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# PA4 activities in the light of the 3rd call of the Danube Transnational Programme

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# The Danube River Basin District inside the Danube Region

## Member States

- Germany
- Austria
- Hungary
- Czech Republic
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Bulgaria
- Romania
- Croatia

## Accession Countries

- Montenegro
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Serbia

## Neighbourhood Countries

- Moldova
- Ukraine



# 1 Strategy-4 Pillars – 11 Priority Areas

## PILLAR I

Connecting  
the region

PA1

Mobility and  
Multimodality

PA2

Sustainable  
energy

PA3

Culture and  
Tourism; People  
to people

## PILLAR II

Protecting  
the  
Environment

PA4

Water Quality

PA5

Environmental  
Risk

PA6

Biodiversity,  
Landscape, and  
Soil Quality

## PILLAR III

Building  
Prosperity

PA7

Knowledge  
Society

PA8

Competitiveness

PA9

People and Skills

## PILLAR IV

Strengthening  
the Region

PA10

Institutional  
Capacity and  
Cooperation

PA11

Security

# Water Quality issues within the Danube Strategy

EUSDR adopted in June 2011 during the Hungarian Presidency

## ***EUSDR contains 4 pillars:***

1. Connecting the region
2. **Protecting the environment**
3. Building prosperity
4. Strengthening the region

## ***Pillar 2 includes three main areas:***

- **To restore and maintain the quality of waters (HU-SK)**
- To manage environmental risks (HU-RO)
- To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

# The ,targets' of PA 4

1. **Achieve the management objectives** set out in the Danube River Basin Management Plan;
2. **Reduce the nutrient levels** in the Danube River to allow the recovery of the Black Sea ecosystems to conditions similar to 1960s;
3. **Elaborate a Danube Delta Analysis Report** as a step towards completion of the Delta management Plan;
4. **Elaborate, adopt and implement sub-basin management plans**, such as Sava, Tisza and Prut sub-basins
5. **Secure viable populations** of Danube sturgeon species

# Specific focus on the following topics

**General objective:** to support/facilitate the implementation of the Danube River Basin Management Plan

## **PA4 ROADMAP – 14 ACTIONS (A) and several MILESTONES (M)**

MILESTONES/GOALS from 6 ACTIONS relates to the 3rd call of the DTP:

### ➤ **A2: Strengthening sub-basin activities**

- A2M3: Strengthening of cooperation in the Tisza River Basin  
*(Establish relevant institution – build in JOINTISZA project's results)*
- A2M10: Development of the 2nd Sava River Basin Management Plan

# Specific focus on the following topics

- **A5: Establishing the buffer strips along the rivers and promotion of alternative collection and treatment of waste waters in small rural settlements**
  - A5M3: Survey of the situation on management of solid waste in small rural settlements – specific focus on plastic and microplastic
  - A5M4: Survey of the situation on alternative collection and treatment wastewater in small rural settlements
  - A5M5: Promoting best practices in WWT and Programme of Measures and wastewater treatment for small settlements
  - A5M6: Implementation projects and promotion of site-specific and eco-friendly waste water treatment for less than 2000 PE settlements
- **A6: Improvement of the dialogue and cooperation between agriculture and environment sectors aimed at reduction of agricultural pollution**
  - A6M1: Strengthening cooperation between agriculture sector and water management



# Specific focus on the following topics

- **A8: Treating the hazardous substances and contaminated sludge with the best available technology and developing the remediation measures**
  - A8M3 Implementation of projects on tailing management facilities
- **A9: Assuring the proper control and progressive substitution of problematic substances for Danube Region**
  - A9M4: Focus pharmaceuticals in the water
- **A11: Promoting the measures to limit water abstraction**
  - A11M1: Collection of good practice examples dealing with limiting water abstraction
  - A11M2: Dissemination of results of the best practices and policies for decision-makers and stakeholders



# Focus on the following topics since 2018

- Specific additional topics: reduction of pollution from plastic waste, microplastic and pharmaceuticals in the waters of the Danube Basin
- Facilitating macro-regional cooperation
- Highlighted aspects: stakeholder involvement, communication activities, awareness raising, facilitating the professional communication between different actors relevant from water management point of view.

