Economic forum – Areas of excellence in the Danube macro – region

Working Group 1 - Connectivity

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Implementation?

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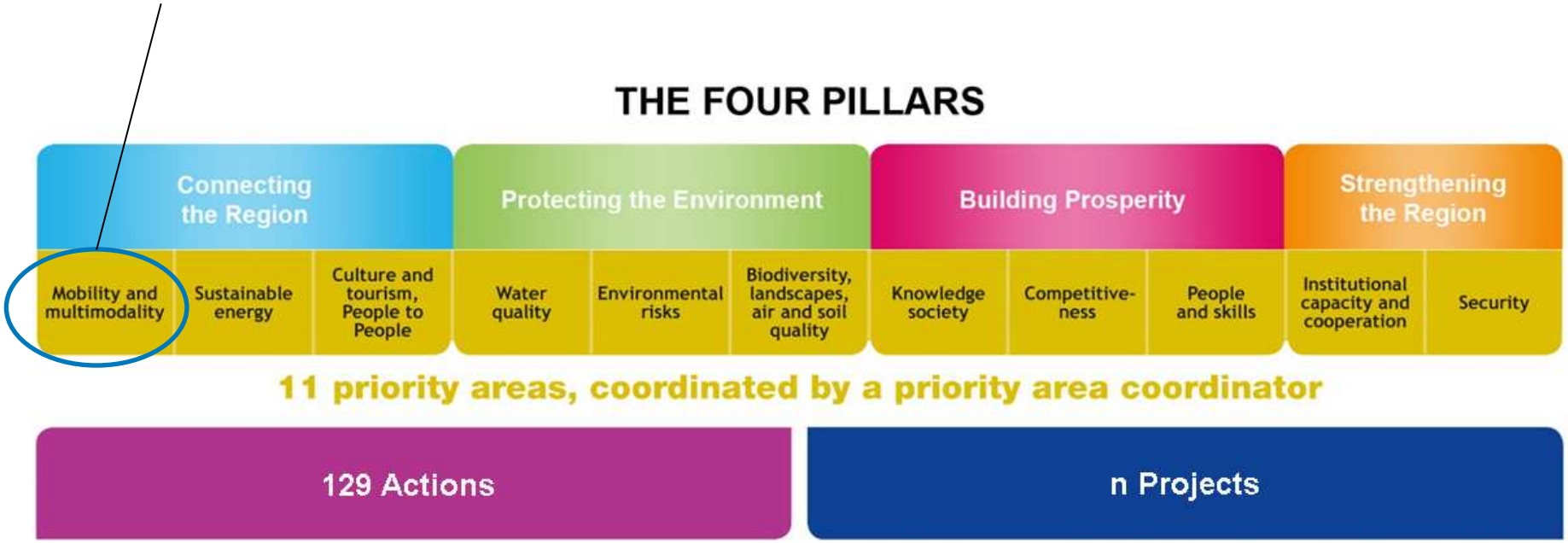

