Workshop 3- "A Sustainable River Basin - Environmental and Touristic Assets"

Environment in the Danube Region is a cross-cutting issue. Water quality, Environmental Risks and Biodiversity are strongly interrelated. They are keys to a sustainable region, attractive both to its people and to visitors. In this workshop, the joint approach of the environmental Pillar of the Strategy of the Danube Region will be presented and discussed. Environmental and touristic assets and opportunities will be highlighted by integrative project examples (such as the "Sturgeon 2020") and by providing an outlook to the mid- and long-term perspective in the common framework of the EUSDR. As environment is linked to questions of transport and mobility, there will be the option for participants to attend the joint debate with the participation of key representatives of the transport and environmental sector, under the title "Improved Mobility and a Sustainable River Basin: The integrative approach as a key success factor" (see Workshop 1).

Moderator:	**Mr Medgyesy Balázs,** Government Commissioner for the Danube Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR National Contact Point, Hungary
Discussant:	**Mr Timo Rajakangas,** Ambassador for Baltic Sea Issues, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
09:00-09:50	**Welcome and introduction** **- Mr Emanuel Cernat,** Diplomatic Counsellor, Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism, EUSDR PAC 3-Culture and Tourism, Romania **- Mr László Perger,** Ministry of Rural Development, EUSDR PAC 4 - Water quality, Hungary **- Mr Bakonyi Péter, "**VITUKI" Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute, EUSDR PAC5, Hungary **- Mr Florian Ballnus,** Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health, EUSDR PAC 6 - Biodiversity, Germany
09:50-10:10	**Presentation of the project "Sturgeon 2020 strategy" by Ms Cristina Sandu, Institute of Biology, Romanian Academy, Romania**
10:10-10:30	**Questions & Answers**
10:30-10:45	**Break**

10:45-11:45	**Presentations of project examples of PA 4 -Water quality and PA 5 - Environmental Risks:** - Presentation of the project "CC-WaterS" by **Dr Gerhard Kuschnig,** Waterworks of Vienna Municipality, Austria (tbc) - Presentation of the project "Danube Floodrisk" by **Ms Mary-Jeanne Adler,** Scientific Director of the National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management, Romania - Presentation of the project "Improvement of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Black Sea Region (ICZM)" by **Mr Mihail Costache,** Senior Adviser, Water Resources Management Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Romania **Discussion animated by:** - **Mr Radoslav Bujnovsky,** Water Research Institute, EUSDR PAC 4, Slovakia - **Mr Bakonyi Péter**, "VITUKI" Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute, EUSDR PAC 5, Hungary
10:45 - 11:45	**Parallel session: possibility to join the Panel discussion in Workshop 1:** **"Improved Mobility and a Sustainable River Basin: The integrative approach as a key success factor" (see WS 1)**
10:45 - 11:45	**Parallel session: Panel discussion on Tourism** **Moderation: Daniela Schily,** Project Leader, GIZ –Regional Programme for the establishment of a "Danube Competence Centre", **Nathalie Verschelde,** Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (EC) • **Mr. Evgueni Spassow,** Bulgaria, Coordinator PA3, Ministry for Economy, Energy and Tourism • **Ms Isabella von der Decken,** Referentin der CDU/CSU Bundestagsfraktion Deutschland • **Mr Goran Petkovic,** State Secretary, Ministry Economy and Finance, Serbia • **Mr Teodor Frolu,** representative NGO Rowmania, Romania • **Ms Sabine Meigel,** Danube office Ulm and Boardmember of DCC • **Mr Georg Steiner** Tourismdirector of Linz-Tourismus • **Ms Regina Hellwig Schmid,** project director of donumenta Regensburg e.V.