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1. Introduction

National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + - The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space within the South East Europe programme aimed to summarize activities which were done from the project start and present partial results and outputs of the project in the Slovak part of the whole territory. The organization of NC ensured the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic as a project lead partner, and it took place on 18th May 2011 at Hotel Bonbon in Dunajská Streda.

2. Program

Date: 18th May 2011, Wednesday, 9,00-16,30 hours

Place: Hotel Bonbon – Alžbetínske nám. 1202/2, 929 01 Dunajská Streda, Slovak Republic

09,00 – 10,00 – Registration

1. *10,00 – 10,15 – **Opening***
+ Opening and welcome word
2. *10,15 – 10,45 – **Project objectives, activities, basic methodologies***
3. *10,45 – 12,15 – **Interim report on achieving goals on national level 1***
Work package 4 – analysis completion
Methodology and WEB portal for WP4
+ General scheme Natural conditions
+ General scheme Settlement structure and human resources
+ General scheme Transport and technical infrastructure
+ General scheme Economic structure
4. *12,15 – 13,15 – **Coffee break***
5. *13,15 – 14,30 – **Interim report on achieving goals on national level 2***
Work package 5 – Sectoral strategies development
Methodology and WEB portal for WP5
+ Sectoral strategy of natural conditions
+ Sectoral strategy of Settlement and human resources
+ Sectoral strategy of Transport and technical infrastructure
+ Sectoral strategy of Economic structure
6. *14,30 – 15,00 – **Interim report on achieving goals on national level 3***
Work package 6 – Crossdanube strategy development
Methodology and WEB portal for WP5

+ Development strategy for subregion ASH (Austria - Slovakia - Hungary)

7. 15,00 – 15,30 – ***Following activities***
Work package 7 – Comprehensive strategy
+ Methodology and expected results

15,30 – 16,30 – *End of Conference*

3. Course of the Conference

3.1. Opening and introduction

National Conference of the DONAUREGIONEN + project was opened by Mr. Pavol Baxa, General Director of Section Construction and Housing Policy at Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which over the Division of the State construction management and spatial planning ensured all tasks resulting from the position of the lead partner of the project. Following, the national conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + was official opened by Mr. Árpád Érsek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.



After that, followed the presentation of Mr. Tibor Németh, the main coordinator and lead partner of the project and Mr. Julius Hanus, main coordinator of the expert team for professional work for the Institute of Spatial Planning, who presented a historical and logical background, basic methodology, objectives and activities of the project DONAUREGIONEN +. At the end of this block there was given space to each self-governing regions involved in the

project to present its activities. First, Mr. Čaja Martin - Head of strategic activities of Nitra Self-Governing Region had presentation, then Mr. Ladislav Olekšák, project manager from the Bratislava Self-Governing region, and finally Mr. Roman Tašký, project manager from the Trnava Self-Governing Region.

3.2. Interim report on achieving goals on national level 1

Work package 4 – Analysis completion

The first block of presentations and concrete outputs of the project was opened and moderated by Mr. Aleš Baláži, representative of PP1 project partner - Institute of Spatial Planning. In his presentation firstly informed about the information system of the project, which consists from Web portal, GIS portal and DonauDatenkatalog, and demonstrated the basic functionalities of the Web portal for each work packages of the project, created maps and model of availability created on the basis of the datas. Subsequently, the project experts presented outputs of work package WP4 for each general schemes (GS) in project, which are GS of natural conditions, GS Economy, GS Transport and technical infrastructure and GS Settlement structure and human resources. Presentations were focused on the introduction



of GS structure, indicators and their method of evaluation, while were used graphical outputs as tables and maps for the Slovak territory, and maps showing the entire territory of a project.

3.3. Interim report on achieving goals on national level 2

Work package 5 – Sectoral strategies development

Work Package WP5 focuses on the existing relevant strategic development plans for concerned area on national, regional and local level. The aim of the expert team was to evaluate the impact of identified relevant measures and projects on selected indicators for each general scheme. The methodology and results presented Pavol Petřík, representative of project partner PP1 - Institute of Spatial Planning. There were presented also the outputs of this workpackage, which are stored on the project web portal, and after registration is available to all interested parties.



3.4. Interim report on achieving goals on national level 3

Work package 6 – Crossdanube strategy development

In this section Mr. Lubomir Macák presented the results of work package WP6, representant of project partner PP1 - Institute of Spatial Planning. Activities of work packages WP4, WP5 are extended to the level of crossdanube regions and subregions ARGE. The territory of the Slovak regions are included into the subregion ARGE ASH (Austria-Slovakia-Hungary) and into six crossdanube regions. There were presented also outputs of this workpackage in the form of descriptions of the regions, SWOT analysis and forecasts, which will results the strategy draft for this area. Mr. Lubomir Macak also noted, that all datas are also stored sequentially on the project web portal.

3.5. Following activities

Work package 7 – Comprehensive strategy

Work Package WP7 presented Mr. Vojtech Hrdina, representative of project partner PP1 - Institute of Spatial Planning. Currently there is ongoing work on national reports and national development scenarios, resulting a common development scenario for the entire DONAUREGIONEN + project area



and then the common strategy draft. There were presented three possible scenarios, namely: pessimistic, optimistic and realistic.

