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1. Agenda

- 09:30 Reports
- Peter Obricht/RU3: Meeting of the Working Group on 20 May 2017, Melk
- Christian Steiner/NÖABB: Meeting of the Working Group on 26 April 2017, Tulln
- 09:45 Keynote Speeches
- Energy and Environment:
- Update on PA2 activities | Veronika Sikova, PA2
 - Danube Transnational | Anna Maria Kramann, Austrian Conference on Spatial Planning
 - Bioenergy villages | Herbert Tretter, Austrian Energy Agency
- Soil protection and Sustainable Land Use:
- Update on PA6 activities | Florian Ballnus, Coordinator PA6
 - European Land and Soil Alliance | Antonin Okenka, Nova Lhota/CZ
 - ClimateGreen, ETC-project | Vit Hrdousek, LAG South Moravia/CZ
 - SONDAR and ETC project Inteko & AgriNature | Erwin Szlezak, AT
- 11:15 Additional reports (projects, activities)
- Council of Danube Cities and Regions | Tobias Eisele
- 11:15 Energy Future Tour 2018
- Introduction and remark
 - Further discussion on organization and partners
- 11:45 Main topics / Work programme 2018
- Recommendation for a decision of the senior officials
 - Important dates (e.g. E-Mobility Day 2018, 25. Conference 26 April 2018)
- 12:00 Conclusions

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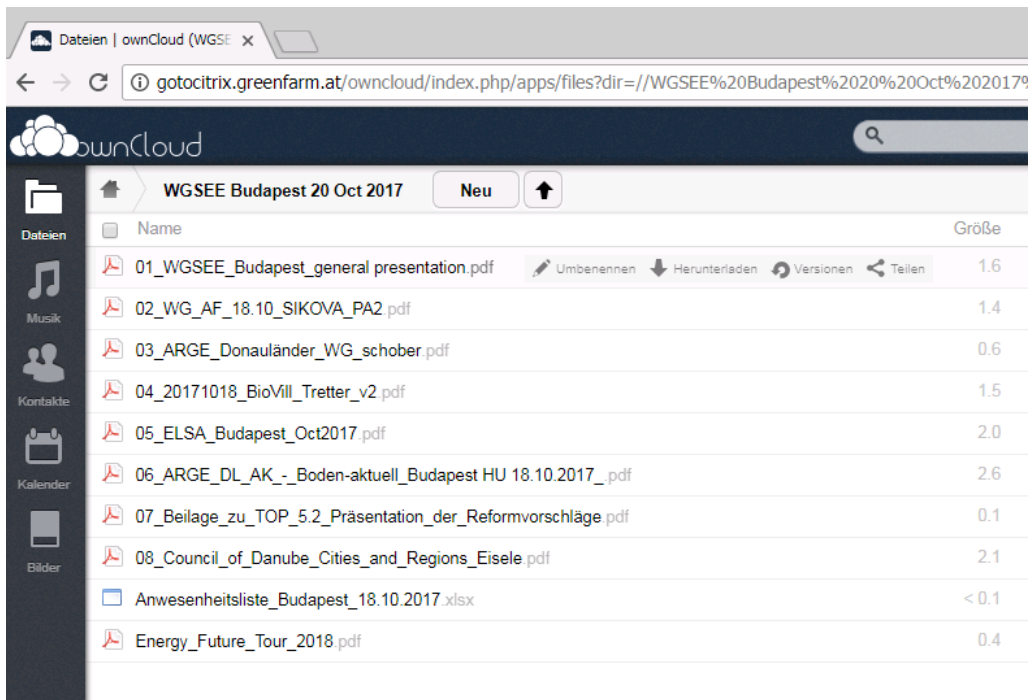
3. Presentations

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Overview of Presentations



Presentation of the Energy Future Tour – Film: <https://youtu.be/QPICnnGFbWk>

Further information: <http://www.enu.at/energy-future-tour>

4. Work Programme 2018

4.1. Energy and Environment: Decision Recommendations and Work Programme

Decision recommendations:

- The initiatives of the working group shall contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the EU Energy and Climate package.
- The work should be done in close connection with the activities of Priority Area 2 of the EUSDR.
- The focus should be on dissemination, know how transfer, exchange of best practice (particularly on successful networks of regions and cities, e.g. „Climate Alliance“ and „European Energy Award“) as well as on using synergies with other transnational working partnerships and initiatives, such as the „European Region Danube-Vltava“.
- Successful projects of the past should be continued in the near future and new projects should be initiated.