# Organising the work of PA4

## Link to project activities

1. Steering Group – the decision making body of PA4
2. Platforms for projects' generation and information sharing (stakeholder seminars/conferences in different topics)
3. Platforms for sharing information about ongoing projects' results - DTP Capitalisation event (link to the DTP programme)
4. Website – news and actual information

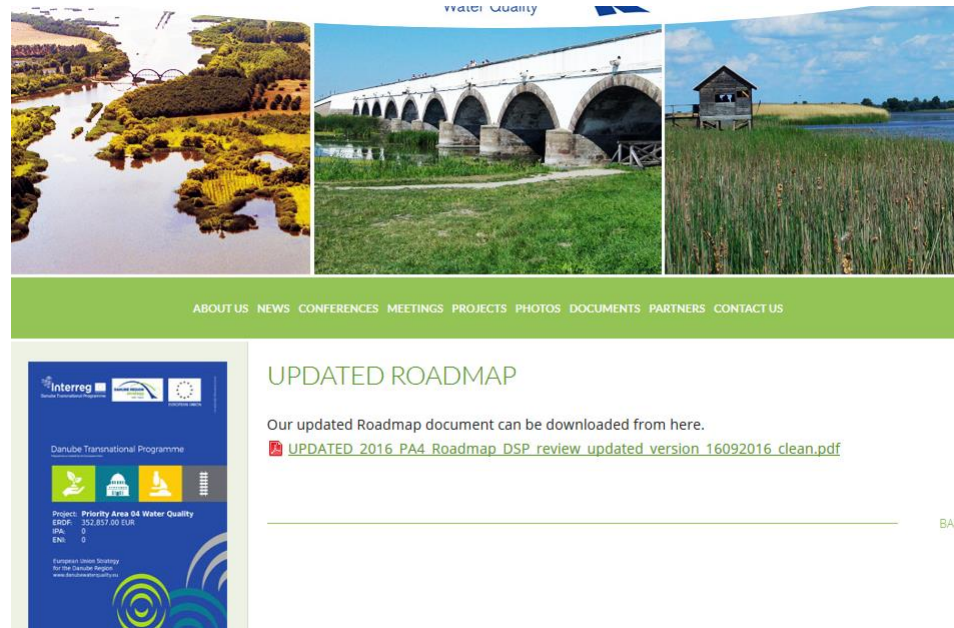
# The Steering Group

- Hungary, together with Slovakia has been assigned to coordinate the water quality issues...
- ...to ensure integrated water management towards reaching good quality of waters.
- The Steering Group is the main decision making body of PA4, which
- comprised of representatives from all Danube countries
- ...and also serves as a platform to introduce new project ideas and share information about ongoing and relevant projects of the Danube basin



# Roadmap to ensure link between the DTP programme and EUSDR

<https://www.danubewaterquality.eu/updated-roadmap>



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# Priority Area Coordinators



## MORE INFORMATION

### Danube Region Strategy, Priority Area 4

*"To restore and maintain the quality of waters"*

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# Our platforms for project generation and information sharing

**The priority area offers several opportunity to introduce project ideas, to search partners and also to share information of project outcomes/results**



Steering group meetings



Financing Stakeholder conferences



Thematic seminars/conferences



**DTP**  
**Capitalisation**  
**events**

# DTP Thematic Pole/Capitalisation

- Aiming at to reinforce the existing networks of relevant stakeholders within the projects and create new ones, to fill in knowledge gaps by linking actors with complementary thematic specialisation, experiences, methodological approaches or territorial relevance.
- Water management „Thematic Pole” currently includes seven projects (CAMARO-D, DanubeSediment, DriDanube, JOINTISZA, DanubeFloodplain, Simona, DAREFFORT)
- The Thematic Pole Team leader is EUSDR PA4 (Mr Balázs Horváth) in cooperation with EUSDR PA5 (Mr Georghe Constantin).



# DTP PAC capitalization



Capitalisation counts for...

## Threefold benefits of capitalisation

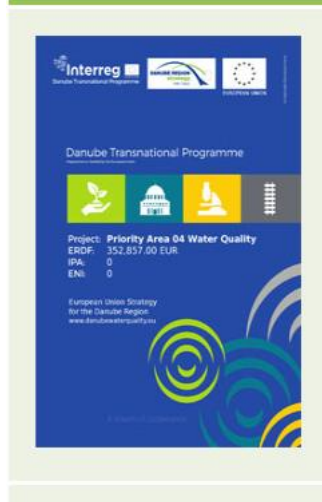
- Manage knowledge
- Put results into a context
- Transform the Programme / Strategy achievements into lasting, durable values

# Thematic Pole 4 - Water Management



<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/relevant-documents/dtp-capitalisation-strategy/thematic-pole-4-waterways>

# Website – news and actual information



## DTP Thematic Seminar - Prague

Posted by **Heilmann Diána**, Wednesday, 12th December 2018 @ 5:20 pm

Four different DTP Thematic Seminars are organised recently and one of the seminars, in Prague, focuses on water management, flood prevention and environmental risk as well as on natural and cultural heritage and energy. The event will be organised on 14 December 2018. Let's, get prepared for the 3rd Call of the Danube Transnational Programme! It will be launched soon!

[READ MORE](#)

## Pan-European Action Plan for sturgeons adopted

Posted by **Kocsis-Kupper Zsuzsanna**, Monday, 3rd December 2018 @ 3:59 pm

The Standing Committee of the Bern Convention adopted the Pan-European Sturgeons Action Plan, through Recommendation No. 199/2018 on 30 November 2018

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