4. Conclusions

National Conference was held in accordance with the approved Action Form of the project DONAREGIONEN +. Its aim was to introduce the basic goals and mission of the project and present the achieved results so far on the Slovak territory. Participants included experts from various areas, mainly representatives of state administration, representatives of the authorities of self-governing regions, representatives of municipalities in the affected area, representatives of regional development agencies, representatives of scientific institutions, colleges and universities and other interested actors in regional development and also general public. The benefits for participants were not only the overall awareness of the project but particularly the possibility of discussion with the lead partner and also experts of the project. The aim of the project in the future will be the widest possible dissemination of the project results and to strengthen the partnership of institutions interested in spatial planning by meta-information system, web site and geographic information system developed under the project.



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The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Cooperation in the Danube Space

National Conference Hungary

Elaborated by ERDF PP7
Scientific Association for Spatial Development, Gödöllő

February 2011



1. Introduction

National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + - The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space within the South East Europe programme aimed to summarize activities which were done from the project start and present partial results and outputs of the project in the Hungary part of the whole territory. The organization of NC ensured the Scientific Association for Spatial Development and it took place on 23th February 2011 at Lion's Garden Hotel, Budapest.

2. Program

Date: 23th February 2011, Wednesday, 8,00-16,30 hours

Place: Lion's Garden Hotel , 1146 Budapest, Cházár András u . 4. , Hungary

08,00 – 09,00 – Registration

1. *09,00 – 09,10 – **Opening***
+ TALABOS István – Presiding chair, tourism expert, Scientific Association for Spatial Development
2. *09,10 – 09,30 – **Welcome speech***
+ DARÁZS Melinda – Lead Partner, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
3. *09,30 – 10,00 – **Information on results and forthcoming tasks of the Donauregionen + project***
+ Dr. VERES Lajos – Chairman, Scientific Association for Spatial Development
4. *10,00 – 10,30 – **Conformity with Hungarian national programmes***
+ Dr. Cs. PAVISA Anna – Head of Department, Ministry for National Economy
5. *10,30 – 11,00 – **Coffee break***
6. *11,00 – 11,30 – **Thematic block - First part: Transportation, technical infrastructure***
+ Dr. BERÉNYI János – Scientific advisor, KTI Institute for Transport Sciences Non-profit Ltd.
7. *11,30 – 12,00 – **Conformity with Hungarian national programmes***
+ GECSE Gergely – Main Advisor, National Development Ministry
8. *12,00 – 12,30 – **Thematic block – Second part: Economy***
+ HERALD László – External expert, Scientific Association for Spatial Development
9. *12,30 – 13,00 – **Conformity with Hungarian national programmes***
+ BÚSI Lajos – Deputy State Secretary, Ministry for Rural Development

10. 13,00 – 14,00 – *Lunch*
11. 14,00 – 14,30 – ***Thematic block – Third part: Natural conditions***
+ DIENES Tamás – Projekt koordinátor, Területfejlesztési Tudományos Egyesület
12. 14,30 – 15,00 – ***Conformity with Hungarian national programmes***
+ GERGELY Erzsébet – Expert, Ministry for Rural Development
13. 15,00 – 15,30 – ***Thematic block – Fourth part: Settlement structure, human resources***
+ DR. KOROMPAI Attila – Associate professor, Corvinus University of Budapest
14. 15,30 – 16,00 – ***Conformity with Hungarian national programmes***
+ DR. TOMPAI Géza – Head of Department, Ministry of Interior
15. 16,00 – 16,30 – ***Summary***
+ Dr. VERES Lajos – Chairman, Scientific Association for Spatial Development
16. 16,30 – *End of Conference*

3. Course of the Conference

The Scientific Association for Spatial Development (hereinafter: SASD) organized the Info day for the Donauregionen+ project, which includes the area near the Danube from Bratislava to the Black Sea and finishes on May 2012. SASD is the institution which coordinates the works in Hungary. The event took place on 23 February 2011. In the conference it could be heard that the Donauregionen+ project is a project for evaluating the potential development possibilities of the mentioned Danube part and cooperation between the regions. After the description of the project the presenters described its conformity with the Hungarian national development programs as well.



After the opening, Darázs Melinda the representative of the Lead Partner, the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic introduced the structure and the planned results of the project.

The following presenter was Dr. Veres Lajos, the chairman of SASD who showed the main results of the project so far. He highlighted that the strategy building for the Donauregionen+ project is based on a common bottom-up approach which synthesizes the different general schemes. By now the main strategic development areas have been defined but the interventional structure is not final yet. The main objective of the „Strategy” work package is that the strategy is built on pillars, which means a frame to the objectives and priorities as well as the measures. Dr. Veres Lajos pointed out that we do not make strategies for projects but the projects can be added later to the strategy.

The conformity of the Donauregionen+ project to the national programs were described by Dr. Cs. Pavisa Anna, the head of the department at the Ministry for National Economy. She highlighted that main priorities of the EU Committee for Hungary are similar to the main topics of the project, as well as the use of the renewable energy sources, water quality or increase employment.

Later on Dr. Berényi János, Scientific advisor, KTI Institute for Transport Sciences Non-profit Ltd. draw the attention to the modifying Trans European Transport Network (TEN) and it was matched by Gecse Gergely from the National Development Ministry.

In terms of the economy development Mr. Herald László (SASD) pointed out that the main areas in the Danube area are the employment increase, innovation and energy security. Kis Zoltán, from the Ministry of Rural Development described the main



points of the New Széchenyi Plan and the New Hungary Rural Development Plan and the regional programs.

