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EU Strategy for the Danube Region and Ukraine: Opportunities, Challenges and the State of Implementation

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AGENDA

- 9:30 – 10:00 **Registration of participants**
- 10:00 – 10:45 **OPENING**
- Artem Fylypenko**, Director of the Regional Branch of the National Institute for Strategic Studies in Odessa
- Sergey Grynevetsky**, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine
- Colombe de Mercey**, Sector Manager, Civil Society and Media, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine
- Anastasia Andronova**, Odessa Regional State Administration
- Maria Koval**, Project Manager, Regional Office of Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine and Belarus
- Jörg Mirtl**, EUSDR Priority Area 10 “Institutional capacity and cooperation”, Government of the City of Vienna
- Stefan August Lütgenau**, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions; President of the Danube Civil Society Forum
- Igor Studennikov**, Executive Director of the Centre for Regional Studies
- 10:45 – 11:20 **SESSION I: EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION – A MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DIVERSE REGION**
- Moderator Stefan August Lütgenau**, Director of Foster Europe, Foundation for Strong European Regions; President of the Danube Civil Society Forum
- Key notes (10 min):**
- Jörg Mirtl** – EU Strategy for the Danube Region: key notes after the 3rd Annual EUSDR Forum
- Gabor Schneider** – Macro-regional strategies as a tool for cohesion in modern Europe
- Stefan August Lütgenau** – Civil society: a driving force of the Danube Strategy process
- 11:20 – 11:50 **Discussion**
- 11:50 – 12:05 **Tea/coffee break**
- 12:05 – 13:00 **SESSION II: COMPREHENSIVE VISION OF THE EUSDR IMPLEMENTATION IN UKRAINE**
- Moderator: Igor Studennikov**, Executive Director, Centre for Regional Studies
- Key notes (10 min):**
- Igor Studennikov** – Developing a Comprehensive Vision of the EUSDR implementation in Ukraine: steps and approach
- Artem Fylypenko** – SWOT-analysis of Odeska oblast
- Yuri Melnik** – The current spatial planning in the Odessa Region and its involvement in the EUSDR implementation
- Oleg Rubel** – Transport and navigation

Oleg Dyakov – Environmental protection and adaptation to the impacts of climate change

13:00 – 13:30 **Discussion**

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 15:30 **SESSION III: TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOSTERING UKRAINE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE DANUBE STRATEGY PROCESS**

Moderator: Artem Fylypenko, Director, Regional Branch of the National Institute for Strategic Studies in Odessa

Presentations (up to 15 min):

Mariyan Bereziuk– Ukraine's involvement in the Danube Strategy process: coordination, implementation and the state of affairs

Colombe de Mercey – EU policy of engagement of civil society

Igor Studennikov – Ukrainian Civil Society involvement in the EUSDR implementation

15:30 – 15:45 **Tea/coffee break**

15:45 - 16:30 **DISCUSSION**

Moderator: Igor Studennikov, Executive Director, Centre for Regional Studies

16.30 – 17:00 **CONCLUSIONS**