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JOINTISZA project kick-off meeting sets the stage for two years of intense transnational cooperation across the largest sub-basin in the Danube River Basin

The **JOINTISZA Project** (*Strengthening Cooperation between River Basin Management Planning and Flood Risk Prevention to Enhance the Status of Waters of the Tisza River Basin*) will have its official “Kick-Off Meeting and First Stakeholder Event” on March 1–2, 2017, at the Conference Center of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC).

JOINTISZA, supported by Interreg Europe through the Danube Transnational Programme (DTP), draws together 17 partners across five countries sharing the Tisza River Basin (Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine).

The project strives to identify solutions for common challenges identified across the basin, which include overexploitation, water regime modification, contamination, and growing flood events amplified by climate change. It also aims to enhance the status of the basin’s waters by strengthening cooperation and improving the interaction between relevant stakeholders and practitioners who share, manage and monitor the watershed.

The Kick-Off Meeting will be open only to project partners, who will review and detail the project’s activities and its work plan while agreeing on immediate actions for the next six months.

The First Stakeholder Event, named “JOINTISZA – Open Doors”, will introduce the JOINTISZA objectives, activities and expected results to a broad range of interested parties. Another aim is to spark discussion and an exchange of views on how the project can maximise its benefits for the stakeholders, the territory and the citizenry.

The agenda outlining the Kick-Off Meeting and the First Stakeholder Event can be accessed [here](#).

Background

The JOINTISZA Project started in January 2017 and will run until June 2019.

The project is implemented under the umbrella of Interreg Europe – a European Union programme for interregional cooperation that helps regional and local governments across Europe to develop and deliver better policy – through the targeted Danube Transnational Programme (DTP), which promotes economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Danube Region through policy integration in selected fields.

JOINTISZA falls into the “Environment and Culture Responsible Danube Region” priority area of the DTP, with a specific objective to strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention.

The amount of overall funding for JOINTISZA is EUR 2.2 million.

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