Work programme 2018 and Outlook 2019:

- Energy Future Tour 2018 across the Austrian Danube Regions: The project that focused on an exchange of young people on a sustainable energy future should be continued in Austria and one or more partner regions in the year 2018.
- „Facing the Climate“: That project – a touring exhibition addressing the topics of climate / art / caricature developed in Sweden - should be implemented in the member regions in 2018.
- Expert Conference during “Lower Austrian E-Mobility-Day” on 26 May 2018; member regions are invited.
- WG Meeting as a side event to the Annual Forum EUSDR in autumn 2018.

4.2. Soil Protection and Sustainable Land Use: Decision Recommendations and Work Programme

Decision recommendations:

- The Working Group “Sustainability” within the Working Community of the Danube Regions continues its cooperation with Priority Area 6 “Biodiversity, Landscape, Air and Soil” of the EU Strategy of the Danube Region. In this context on-going and future projects are embedded and disseminated by the Task Force SONDAR = Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region.
- Working Community of the Danube Regions acts jointly with existing networks such as SONDAR, ELSA = European Land and Soil Alliance, CASEE (Network der Life Science Universities) to distribute best practice examples in the Danube Region.
- Working Community of the Danube Regions turns special attention to the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the United Nations.

Work Programme 2018:

- 25. Working Group “Sustainability, Energy and Environment” focusing on “soil protection and sustainable land use“, April 24/25, 2018 in Tulln cooperating with Life Science-Universities in the Danube Region (CASEE-network): “Small-scale food production systems (micro-farming): perspectives for sustainable land use”
- Annual Conference of the European Land and Soil Alliance ELSA “Soil Protection under pressure” in cooperation with City of Stuttgart, June 14/15, 2018 in Stuttgart
- ETC-Project CZ-AT “Climate Green – Adaptation to climate change by means of Green Infrastructure“ (Lead Partner: RU3/AT; Partner: NÖABB)
- ETC-Project CZ-AT “INTEKO Technological Innovation of Compost Application and Soil Protection” (Lead Partner: ZERA/CZ)
- ETC-Project AT –HU “AgriNature” Biodiversity by anthropogene use in nature protection reserves (submitted) (Lead Partner: MA49 Wien/AT)
- “EROWIN: Challenges for forest management in Eastern Austria“ Will we be able to control wind erosion under climate change? (submitted) (Lead Partner: BFW/AT)

- Humus Management and regional Production of Organic Fertilizers (Bioforschung Austria Wien)
- Alliance of Networks of Sustainability and Health (cooperation with NÖGUS)

Outlook 2019 - Main Topics

- Shelter belts as Biotope Network Systems: Assessment and Implementation of Soil Protection Hedges in the Danube Regions.
- Soil Fertility: Humus management and regional production of organic fertilizers provide relevant contributions to the adaptation to climate change.
- Soil Map for the Danube Region: General Map of the Danube Region; Map on regional level using the example of Lower Austria
- Adaptation to Climate Change: Protection and Improvement of Green Infrastructure under the aspects of Health and Quality of Life using the examples of the project "Climate Green".
- Micro-farming: Small-scale food production systems, perspectives for sustainable land use
- Production Potential of Agricultural Area: Assessment of production potentials of the agricultural area using the example of soya from Danube regions

5. Energy Future Tour 2018

Young people from the Danube Regions will develop their vision of an energy future and search for innovative ways of renewable energy generation and efficient energy use – with special focus on regional approaches. Therefore it is necessary to cooperate with partner countries who are knowledgeable about their regions.



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During the trip the young students will visit energy projects, companies, research institutions and will record their findings in an online diary (photos, videos), factsheets and presentations. An important part of the programme is that participants reflect and discuss their findings and results during the tour.

Why the tour benefits from partner regions and partner regions benefit from the tour:

- Different regions can use various channels to advertise the tour and to search for participants.
- Local partners have the best knowledge about trends, developments and circumstances in their regions and transnational cooperation ensures a broader insight into the energy situation in Europe.
- Together with partners it is much easier to choose an excellent selection of highlight projects and innovative companies in the Danube region.

Invitation to participate as a partner region:

Please contact us if you are interested in joining the organisation of the tour.

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6. Continuous Communication

Meetings of the Working Group twice a year:

- Meeting in spring: Actors of PA2 and PA6 meet separately
- Meeting in autumn: Joint meeting of the whole Working Group
- Continuous Communication (mail / phone)
- Particularly with regard to project ideas / proposals

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8. Impressions of the Event

