

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

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

on behalf of the Danube Civil Society Forum, EUSDR Priority Area 10 and Andrásy University Budapest, we kindly invite you to join us on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Budapest for the 4<sup>th</sup> Participation Day in the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region.

The Danube Participation Day is the main meeting of civil society in the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region and a pre-event to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EUSDR. This open format brings together experts and high level representatives of regional organisations, institutions and networks representing civil society, academia, cities and regions and the EUSDR. It promotes intensive exchange and cooperation of relevant stakeholders in the Danube Region with the aim of developing participatory, multi-level governance, administrative capacities and policies supporting a stable and sustainable political, social and economic development of the region.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Danube Participation Day will be hosted by the Andrásy University Budapest, and organised in close cooperation with EUSDR PA 10 Institutional capacity building and cooperation, Danube Civil Society Forum DCSF, the EU-project LADDER and Foster Europe Foundation for strong European Regions.

The event builds on of the National Participation Days 2017 held in Serbia, Ukraine, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Baden-Württemberg and Austria.

The focus of the Danube Participation Day 2017 will be the presentation of the "Participation Agenda" for local actors and civil society in the EU macro regional strategies. The main focal points of this agenda will be discussed more in depth in five working groups focusing on the conditions and challenges of implementing participation, good governance and sustainable development in research, social innovation, cohesion policy and inclusion in the EUSDR and other EU macro-regional strategies.

The program offers a unique opportunity to get into contact and exchange with non-state stakeholders, academics, experts, local actors and organised civil society from the entire Danube Region.



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Please find enclosed the draft Programme as well as the draft of the “Agenda for Participation” which will be discussed and adopted at the Danube Participation Day.

The registration is now open! Please fill in the attached registration form and send it to [office@foster-europe.org](mailto:office@foster-europe.org).

Do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions (contact: [cordula.mertens@andrassyuni.hu](mailto:cordula.mertens@andrassyuni.hu))

We are looking forward to meeting you in Budapest,



(Prof. Dr. Dietmar Meyer, Rector of the Andrassy University Budapest)



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