

FINAL CONFERENCE – THE DANUBE CYCLE PLANS PROJECT

11th October 2022

Ministry of Transport, nábřeží Ludvíka Svobody 12, Prague, Czechia

09:00 AM – 6:00 PM

9:00	Registration	
9:30	Welcome	
	Welcome notes	Martin Kupka, Minister of Transport, Czech Republic &
	Welcome note	Robert Thaler, Austrian Ministry of Climate Action, Vice-Chair of THE PEP
	Keynote: Why we need Zero for more Cycling?	Pedro Homem de Gouveia, POLIS
10:15	Ministerial Session	
	Ministers/official representatives from nine Danube countries present their perspective of the project Danube Cycle Plans	Moderation by Robert Thaler, Austrian Ministry of Climate Action, Vice-Chair of THE PEP
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Danube Cycling Strategy	
	Presentation of the brand-new strategy to promote cycling in the Danube region	Andreas Friedwagner, Verracon
12:00	Panel discussion: Pushing cycling at the national level	Moderation Andreas Friedwagner, Verracon
	Representatives of project partners discussing the necessary next steps at the national level for more people cycling in the Danube region	

Role of promotion and marketing to push cycling	Jitka Vrtalova, Partnership for Urban Mobility (Czechia)
How investments in cycling infrastructure can happen?	Ionut Maftai, Bike in Time (Romania)
Why we need properly planned cycle route networks?	Gregor Steklačič, Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure
Why Bulgaria urgently needs strong political commitment?	Radost Marinova, BAAT (Bulgaria)
Why the cooperation with tourism is essential?	Ivica Jujnović, Croatian Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure

13:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 **Cooperation and inspiration**

What do you know about cycling in the Danube region? An interactive game

Mentoring: There is a lot to learn from each other

The Austrian-Serbian show case	Vladimir Djumic, Danube Competence Center (Serbia) and Martin Eder, Austrian Ministry of Climate Action
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The driving forces behind implementation: National Cycling Working Groups (NCWGs)

The Slovak show case	Michal Hladky/Peter Klucka, Slovak Ministry of Transport and Construction
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Cracking the hard nuts – stakeholder involvement with inspiration events

The Austrian show case	Willy Raimund, Environment Agency Austria
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The Hungarian show case	Tamas Andrejszki, KTI (Hungary)
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15:15 **Cycling from Vienna to Velocity 2022 in Ljubljana: introduction and video**

15:30 **Panel discussion: Ongoing cooperation activities and new initiatives**

Cooperation possibilities in the Danube Region Programme	Moderation Jitka Vrtalova Horst Schindler, Joint Secretariat of Danube Region Programme (online)
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European Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Franc Žepič, Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure, Priority Area Coordinator 1B of the EUSDR

Group of Experts on Cycling Infrastructure

Lukasz Wyrowski, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (online)

Intersectoral cooperation in the Transport-Health-Environment Pan-European Programme

Robert Thaler, Austrian Ministry of Climate Action, Vice-Chair of THE PEP

16:30 **Networking**

18:00 **End of conference**

There will be possibilities for questions and answers after each presentation/session



The conference is held under the auspices of Martin Kupka, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic.

Basic facts about a project Danube Cycle Plans project

Danube Cycle Plans project aims to implement the [Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion](#). Project activities include the development of National Cycling Plans based on a common transnational Danube Cycling Strategy, defining a Danube cycle route network, infrastructure standards and adequate financial support and increasing the awareness of relevant stakeholders for the needs of cyclists. More at <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/danube-cycle-plans>

Partnership
9 project partners from 9 countries

EU-Funding Programme
Danube Transnational Programme

Project Duration
01.07.2020 – 31.12.2022

Lead Partner
Environment Agency Austria

Priority Area
Better connected and energy responsible Danube region

Project Budget
ERDF: 1,29 Mio. € | IPA: 0,14 Mio. € | Total: 1,68 Mio. €

PROJECT PARTNERS



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
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