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Transnational Cooperation for Sustainable River Basin Management Conference facilitates synergetic actions and cooperation among projects supported by the Danube Transnational Programme

Two major examples of water-related *esprit de corps* at the international level will be showcased at the “Transnational Cooperation for Sustainable River Basin Management Conference”, which will take place in Budapest on April 11, 2017, at BME University (Building K, Díszterem).

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 hold a “Stakeholder Involvement Event” back to back with the **DanubeSediment project’s** own “Project Launch Event”. Both events will inform participants about the goals and expected outputs of each project, together with planned activities, challenges and opportunities. The joint event is held with the aim to build synergies between the projects, as well as to support the process of turning the individual project outcomes to the advantage of related projects and stakeholders.

The JOINTISZA stakeholder involvement session will kick off the conference by providing a detailed overview of project objectives, processes and expected results, while offering insights into the methodologies used to facilitate public participation and involvement. A discussion session will follow, focusing on how the Tisza River Basin Management Plan and other coordinated efforts can benefit the entire basin-sharing region. The exchange of experiences of participatory initiatives and activities in the Tisza River Basin (the Danube River’s largest sub-basin) will also be encouraged.

In addition to participants from the Tisza sub-basin, the conference will attract key stakeholders from the whole Danube basin. The event will provide a terrific opportunity for lively discussions between panellists, the project teams and participants. As an added attraction, another EU-funded initiative, the DANURB project, will also be introduced.

In January 2017, the international DanubeSediment project was launched. The goal of the project is to improve the sediment management in the Danube River and its tributaries. Through transnational cooperation, DanubeSediment closes knowledge-gaps, drafts a first common Danube sediment balance, and develops guidance for the implementation of measures. In order to provide a set of adequate solutions, DanubeSediment seeks the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

The entire conference agenda can be accessed [here](#).

Background

The JOINTISZA and DanubeSediment projects are both co-funded and 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 involves 17 partners across five countries sharing the Tisza River Basin (Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine) in order to identify solutions to common challenges.

JOINTISZA focuses on the interactions of two key aspects of water management — river basin management (RBM) and flood protection — while taking into account the relevant stakeholders who play a pivotal role in the Tisza RBM planning process. The main output of the project will be an updated final draft of the Integrated Tisza RBM Plan, which already includes the primary aspects of the Floods Directive.

The amount of overall funding for JOINTISZA, which runs until Jun 2019, is EUR 2.2 million.

Fourteen partners from nine countries participate in the DanubeSediment project.

One of the project's main outputs will be the first Danube Sediment Management Guidance, which will comprise measures to be implemented together with a Sediment Manual for the stakeholders. It will consist of approaches how to implement the measures, which deliver key contributions to the Danube River Basin Management Plan and the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan.

Overall funding for the DanubeSediment project is 3.6 million EU.

For more information:

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