Dienes Tamás, the project coordinator and environmental expert of SASD recommended the main objectives, pillars and priorities in the field of environmental protection. Gergely Erzsébet, from the Ministry of Rural Development highlighted the importance of establishing the river governance system. Dr. Korompai Attila from the Corvinus University stressed the importance of the heterogeneity of the area which can be a base for the developments in the settlement structure and human resources field. According to Dr. Tompai Géza from the Ministry of Interior the projects are very important in the implementations of the long term strategic objectives.

4. Conclusion

In the meeting the representatives of the concerned municipalities, governmental side and NGOs took part. In the following months the experts of SASD will travel to all of the related NUTS 3 regions in order to discuss the local strategies.





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National Conference Bulgaria

Elaborated by ERDFPP8:
National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria

June 2011



1. Introduction

Municipality of Silistra hosted the National Info Day in the frame of the project “The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Cooperation in the Danube Space” (DONAUREGIONEN+), organized by the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria on the 3rd of June 2011. 45 participants took part in the forum – mayors and municipal experts, representatives of the Regional administration Silistra, the chairman of the Association of Danube Municipalities and the mayor of Municipality of Belene, Mr. Petar Dulev, representatives of 4 NGOs from Russe and Silistra: “Euroregion Danubis”, “Transnational cooperation and development Danube – Dobrudga”, “IPRU – Ideas for support and development and integration” and “Europe of Regions”.

2. Program

Date: 3rd June 2011, Friday, 10,00-13,00 hours

Place: Hotel Drustur, Kapitan Mamarchev srt. 10, Silistra, Bulgaria

10,00 – 10,30 – Registration

1. *10,30 – 10,45 – **Opening***
+ Representative of Silistra Municipality
+ Mariana Nikolova, Project Manager
2. *10,45 – 11,00 – **Presentation of the project DONAUREGIONEN+ - Conception of Regions Co-operation in the Spatial Arrangement and Development of the Danube Area***
+ LP, Tibor Nemeth
3. *11,00 – 11,45 – **Presentations of four sectoral analyses for Bulgarian regions***
+ Julia Spiridonova, Expert on D+ project
4. *11,45 – 12,15 – **Presentations of main purposes of strategies for transdanube regions between Bulgaria and Romania – future steps***
+ Belin Mollov, Expert on D+ project
5. *12,15 – 13,00 – **Synergies with other projects in the region and how to use this project in the future?***
+ Diana Bebenova, Expert on D+ project

3. Course of the Conference

The National Info Day was opened from the mayor of Silistra, Mr. Ivo Andonov, who greeted the participants and wished useful discussion.



With the first presentation, Mr. Tibor Nemet, representative of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic (LP), introduced the project background, the character of D+ as well as the Donauregionen trilogy.

During the meeting there were presented the activities and the results till this moment. There was a discussion on the upcoming activities - the elaboration of the strategies for five CrossDanube regions between Bulgaria and Romania. The regions are classified by defined project criteria as developed, stabilized, stand stilled and undeveloped.

There were reviewed disparities between the regions from the middle and lower course of Danube, between the city agglomerations and rural areas.

The stand stilled regions and the undeveloped ones, usually are rural areas with poor accessibility. Four Bulgarian regions are in the category of stabilized ones, three including Silistra region are in the category of stand stilled. We expect positive tendencies in the development of territorial, economic and social cohesion.

The project has added value to the four priorities of EU Strategy for development of the Danube Region – coherence and accessibility, environment, competitiveness, good governance and security and of Strategy “Europe 2020”.

At the end of the meeting there was an active discussion.



4. Conclusion

The need of an overall concept for the Danube region is confirmed by the development of EU strategy for the development of the Danube area. Indeed, this region is one of the largest macro regions in Europe, includes the territories of 10 countries with 50 million people. Significantly, the motto of the Bulgarian position on this European document is the idea of "Unlocking the Potential". There are huge potentials to be discovered, evaluated and released for development. Priority areas of the strategy are fully in line with the objectives and activities included in the project DONAUREGIONEN+, namely:

- improving the accessibility, transport links and communications along and towards Danube and the efficient use of energy resources;
- improving water quality, conservation of rich biodiversity, prevention and risk management;
- increasing the competitiveness of regions, through innovation, education, culture, tourism, multicultural dialogue and conservation of regional identity and rich cultural heritage;
- improving the management system, enhancing administrative capacity and cooperation.



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National Conference Romania

Elaborated by ERDFPP9:
INCD URBANPROIECT, Bucharest

April 2011

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1. Introduction

National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + - The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space within the South East Europe program, which held in Romania, aimed to summarize activities which were done from the very beginning of the project. On this national conference were presented the goals as well as the impact and outputs of project activities. The venue of this conference was on Sala de Conferințe a INCERC București, and it took place on 29th April 2011.

