



**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DANUBE PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE EU DANUBE STRATEGY**  
**SCIENCE MEETS PARTICIPATION, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**  
**THE AGENDA FOR PARTICIPATION IN EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES**

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**AGENDA**

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**09:00 – 09:30 Registration**

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**09:30 – 09:45 Opening Session**

Dietmar **Meyer**, Rector, Andrassy University

Rudolf **Schicker**, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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**09:45 – 10:30 Keynotes: Participation from Theory to Practice Top-down and Bottom-up**

**Andre Baumann**, State Secretary in the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector, Baden-Württemberg

Zoltán **Pallinger**, Andrassy University

Monica **Vana**, Head of Delegation of the European Green Party, European Parliament

**Q & A (also using electronic online discussion platform SLIDO)**

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**10:30 – 12:30 Discussion: The Agenda for Participation in the EU Macro-Regional Strategies**

**Input:** The State of Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe

Clara **Moder**, Social Entrepreneurship Centers, Vienna University of Economics and Business

**Presentation:** The Agenda for Participation in the EU Macro-Regional Strategies

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum, Foster Europe

**Panel Discussion** with Participation Partnerships

Stefan **Barth**, Agapedia Foundation

Ellen **Bos**, Andrassy University

Claudia **Singer**, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Roland **Hanak**, Priority Area 9 People & Skills of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe

Iva **Taralezhkova**, Citizen Participation Forum

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**12:30 – 13:30      Networking Lunch**

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**13:30 – 16:00      Working Groups**

The Working Groups will explore the possibilities of developing a Participation Partnership with the perspective of implementing the principles of participation and good governance in the EU macro-regions. The Participation Partnerships should develop into sustainable cooperation networks throughout the EU macro-regional strategies between civil society, local actors and academia as well as international and European organisations and institutions.

**WG I: Participation Partnership – A research perspective**

The Partnership will aim at exploring and working on theories and good practices in research that promote participatory governance in order to enhance capacities for multi-level governance in the macro-regions and to develop potential measures and actions that can be applied in the macro-regional strategies.

**Chair:** Blaz **Barboric**, Geodetic Institute of Slovenia

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**WG II: Participation Partnership - Building Macro-regional Strategies on local and multi-level governance**

The Partnership will aim at developing concrete measures for the implementation of Participation at the local level, based on the new guidelines for Participation developed by the Council of Europe.

**Chair:** Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe

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**WG III: Participation Partnership - A key factor of social innovation and sustainable development**

The Partnership should identify innovative, co-creative and trans-sectoral approaches in order to sustain long term top-down (thinking) and bottom-up (acting) processes (developments).

**Chair:** Stefan **Barth**, Agapedia Foundation

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**WG IV: Participation Partnership - Designing 2020+ with Local Actors in the Macro-regional Strategies**

The Partnership aims at looking at existing participatory instruments in EU-institutions, funding programmes and decision-making processes in the macro-regions and explores possibilities to strengthen participation of civil society and local actors in shaping regional development post 2020.

**Chair:** Claudia **Singer**, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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## WG V: Participation Partnership - Empowering Roma

The Partnership deals with participatory approaches to empower Roma communities in the macro-regions in order to enable their participation in the shaping of their social and political capital.

**Chair:** Barbara **Willsberger**, Priority Area 9 People & Skills of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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**16:00 – 16:30**      **Coffee Break**

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**16:30 – 17:00**      **Report from the National Civil Society activities in the Danube Region 2017**

### Hungary

Miklos **Barabas**, Coordinator for Civil Society in Hungary, European House

Csaba **Madarász**, Participatory Democracy Expert, e-Democracy Workshop Association

### National Participation Days in the EUSDR

Daniela Stojkovic, NGO World and Danube

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**17:00 – 18:00 Outlook on the participation and position of the Agenda for Civil Society in the Macro-Regional Strategies and the Partnerships 2018**

Results of the Workshops

Ellen **Bos**, Andrásy University

Stefan August **Lütgenau**, Danube Civil Society Forum/Foster Europe

Stefan **Barth**, Agapedia Foundation

Claudia **Singer**, Claudia Singer, Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Roland **Hanak**, Priority Area 9 People & Skills of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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**18:00 – 19:00 Closing Session: Passing the Bell and Outlook on the Danube Participation Day 2018 in Sofia, Bulgaria**

Ellen **Bos**, Andrásy University

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Iva **Taralezhkova**, Citizen Participation Forum

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**19:00**      **Evening Reception**

hosted by Andrásy University & Foster Europe, Foundation for strong European Regions

Gisela **Erlner**, State Counsellor for Civil Society and Civic Participation, Baden-Württemberg

György **Konrád**, Author

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10:00- 13:00      Participation of youngsters in civil society activities

10:00-11:00      D-LAP Meeting, Priority Area 10 of the EUSDR

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