

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Külgazdasági és Külügyminisztérium) HUNGARY

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) over the past years as the Hungarian national coordinator of three important Priority Areas (PAs) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) has acquired experience in the design and characteristics of transnational strategies and action plans and in possible strengths and weaknesses that may occur during their implementation. The EUSDR PA4 (Water quality) Team involves experts with long-term experience in Tisza River Basin Management planning and transboundary cooperation processes which also creates the direct link to the project objectives. The MFAT with its experience creates a strong basis and bridge to involve the target groups from expert level to the policy level in the project, having its decision-making platform, the EUSDR PA4 and EUSDR PA5 Steering Groups in close cooperation with the ICPDR Tisza Group. In other hand MFAT also ensures the link to the EUSDR PA5 (Environmental risks) priority area, where flood related actions (also relevant for the Tisza River Basin) are discussed.

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