2. Program

Date: 29th April 2011, Friday, 09,00-15,30 hours

Place: Sala de Conferințe a INCERC București, Șos. Pantelimon nr.266, sector 2, București,

09,00 – 09,30 – Registration

1. *09,30 – 10,00 – **Opening***
+ welcome word from the organizers of the whole conference
2. *10,00 – 10,30 – Coffee break*
3. *10,30 – 11,30 – **Division into sections - Section dedicated to the project DONAUREGIONEN+***
Session I: Presentation of the objectives, activities and project methodology of DONAUREGIONEN +
+ Ida Repaska, Lead Partner, representative of the Slovak Republic - Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
+ Oana Popescu, ERDF PP9 partner, representative in Romania – URBAN PROIECT, Project Manager for DONAUREGIONEN +
+ Victor Naidan, Ramona Cruceru, representative of ERDF PP10 partner from Romania - Caras-Severin County Council
4. *11,30 – 13,00 – **Presentation of results at national level until now***
Session II: National analysis (WP4)
+ WP 4 methodology and web portal: c.s.III Antonio Tache
+ General scheme Natural conditions: c.s.III Elena Stancu
+ General scheme Settlement structure and human resources: c.s.III Georgina Toth
+ General scheme Transport and technical infrastructure: c.s.III Roxana Simionescu
+ General scheme Economy: c.s.III Oana Popescu
5. *13,00 – 14,00 – Lunch*
6. *14,00 – 15,00 – **Presentation of results at national level until now***
Session III:
WP5 – Sectoral strategies development

- + WP5 methodology and web portal – c.s.III Antonio Tache
- WP6 – CrossDanube strategy development
- + WP6 methodology – c.s.III Oana Popescu
- WP7 – Comprehensive strategy
- + WP7 methodology – c.s.III Oana Popescu

7. 15,00 – 15,30 – ***Activities for the future***

Session IV:

- + Expected results – c.s.III Oana Popescu
- + Discussion
- + Closing of the conference – closing word of the organizers

3. Course of the Conference

The National Conference regarding the DONAUREGIONEN+ project was held in Bucharest by the Romanian ERDF partner no.9 (URBANPROIECT) on the 29th of April, 2011. The Conference was held in the Council Room of the National Institute for Research and Development INCĐ URBAN-INCERC Bucharest.

The DR+ National Conference was presented as part of a Conference dedicated to the research in the field of spatial and urban planning. The participants were represented by numerous personalities working in universities and ministries, by local decision factors. The Lead Partner of the DONAUREGIONEN+ project was represented by Mrs. Ida Repaska. From Caras-Severin County Council a representative of the second Romanian partner if the D+ project participated, Mrs. Ramona Cruceru, The URBANPROIECT staff, involved in the project, active participated at the Conference, with presentations and prepared for the discussions that followed.



The Conference was opened by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism, Mr. Eugen Curteanu and by General Directors within urban and spatial planning, Mrs. Arch. Anca Ileana Ginavar and Mr. Eng. Cristian Stamatiade. They underlined the crucial importance of implementing the results of DONAUREGIONEN+ project in order to elaborate the Romanian strategy of regional development for the period 2014-2020. The rector of the University for Architecture and Urban Planning „Ion Mincu”, Bucharest, Mr. prof. dr. arch. Emil Barbu Popescu and Mr. prof. dr. arch. Alexandru Sandu, the president of the Register of Romanian Planners, presented the importance of the participation of Romanian researchers within the programs of territorial European cooperation and their involvement in the implementation of results at local, regional and national level.



previous steps of the project.

The first session of the Donauregionen+ project opened with the presentation of objectives, activities and methodologies of the project. The representative of the Lead Partner, Mrs. Ida Repaska, presented the main steps in the elaboration of the general methodology of the project and the expected results. On behalf of the Romanian partner ERDF PP9 – URBANPROIECT, Mr. Eng. Tache Antonio presented the history of Donauregionen project and the successful involvement of the Romanian partner in

Ramona Cruceru, representing the Romanian ERDF Partner PP10 presented the main activities achieved within the project and the involvement of Caras-Severin county in achieving common strategies with Serbia.

The Second Session of the National Conference was dedicated to Work Package no.4, represented by the 4 General Schemes describing the Danube area and to its implementation on the web portal of the project. The specialist of URBANPROIECT Institute presented, by chapters, how they collected data, described the area by group of indicators and applied the DR+ methodology.

For the General Scheme Natural Conditions the presentation of the methodology was achieved by Mrs. Elena Stancu, our specialist regarding the environment quality. The General Scheme Settlement Structure and Human Resources was presented by our specialist in demography, sociologist Georgiana Toth. Mrs. Roxana Simionescu, responsible with the General Scheme Transport and Technical Infrastructure presented the status of this scheme. The General scheme Economy, prepared by Mrs. Oana Popescu and Mr. Antonio Tache, was presented by Mr. Antonio Tache, together with its implementation on the DR+ portal.

The third session was dedicated to the presentation of national results until present, especially for work packages no. 4, 5, 6 and 7. The presentations were prepared by the ERDF PP9 manager of the DR+ project, Mrs. Oana Popescu and presented by Mr. Antonio Tache. The difficulties of achieving a common strategy with the new partners Ukraine and Republic of Moldova were also mentioned.



The fourth session was dedicated to expected outputs of the project, being followed by discussions between the Romanian elaborators of the project and other guests, specialists in spatial planning issues. The results of the project must represent practical solutions of cross-Danube cooperation between local and regional authorities on both sides of the Danube and of accessing common projects funded by European development programs.

4. Conclusion

The Conference Donauregionen+ was a success due to important participants and their interest within the project. The subject is very actual, both for the elaboration of the regional development strategy 2014-2020 in Romania, and for the future Danube Strategy program. For local authorities, this program is very important in order to elaborate cross-Danube projects. One of the major issues discussed in the Conference was the methodology of project implementation at local level.