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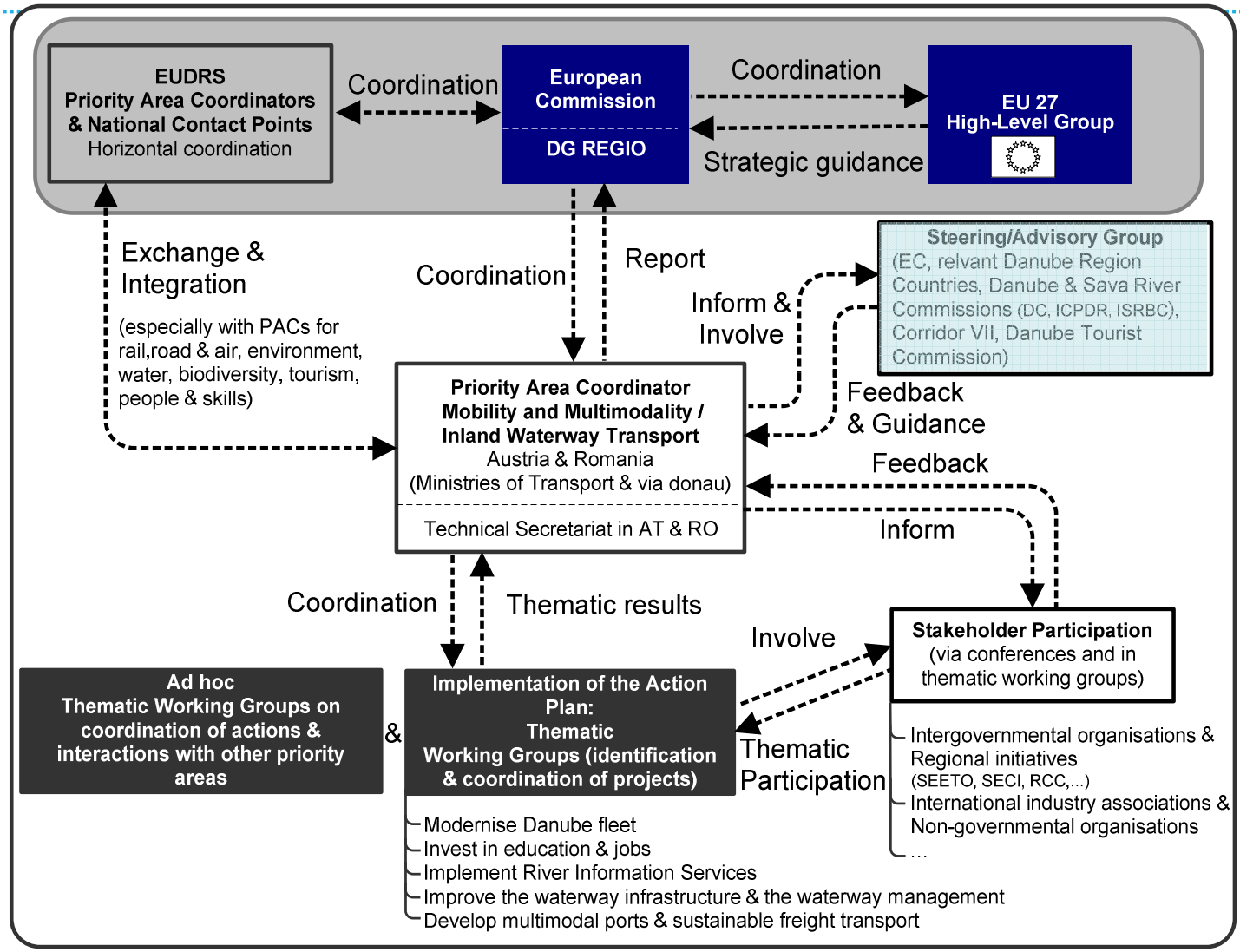
Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



Final targets for PA 1a of the EUSDR

(1) **Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010.**
[target maintained as in EC Communication of Dec. 2010]

(2) **Solve obstacles to navigability, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2015.**
[target reformulated from EC Communication of Dec. 2010: "Remove existing navigability bottlenecks on the river so as to accommodate type VIb vessels all year round by 2015"]

Final targets for PA 1a of the EUSDR

(3) Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports along the Danube and its navigable tributaries to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.
[target reformulated from EC Communication of Dec. 2010: "Development of efficient multimodal terminals at Danube river ports to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020"]

The same target was reformulated from EC Communication for Priority Area 1b of the EUSDR as follows:
Development of efficient multimodal terminals at Danube river ports and dry ports to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.

