOB, Closing Words |



Report of the PACs: Progress since the 26th SG Meeting

- Annamária Nádor, PAC (HU), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
- Tomas Vondra, Assistant to the CZ PAC, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic



Joint activities

- Strategic meetings between PACs: July, September, October
- Participation at the NC-PAC meeting (18-19 September)
- Participation at the EUSDR Annual Forum (24-25 October)



Progress on HU side

- Presentation at the EUSDR Embedding week (June 12): *A more connected Danube Region - PA2 experiences in embedding*
- ASP in 7 submitted proposals of the DRP (**GeHeCO**, **NRGCOM**, **StoreMore**, **Danube Indeet**, Greenfo, STREEM, DAMEN)
- Promotional video on „HYDROGEN” (DSP)
- Presentation at the workshop „Renewable energy solutions for heating and cooling systems in Moldova” November 17 (organized by IRENA) *„Assessment and mapping of geothermal resources in the Danube Region to support decision making”*



Promoting green district heating

2 events (**October 5 – Zagreb, October 12 – Tuzla**)

Organized by HU coordination and the Association of Hungarian District Heating Enterprises in cooperation with Hungarian Economic Attachés at the Embassys

Agenda

- Welcomes (PA2, national energy ministries, Hungarian Ambassadors, AHDHE)
- The role of green district heating in the national (HR and BH) energy strategies – National Ministries
- Hungarian experiences and best practices on the planning, execution and operation of geothermal district heating systems – HU companies
- Introduction of AHDHE members and their activities
- Financing opportunities of geothermal district heating projects
- B2B meetings with HU and HR/BH companies



Promoting green district heating workshops



<https://energy.danube-region.eu/district-heating-system-decarbonisation-workshop-zagreb/>

<https://energy.danube-region.eu/district-heating-decarbonization-workshop-in-tuzla-bosnia-and-herzegovina/>

Hydrogen workshop at the EUSDR Annual Forum, October 25, Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia



Keynote: **Ádám Balogh**, Senior Energy Infrastructure Expert, Energy Community

Panelists:

- **Julian Dörr**, Researcher, Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering IAO, University of Stuttgart
- **Vlasta Krmelj**, Director of Climate and Energy Agency of Podravje, AMETHyST project partner
- **Teodóra Diána Bakk**, Chief Operating Officer, University of Pécs, National Laboratory for Renewable Energy
- **Marko Bahor**, Executive Director for Development and Investments, HSE Company
- **Ádám Balogh**, Senior Energy Infrastructure Expert, Energy Community



Plans for the next period

Topics

- Update on the Russian gas phase-out topic: experiences of the year 2023
- Focusing on hydrogen: preparation of a report about the status of hydrogen in the Danube Region countries

Others

- Participation in the implementation of energy topics (DRP 1st call winners), project generation
- Increasing stakeholders' involvement
- Cooperation with international organizations



Progress on CZ side

- ASSOCIATED PARTNER IN ENERGY INDUSTRY PROJECT
- STUDY ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY (SET OF WORKSHOPS IN 2024)
- UPDATE OF STAKEHOLDER LIST
- NEWSLETTER 2023 BY THE END OF JANUARY 2024



SEED MONEY FACILITY CALL (SMF)

- Launch: 27 November by Danube Region Programme
- A tool for kick-starting development of strategic projects and large-scale initiatives for the EUSDR
- The projects later on can be financed by any other financing instrument
- Through the SMF applicants can develop projects that are addressing the EUSDR action plan
- Project duration: 12 months
- Budget: max 62 500 EUR with 80% co-financing
- Partnership: min 2, max 5 financing partners from min 2 EUSDR countries
- Max 3 projects/priority area, the PAs will be involved into the dissemination, evaluation and implementation of the projects
- More information at DRP and EUSDR websites (including PA2 website)





Priorities of the Austrian EUSDR Presidency

Gerhard Eisl, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs,
Austria



SG Members' roundtable

- Short report on developments in energy field in the countries present
- Feedback on the status report
- Recommendations concerning interesting topics and events for the next period
- Recommendations concerning the mode, place and topics of the upcoming SG meetings (which location would suit you the best, which topics would you like to discuss, is personal meeting feasible for you?)



Coffee Break



Energy efficiency policy update

Heidelinde Adensam, DG Energy





Introduction on the integrated hydrogen projects of Pécs

Zsolt Bedő, Pécs University





Lunch Break



Actualities from DG REGIO

Johan Magnusson, DG REGIO, D1



Actualities from DSP

Katharina Lenz, Pillar Officer, DSP



Introduction of the winner projects of the DRP Call





AOB, Q&A





Closing words

- Annamária Nádor, PAC (HU), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
- Tomas Vondra, Assistant to the CZ PAC, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

Thank you for your time and valuable inputs!