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National Conference Moldova

Elaborated by 10%PP1:
Association of Tourism Development in Moldova

March 2011

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1. Introduction

National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + held in accordance with the approved Application Form, and took place on 31th March 2011 in Conference Room in hotel "Vila Verde, Chisinau, Moldova. On this national conference were presented the basic information about the project, its background and of course each work packages.

2. Program

Date: 31th March 2011, Thursday, 10,30 - 14,00 hours

Place: Conference Room in hotel "Vila Verde", 110, str. Grenoble, Chisinau

10,30 – 11,00 – Registration

1. *11,00 – 11,15 – **Greeting***
+ Project partners and organizers
2. *11,15 – 11,35 – **Project Objectives, Activities, Partnerships***
+ "The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space"
– Tibor Nemeth, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
3. *11,35 – 12,00 – **Presentation of comparative analysis in the Danube region***
+ "Natural conditions"
+ "Settlement structure and human resources"
+ "Transport and technical infrastructure"
+ "Structure of economy"
+ Viorel Miron, Association of Tourism Development in Moldova
4. *12,00 – 12,40 – **Presentation of strategic sectoral development options***
+ Impact of sectoral strategies in the Danube region –ADTM expert
+ Opportunities for cross-border tourism in the Danube region framework - Mariana Puntea,
+ Regional Office Chişinău of the Technical Joint Secretariat
+ Promoting Public-Private Partnership Project - Veaceslav Bulat, Institute of Urban Development
+ Opportunities for industrial parks in the Republic of Moldova - Liviu Andriuţă, Business Consulting Institute
+ Cooperation between local governments for priority projects on the Danube - Octavian Ivanov, Consiliul Autorităţilor Locale din Moldova, CALM
+ Cross-border tourism projects in the reserve "Prutul de Jos" - Silvia Şterbeţ, primar Văleni
5. *12,40 – 13,10 – **Presentation options Danubian regions cooperation***
+ "Partnerships and Cross-Danubian cooperation"

+ “Joint activities in the region of Moldova-Romania-Ukraine”

6. 13,10 – 14,00 – ***Opportunities for new tourism projects in the Danube***
7. 14,00 – *End of conference*

3. Course of the Conference

National Conference took place immediately after the Regional conference and 8th Workshop expected to achieve according to plan this project in the municipal Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. We believe that the date for National Conference was the most reasonable because it allowed no additional charge to participate in the Conference Managers Project D +.

During the preparation of the Conference there were sent invitations to people who may be interested in our project topic. The National Conference was attended by representatives of various institutions at national, regional and local level, representatives of civil society, business, and media.



The national level was represented by officials from the Tourism Agency of the Republic of Moldova, the Regional Office Chişinău of the Technical Joint Secretariat for Cross-Border Programs under the Ministry of Economy of Moldova, Gagauz Ery Bashkan representative, responsible for Economic Affairs.

The regional level was the Director of Regional Development Agency South, namely the region which is part of the project implementation area D +.

The local level was the district municipalities, which will benefit from the project and will be able to participate in new projects that will be made after completion of this project.

Non-government sector was represented by representatives of national and regional NGOs: National Farmers Federation Moldova, Avenisa, CALM, Urban Development Institute, Center for Ecological Consulting, Cahul.

The economic sector was represented by operators in the tourism and travel advice by Amadeus travel agencies, Nistru tur, Voiaj International, the company Industrial Reform Grup SRL. The event was covered in newspapers of national importance Экономическое обозрение, Тургазета.

During the event was monitored by project managers, representatives of the lead partner of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of Slovakia.

The event was organized by the Association of Tourism Development in Moldova, 10% PP1 of the project by logistics support company Tatra-bis.

Conference activities were initiated by the lead partner representative - Tibor Nemeth, project manager and project partner representatives in Moldova - Viorel Miron, president ADTM.

Firstly participants were presented by project manager Mr. Tibor Nemeth project partners in project "The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space", objectives and activities are grouped into 7 work packages in the order the sequence, and some - in parallel. Tibor Nemeth noted that this project is the logical

continuation of another project that was conducted by 10 partners from 6 countries. Donauregionen + project has been expanded and the territorial - 18 partners from 8 countries (Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Ukraine and Moldova) and has evolved so much the content of project activities. Following the project will be developed Sectoral strategies, Cross Danube strategies, Comprehensive strategy based on Cross Danube Strategies. Project Manager presented the qualitative evolution of the project D to D + + - from analysis in D to strategy in D+ and implementation of strategies in D++.

After this overview of the project followed the presentation of the results of activities of partners in Moldova, undertaken by the President Association of Tourism Development in Moldova, Mr. Miron V., official partner from Moldova in the project. Sectoral analysis results were presented by experts in the fields - natural conditions, structure of settlements and human resources, transport and technical infrastructure, Economics Southern region of Moldova with the districts of Cahul, Cantemir, Taraclia, UTA Gagauzia, which were included in the Danube area and are eligible for project activities. These analyses are further used to create GIS maps of the Danube corridors partner countries, development of web pages for each partner country with location relevant information. As the presenter noted, the most important is that being developed on the basis of analysis and different types of documents branch, regional and national important are sectoral strategies. Cross Danubian areas are created to currently develop that experts Cross Danube strategies. The results of this project will come to support Danube Strategy recently approved by European Danube countries. These results will form the basis of another project which will aim to proactively target strategies developed.



