

Invitation

An EU macro-regional civil strategy in the making



A preparatory event for stakeholders from the EU Strategy of the Danube Region (EUSDR) Vienna, 14 April 2023

Macro-regional strategies are a promising policy area of the European Union. They aim to bring closer connected areas to strengthen cooperation and contribute to economic, social and territorial cohesion. Today, the EU has four macro-regional strategies: the Baltic Sea (EUSBSR), the Danube (EUSDR), the Adriatic-Ionian (EUSAIR) and the Alpine (EUSALP) Region.

Our conviction is that civil society organisations play a crucial role in the successful implementation of the macro-regional strategies. Even if they operate under different conditions and circumstances in the macro-regions, they also have common goals addressing such issues as the climate change, the energy crisis, social questions or the war in Ukraine. With their intermediary function they have a huge and frequently unused potential to contribute to the promotion of the European project.

The elaboration of a place-based EU macro-regional civil strategy offers a helping hand in this regard leading to the establishment of an institutionalised citizens' dialogue across macro-regions.

European House Budapest is pleased to invite you to the first chapter, the preparatory event for stakeholders from the Danube Region, of the process leading to the elaboration of a proposal for an EU-macro-regional civil strategy. Similar preparatory events will be organised in the other macro-regions in 2023.

When?	10:00-13:00 hours Friday, 14 April 2023
Where?	European Parliament Liaison Office in Vienna Haus der Europäischen Union Wipplingerstrasse 15, 1010 Vienna, Austria

The event is followed by a solidarity activity with Ukraine in the afternoon.

The event is open to all interested stakeholders. Please register if you wish to attend.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/PNCL6PipfBG6F6W49>

The Commission's 4th Implementation Report on macro-regional strategies and our Shadow Report serve as background documents to the event. The Concept Note of an EU macro-regional civil strategy will also be available.

<https://europeanhouse.hu/together-stronger/>

Looking forward to welcoming you in Vienna.



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:30	Arrival. Registration
10:00	Opening and words of welcome Mr Frank PIPLAT, Head, European Parliament Information Office for Austria Mr Emil BRIX, Director, Diplomatische Akademie Wien Ms Hedvig MORVAI, Programme Director, Erste Foundation
10:15	Setting the scene: the EU macro-regional story Panel discussion with the participation of Ms Monika VANA, MEP (video message) Ms Christa SCHWENG, President, European Economic and Social Committee Mr Harald STRANZL, Ambassador, National Coordinator, EU Danube and Alpine Strategy, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria Ms Nadija AFANASIEVA, Director, Ukrainian Institute for International Politics Mr Pejo BOSNIC, Danube Youth Council, Bosnia and Herzegovina Moderator: Mr Miklos BARABAS, Director, European House Budapest Discussion with the participants
11:15	Coffee break
11:45	Setting up of two working groups Discussion on the Concept Note of an EU macro-regional civil strategy Initial reactions/inputs from the field followed by an open discussion Group A Moderator: Ms Christiana PORDES, The World of NGOs, Austria Ms Mariela SAVKOVA, Europe Information Centre Vidin, Bulgaria Mr Gojko BEZOVAN, Centre for Development of Non-Profit Organisations, Croatia Group B Moderator: Ms Stanka PARAC, LDA Subotica, Serbia Ms Silva LAURE, Baltic Sea Youth Platform, Latvia Mr Matteo IANNI, European Movement Italy
12:40	Closing plenary Brief reports from the Working Groups Concluding thoughts by Mr Anders BERGSTRÖM, Norden Association Sweden, PA Coordinator for Education, EUSBSR Closing by Mr Miklos BARABAS, European House Budapest
13:00	Networking lunch



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