

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
Priority area 1b: To improve mobility and multimodality – rail, road and air links

Fourth Annual Stakeholders' Conference

THE DANUBE REGION TRANSPORT DAYS 2018

EUSDR PA1b coordinators¹ with support of EIRE- EuroRAP and UNECE

Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th - 5th December 2018

Ljubljana / Slovenia

Venue: Hotel Best Western Premier SLON, Slovenska cesta 34, Ljubljana

The 4th International stakeholder conference entitled "The Danube Region Transport Days 2018" aims to bring together transport community to exchange and share their experiences, results and ideas on all aspects of land and air transport in the Danube macro-region. Moreover the aim is to strengthen cooperation between transport stakeholders in the Danube macro-region in order to jointly address the challenges associated with implementation of existing transport policy activities.

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1: Tuesday, 4 December 2018

8.15 – 9.00 *Registration and Welcome Coffee*

PLENARY SESSION

9.00 – 9.10 **Welcome and Introduction**

- *EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators (PACs)*
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9.10– 9.45 **Keynote Speeches**

- *Minister for transport of the Republic of Slovenia*
 - *Commissioner for Transport (tbc)*
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9.45– 10.30 **Financing Mechanisms for Transport Projects in the Danube region**

Representatives of the European Commission and IFIs will give an overview of investments in transport in present financial period and information on financing opportunities in the new financial perspective 2021 to 2027.

During the discussion participants will be able to express their views on efficiency of present financial mechanism, as well as views on needs and expectations.

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00–12.30 **Towards Improved Mobility and Connectivity in the Danube Region:**

Main transport corridors crossing the Danube macro-region

Since 1994 great efforts are made that the European citizens and companies will get access to seamless comprehensive multimodal network. At present the EU network backbone is represented by the TEN-T core network (comprehensive and core). In last

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several years efforts were made that this network is expanded to the candidate, potential candidate and neighbourhood countries.

Latest developments and results will be presented by the EU coordinators and representatives of several additional initiatives of utmost importance for better movement of peoples and goods in the Danube region.

During the discussion participants will be able to express their views on completion of main transport infrastructure in the Danube macro-region.

12.30–14.00

Lunch Break

PLENARY SESSION

14.00 – 15.00 Euro – Asian links: Importance for the Danube Region:

Euro-Asian links are getting importance. Most of the identified Euro-Asian routes are intermodal as they have to cross the Caspian and Black Seas. This requires that interfaces between modes be as effective as possible so that transport operators would be able to optimize the performance of combined maritime, rail and road modes within the existing Euro-Asian routes.

Where stands the Danube region? Is it to be bypassed or become one of major section on the route?

15.00–15.30

Coffee Break

PARALLEL SESSIONS

15.30–17.15

WS1: Activities and On-going Projects Relevant to the Danube Region

WS2: The future for rail passenger transport in the Danube region

Plenary room

Better insight into transport pilot projects under implementation is offered, among others, within the Danube transnational programme (DTP).

This session will bring together lead partners of ongoing DTP projects. They will share with audience interim results and contribute to awareness rising of importance of soft projects for the Danube region.

Discussion with participants should contribute to better implementation of the ongoing projects and as guidance for preparing new project proposals.

The aim of this session is to offer an opportunity for the experts and interested stakeholders in the field of multimodal transport and rail passenger transport to present results of their activities and results achieved over the last years. The session/workshop will also enable participants to become acquainted with the work of others, to promote further development by means of discussion and comments, and to profit from making new personal contacts. Overall the Conference will help to define new directions for improved rail passenger transport services.

17.15–17.30

Closure of the first day

19.00–21.30

Networking Dinner

DAY 2: Wednesday, 5 December 2018

08.30–09.00

Registration

PARALLEL SESSIONS

09.00–13.00	WS 3: Road Safety in the Danube region with focus on infrastructure	WS 4: Challenges of Air transport in the Danube region
Plenary hall	<p><i>The aim of the session is to discuss how the global targets for improved road safety in the Danube region can be developed. In addition what are the latest national developments in preparing road safety strategy to be in line with SDG target defined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be discussed. Focus will be on road infrastructure. Experts and delegates from fourteen countries, representatives of relevant international institutions or/and organisations will contribute to picture the present road safety and way to be taken to save lives.</i></p>	<p><i>Bringing together airport stakeholders from across the Danube region will enable access to the latest information within the air industry. The Danube region air transport development objectives and challenges will be addressed. Participants will be able to network with experts and colleagues, strengthen relations and have possibility to express their say in debates.</i></p>

Note: No coffee break planned! Self-service coffee in the rooms from 10.45 onwards!

13.00	Closure of the Conference (PACs)
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Buffet Lunch</i>
14.30	The End of the Day 2 / The End of the Conference

Conference language: **English.** No interpretation available.