Officer of Regional Office Chişinău of the Technical Joint Secretariat, Mrs. M. Puntea, presented the possibilities of cooperation on cross-border dimension in the Joint Operational Program Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013 and the Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Program 2007-2013. The transnational dimension of cooperation is possible in the Transnational Cooperation Program for South East Europe 2007-2013, but the size of the „Macro-regional” - the Eastern Partnership.

Conference participants had the opportunity to become acquainted with European funding developments in Moldova, with the most successful projects in partnership between the partners in Moldova, Romania and other EU countries, Black Sea region, including about the perspective of our project is still in the process to achieve. Were presented eligibility criteria for participation in programs which will be released or recently released.

A very interesting and important side are public-private partnerships, that barely begin their emergence in Moldova. Talked about such practices in the presentation director of the Institute of Urban Development, Mr Bulat V. He shared the experience of implementation of projects in cooperation with partners from Poland, Czech Republic,

Slovakia. In these projects were made study visits to partner countries in these public and private sector representatives from Moldova to visit businesses that operate successfully due to the creation of public-private partnerships. The conclusions formulated the idea that even if the private sector in Moldova currently can't receive financial support from the EU to develop their business, creating public-private partnerships allow private sector to benefit from the results of projects implemented by local governments, non-governmental sector EU support.

CALM representative (Council of Local Authorities in Moldova), Mr O. Ivanov raised during the presentation of a matter of cooperation between local governments at various levels for the creation and implementation of various projects, including cooperation and priority projects on the Danube. Emphasis was placed on the idea that the role of cooperation in all areas of local government (local government) is a very important. It was noted that there are problems in setting up partnerships between different levels of management and international, because it feels a lack of knowledge, skills in identifying and developing partnerships, lack of traditions in the field, possession and use of language barriers in international use, lack of funds to carry out Documentary visits, partnership activities, reduced conscious decision-makers on the need for building and partnership development, very low participation in networks of partnerships. As solutions to overcome these problems presenter proposed: raising awareness about the need for policy makers and development partnerships, training, community actors in creating and developing partnerships, attracting languages and speakers of foreign languages in shares of partnership allocation of funds budgeted for the actions of partnership, active participation in networks and partnership projects forward in the field of creating and developing donor partnerships, including the Danube region where Moldova has broad possibilities of cooperation with many European countries.

As a positive example in order to fulfill the project results was presented the idea of cross-border project in the reserve „Prutul de Jos” prepared by the village hall Văleni, Cahul district, primary - Mrs. Silvia Șterbeț with methodological assistance of experts from the Association of Tourism Development in Moldova. This location is part harmony in the project plan, which will eventually allow the use of this potential for tourism and economic development of the village Văleni.

4. Conclusion

Following Info Day or National Conference participants had the opportunity:

- Be informed about project activities, the scope for further project D + +;
- To know the results of project partner from Moldova and their impact in successful implementation of the project;

- Be informed about the programs of cross-border, transnational cooperation that provides eligible participants in Moldova the possibility to realize new projects supported by the EU;
- To share their experience to execute projects in various partnerships;
- To carry out exchange of views on partnerships and cross-Danubian cooperation;
- To propose new ideas in common activities in regions Moldova-Romania-Ukraine;
- • To see new opportunities for development projects, including tourism in the Danube Basin.



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National Conference Ukraine

Elaborated by 10%PP2:
Odessa National Polytechnic University

May 2011

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1. Introduction

The National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN+, according to approved Application Form, took place in Odessa National Polytechnic University, on 25th of May 2011. The aim of this conference was introduce the Donauregionen+ project, as well as the Donauregionen project, as a background of D+. On this conference participated also the lead partner, Mr. Tibor Nemeth. There was also presented the logical structure, work packages and also the cooperation concept in the Danube space.

2. Program

Date: 25th May 2011, Wednesday, 10,00 - 12,45 hours

Place: Odessa National Polytechnic University, Shevchenko Ave. 1, Odessa, Ukraine

09,30 – 10,00 – Registration

1. *10,00 – 10,10 – **Opening (welcome words)***
+ Valeriy Lebed, Project Manager, 10%PP2
2. *10,10 – 10,30 – **Project Status***
+ Valeriy Lebed, Project Manager, 10%PP2
3. *10,30 – 11,30 – **Presentation of the project DONAUREGIONEN+ - Conception of Regions Co-operation in the Spatial Arrangement and Development of the Danube Area (background, objectives, expected results)***
+ Valeriy Lebed, Project Manager, 10%PP2
+ Tibor Nemeth, Project Manager, LP
4. *11,30 – 11,45 – **Coffe break***
5. *11,45 – 12,15 – **Word from the Leading Partner (info pannel)***
+ Tibor Nemeth, Project Manager, LP
6. *12,15 – 12,45 – **Discussion and Conclusions***

3. Course of the Conference



Odessa National Polytechnic University hosted the National Info Day in the framework of the project “The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Cooperation in the Danube Space” (DONAUREGIONEN+), organized by the Odessa National Polytechnic University on the 25th of May 2011. 64 participants took part in the discussions including representatives of the Non-governmental Organization “Association of Journalists “European Choice”, chairman of the Municipal Enterprise “Energy Saving Systems”, representatives of the Odessa Department of Ukrainian Association of Disabled and representatives of the Non-governmental Organization “Regional Research Center”.