Final targets for PA 1a of the EUSDR

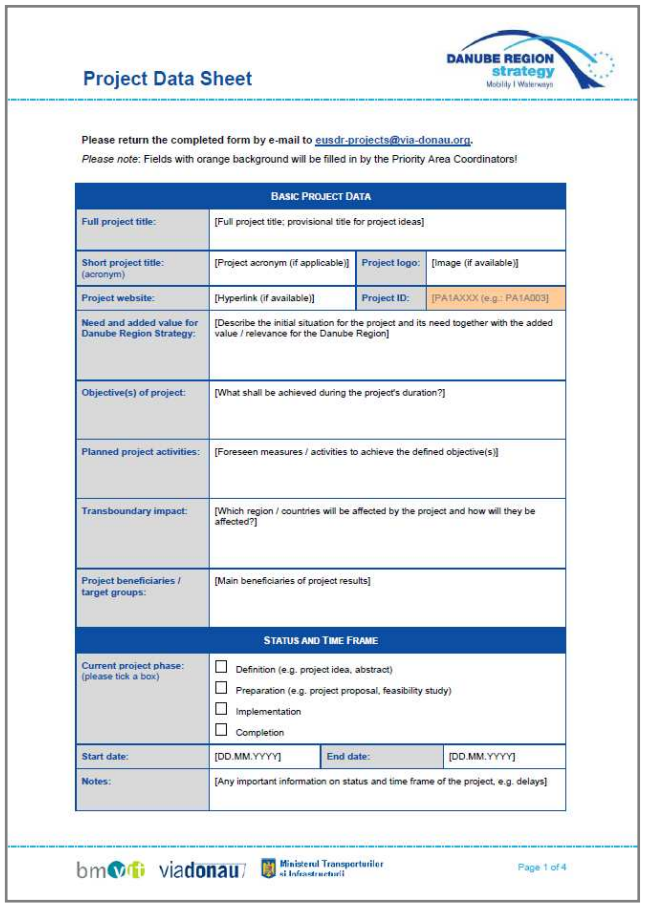
(4) **Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015.**
[new target; not in EC Communication of Dec. 2010]

(5) **Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020, taking duly into account the social dimension of the respective measures.**
[new target; not in EC Communication of Dec. 2010]

EUSDR PA 1a projects

1. Identification of projects and collection of project info (project data sheets, EC Action Plan, other sources)
2. Discussion of projects in thematic Working Groups
3. Consolidated display of project information via PA 1a website (project database; to be launched in Spring 2012)
4. Reporting on identified projects to Steering Group (3rd session)

Data Sheet for EUSDR PA 1a projects



Project Data Sheet

Please return the completed form by e-mail to eusdr-projects@via-donau.org.

Please note: Fields with orange background will be filled in by the Priority Area Coordinators!

BASIC PROJECT DATA			
Full project title:	[Full project title; provisional title for project ideas]		
Short project title: (acronym)	[Project acronym (if applicable)]	Project logo:	[Image (if available)]
Project website:	[Hyperlink (if available)]	Project ID:	[PA1AXXX (e.g.: PA1A003]
Need and added value for Danube Region Strategy:	[Describe the initial situation for the project and its need together with the added value / relevance for the Danube Region]		
Objective(s) of project:	[What shall be achieved during the project's duration?]		
Planned project activities:	[Foreseen measures / activities to achieve the defined objective(s)]		
Transboundary impact:	[Which region / countries will be affected by the project and how will they be affected?]		
Project beneficiaries / target groups:	[Main beneficiaries of project results]		
STATUS AND TIME FRAME			
Current project phase: (please tick a box)	☐ Definition (e.g. project idea, abstract) ☐ Preparation (e.g. project proposal, feasibility study) ☐ Implementation ☐ Completion		
Start date:	[DD.MM.YYYY]	End date:	[DD.MM.YYYY]
Notes:	[Any important information on status and time frame of the project, e.g. delays]		

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1. Basic project data (need, objectives, trans-boundary impact, beneficiaries)
2. Status and time frame (current project phase)
3. Project team (lead, partner, contacts)
4. Financing (budget, sources)
5. Project environment (strategic reference)
6. EUSDR embedding (relation to PAs)
7. EUSDR compliance (PA 1a targets and actions, affiliation to working groups)
8. Other issues (requirements, follow-up)

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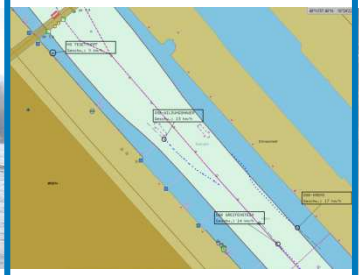
Working Groups: Thematic Areas

The following five thematic Working Groups are foreseen for implementating the EUDRS's Action Plan for Priority Area 1a:

Waterway Infrastructure	Ports and Sustainability	Danube Fleet	River Information Services	Education and Jobs
				
"Improve waterway infrastructure and waterway man-agement"	"Develop multi-modal ports and sustainable freight transport"	"Modernize the Danube fleet"	"Implement River Information Services"	"Invest in education & jobs"