The National Info Day was opened by the head of Marketing and Innovative Politics Department of ONPU, Mr. Valeriy Lebed, who greeted the participants and wished fruitful discussion. In the presentation, Mr. Tibor Nemet, representative of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, took part as lead partner in the project.



For better understanding of the logic of the project Mr. Valeriy Lebed made an overview of the SEE Transnational Cooperation Programme, its idea, aims and strategic goals. Main principles, priorities and measures were also covered in the presentation. The structure of work within the project including tasks of the existing Work Packages was introduced.

During the meeting there were presented the activities and the results till this moment. There was an overview of the background of the DONAUREGIONEN+ project including the goals and achieved results of the DONAUREGIONEN project. There were also discussed the possible perspectives of introducing results into life within the framework of project continuation – DONAUREGIONEN++ project. Possible problems that could appear in the process of implementation were covered in the presentation.

4. Conclusion

On the National conference of Donauregionen + project there were participants from different institutions and organisations, which ensured qualitative discussion at the end of this event. The project partner also mentioned, that they will continue in the implementation of Donauregionen + project, and results will be available for everyone.



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National Conference Serbia

Elaborated by 10%PP5:
Agency for Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

May 2011

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1. Introduction

National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + - The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space aimed to introduce and ensure dissemination at national level. There were presented basic information about Donauregionen, but much more about Donauregionen + project. On this conference were also summarized activities which were done from the project start until now for the Serbian part of the whole territory. The organizer of this conference was the Agency for Spatial Planning of Republic of Serbia, 10%PP5.

2. Program

Date: 10th May 2011, Tuesday, 13,00 - 15,35 hours

Place: Belgrade, Serbia

1. 13,00 – 13,20 – **Welcome**
+ Dragan Stefanović, MSc, secretary of the Transport and Telecommunication Association of the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce and prof. Borislav Stojkov, director of the Republic Agency for Spatial Planning (10% PP5)
2. 13,20 – 13,50 – **Introduction**
+ Melinda Darázsová, representative of the Lead Partner and Tijana Živanović, MSc, 10% PP5 project co-ordinator
3. 13,50 – 14,10 – **Short overview of three general schemes: Natural Conditions, Settlement Structure and Human Resources, Economic Structure**
+ Jelena Biševac, 10% PP5
4. 14,10 – 14,30 – *Coffee break*
5. 14,30 – 14,55 – **General Scheme Transport and Technical Infrastructure**
+ Biljana Lukić Janković and mr Tijana Živanović, 10% PP5
6. 14,55 – 15,20 – **GIS**
+ Aleksandar Đorđević, MSc, external expert, Faculty of Geography Belgrade University
7. 15,20 – 15,35 – **Cross-Danube Regions**
+ prof. Dejan Đorđević, external expert, Faculty of Geography Belgrade University
8. 15,35 – **Discussion**

3. Course of the Conference

According to the agreement made by the Ministry of transport, construction and regional development of the Slovak Republic as Lead partner (LP) and the Republic Agency for Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia as 10% PP5, NATIONAL INFO DAY on the DONAUREGIONEN+ project was organized in Belgrade on May 10th, 2011. The event was organized with a support of Transport and Telecommunication Association of the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce that provided conference room, equipment and refreshments and that took care of the invitations.

The main purpose of the NATIONAL INFO DAY was to present results achieved so far in the implementation of the DONAUREGIONEN+ project by Serbian partners and mainly by the Republic Agency for Spatial Planning – Project Partner whose activities are sponsored by the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (ERDF PP8). Several specific objectives were also in the focus of the NATIONAL INFO DAY, namely:

- Presentation of the overall Project dynamics and tasks (background, activities, work-packages, final outputs and results);
- Main results achieved by the 10% PP5 within Work Package 4 (three general schemes);
- Results achieved within Work Package 4 regarding the General Scheme Transport and Technical Infrastructure;
- Methodology and results achieved within Work Package 3 – GIS;
- Development of the cross-Danube regions on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Taking into account both responsibilities of the 10% PP5 and interests of the host organization (Transport and Telecommunication Association of the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce), the most room was given to the presentation of the General Scheme Transport and Technical Infrastructure and GIS development.

The list of institutions to be invited to send their representatives to the NATIONAL INFO DAY was concluded jointly by the Republic Agency for Spatial Planning and the Transport and Telecommunication Association of the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce. The list included:

- Ministry of environment, mining and spatial planning
- Ministry of infrastructure and energy,
- Office of Deputy Prime Minister Božidar Đelić (in charge of the EU Danube Strategy and EU integration)
- EU Integration Office (in charge of cross-border and transnational co-operation)
- Nine Danube counties (Belgrade, Srednjobanatski, Južnjobanatski, Zapadnobački, Južnobački, Sremski, Podunavski, Braničevski and Borski)
- Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities
- Office of the Mayor of Belgrade
- Secretariat for Urban Planning and Construction, City of Belgrade
- Secretariat for Transport, City of Belgrade

- Secretariat for Environmental Protection, City of Belgrade
- Provincial Secretariat for Interregional Cooperation and Local Self-Government, Government of the Autonomous province of Vojvodina
- Provincial Secretariat for Town Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection, Government of the Autonomous province of Vojvodina
- Public Enterprise “Institute of Urbanism Belgrade”
- Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning of Serbia
- Public Enterprise “Urban and Spatial Planning Institute of Vojvodina”
- Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering, Belgrade University, etc.

4. Conclusion

Some 20 participants from different institutions and organisations took participation in this event, mainly from the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering, Belgrade University and Belgrade authorities / institutions (the list has not yet been obtained from the Transport and Telecommunication Association). Discussion focused chiefly on data availability and the system of indicators proposed by project methodology in the field of transport. All participants in the debate agreed that transport statistics in Serbia is far from being comprehensive and accurate.

Information on NATIONAL INFO DAY, as well as given presentations can be seen and downloaded at the following link: <http://www.rapp.gov.rs/index.php?idstr=228>.



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The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Cooperation in the Danube Space

National Conference Croatia

Elaborated by 10% PP7, 10% PP8:

Institute for Spatial Organization of Osijek Baranja County, Osijek and Vukovar-Srijem County
- European Integrations Associate, Vukovar

May 2011

1. Introduction

National Conference of the project DONAUREGIONEN + - The Spatial Development Concept of Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space was organized according with the project Application Form. The organization of NC ensured the Croatian project partner and it took place on 5th May 2011 at Regional development agency of Slavonija and Baranja. The aim of this conference was to ensure the dissemination of the D+ project at national level, to present the achieved goals from the beginning as well as introduce the logical scheme and of course each work package of the project.

2. Program

Date: 5th May 2011, Thursday, 10,00 - 13,00 hours

Place: Regional development agency of Slavonija and Baranja, S.Radića 4, Osijek, Croatia

1. 10,00 – 10,15 – **Opening**
+ Opening (welcome words)
– reps. Osijek-Baranya and Vukovar-Srijem county
2. 10,15 – 10,45 – **Presentation of the project DONAUREGIONEN+ - Conception of Regions Co-operation in the Spatial Arrangement and Development of the Danube Area**
+ LP, Tibor Nemeth
3. 10,45 – 11,00 – **Presentation of the GIS within D+ project**
+ Aleš Baláži, GIS expert on D+ project
4. 11,00 – 11,15 – **Presentation of the GIS within D+ project – Croatia**
+ Domagoj Klaić, GISDATA, expert support
5. 11,15 – 11,45 – **Coffee break**
6. 11,45 – 12,15 – **Presentations of four sectoral analyses for Osijek-Baranya and Vukovar-Srijem county**
+ Marijana Balić, Kornelija Mlinarević
7. 12,15 – 12,45 – **Synergies with other projects in the region and how to use this project in the future**
+ representative of RRA SiB
8. 12,45 – 13,00 – **DANUBE STRATEGY and importance of DS for the region**
+ reps. Vukovar-Srijem county and RRA SiB – Gabrijelela Žalac, Nada Kožul
9. 13,00 – **Discussion**

3. Course of the Conference

Based on findings of research and analyses done in the previous project Donauregionen, studies has proved the serious disparities between the regions along Danube.

Project Donauregionen+ aims to emphasize the need of joint efforts on the development of the Danube regions development strategy. On the basis of four general schemes in sectors of Natural Conditions, Settlement Structures, Transport and Technical infrastructure and Economy, the situation of both Eastern croatian counties, NUTS III regions, Osijek-Baranya and Vukovar-Srijem, will be specified and the typology of the NUTSIII regions along the river Danube will be elaborated. Both croatian counties are becoming an integral part of the wider Danubian elaboration and comparative analysis.

The event INFO-DAY for Croatian part of Donauregionen+ as planned by the project visibility action was organized with goal to present the project objectives, based on previous experiences and in context of other strategic programs, initiatives, and projects related to Danube, as well as main outputs of the project achieved.

INFO-DAY started with opening words of Oliver Grigić, Institute for spatial organization of Osijek-Baranya county, and Stjepan Ribić from the Regional development agency of Slavonia and Baranya.

Tibor Nemeth, in behalf of the Lead partner, the Slovakian Ministry of construction and regional development in the presentation "Concept of the regional cooperation in the field of spatial organization and development along the Danube" presented the project DONAUREGIONEN+ with its history, objectives, partners, project's structure, logical scheme and typology of the region covered by the project.

Aleš Baláži, GIS expert in D+ project has presented the GIS, geo-information system within the D+ project, and Ivan Cingel from the Institute for spatial organization of Osijek-Baranya county presented the GIS outputs for Croatian territory of the project. GIS is still in process of finalizing.

Biljana Đanković from Regional development agency of Slavonia and Baranya had presented details of four sectoral analyses of WP4 for both counties, based on four general schemes in sectors of Natural Conditions, Settlement Structures, Transport and Technical infrastructure and Economy.

Kornelija Mlinarević from Regional development agency of Slavonia and Baranya gave the context of other projects in the region related to Danube, projects of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation, in the light of Croatian accession to the European Union and preparation for use of Structural funds and Cohesion fund. Project Donauregionen+ was mentioned in that context as very important due to synergies with other projects in Danube basin region which produce strategic platforms for infrastructural projects.

Event was closed by Gabrijela Žalac from Vukovar-Srijem county and her presentation of the Danube strategy which made new strategic framework and opens new sources of financing for large development projects in regions along the Danube.

4. Conclusion

The national Info-day for Croatia within the Donauregionen+ project had provided the press-release for journalists which ensured good media-coverage both in classic and electronic media.