WG 1 on Waterway Infrastructure

Actions included in the EUDRS's Action Plan:

- *To complete the implementation of TEN-T Priority Project 18 on time and in an environmentally sustainable way*
- *To invest in waterway infrastructure of Danube and its tributaries and develop the interconnections*
- *To improve comprehensive waterway management on the Danube and its tributaries*

Ongoing initiatives:

- *TEN-T Guidelines & Coordinator, UNECE Blue Book*
- *Joint Statement, PLATINA Manual, DG ENV / DG MOVE Working Group on Rivers*
- *NEWADA project*

WG 2 on Ports & Sustainability

Actions included in the EUDRS's Action Plan:

- *To develop ports in the Danube river basin into multimodal logistics centres*
- *To promote sustainable freight transport in the Danube region*

Ongoing initiatives:

- *TEN-T Guidelines & Coordinator, UNECE Blue Book*
- *National support programmes*

WG 3 on Danube Fleet

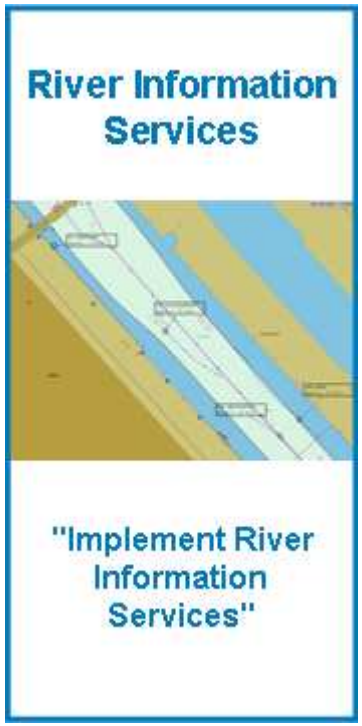
Actions included in the EUDRS's Action Plan:

- *To modernize the Danube Fleet in order to improve environmental and economic performance*

Ongoing initiatives:

- *PLATINA Innovation Expert Group & Database*
- *Strategic Research Agenda*
- *European Funding Database*
- *European Hull Database*
- *National support programmes*
- *WANDA and Move It! projects*

WG 4 on River Information Services



Actions included in the EUDRS's Action Plan:

- *To implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS)*

Ongoing initiatives:

- *RIS Expert Groups*
- *National support programmes (AIS transponders)*
- *IRIS Europe, RISING and NEWADA projects*

WG 5 on Education & Jobs

Actions included in the EUDRS's Action Plan:

- *To invest in education and jobs in the Danube navigation sector*

Ongoing initiatives:

- *PLATINA Joint Working Group on Professional Competencies*
- *EU Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee*
- *EDINNA (Education in Inland Navigation Network)*
- *STCIN (Standards for Training and Certification in Inland Navigation)*
- *NELI and EWITA (INeS Danube) projects*

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Waterway

New markets

Fleet

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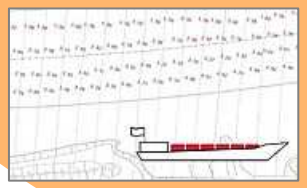
Ports

Telematics



Information to customers

Education and training

Results of 1st Working Group Meeting from 27th October 2011

- Kick-Off of the five thematic Working Groups
- Overview on status quo of the five thematic areas of the respective Working Groups; heterogeneous nature of thematic areas (different status of implementation, different needs)
- Open architecture of Working Groups: all parties interested
- Frequency: meetings at least twice a year
- Goal is to involve both the public and the private sectors in the target-oriented analysis and discussion of projects and project ideas (status quo, gap analysis, etc.)

Next steps

- 21 Nov. 2011: EU 27 High Level Group meeting
- 30/31 Jan. 2012: PAC-NCP-SG-EC meeting ("Gödöllö+")
- **Feb. 2012: WG Meetings for PA 1a**
- **Mar. 2012: Annual PA 1a Stakeholder Forum**
- Mar. 2012: 3rd SG Meeting for PA 1a
- Apr. 2012: Launch of PA 1a website & project database
- May 2012: Annual Stakeholder Forum for all PAs