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1. Agenda

- 14:00 Reports
- Peter Obricht/RU3: Meeting of the Working Group on 26/27 May 2018
- Christian Steiner/NÖABB: Meeting of the Working Group on 24/25 April 2018
- EUSDR Action Plan, revision
- 14:15 Keynote Speeches
- Energy and Environment:
- Update on PA2 activities | Klára Fedorucová, Coordinator Priority Area 2 “Sustainable Energy”
- Soil protection and Sustainable Land Use:
- Update on PA6 activities | Florian Ballnus, Coordinator PA6 “Biodiversity, Landscapes, Air and Soil Quality”
 - SONDAR and Interreg projects ClimateGreen & Inteko | Erwin Szlezak/AT
- Danube Strategy Point
- Upcoming activities | Robert Lichtner, Danube Strategy Point /AT
 - Mihaela Florea | Ministry of Regional Development/RO
- 15:30 Additional reports (projects, activities)
- Contributions from Danube regions
 - Students reports, Dealu Frumos International Summer School/AT & RO
- 16:00 Energy Future Tour 2018 and outlook 2019
- Report and Presentation: Touring exhibition “DANUBEcartoons”
- 16:15 Work programme 2019
- Recommendation for a decision of the senior officials
 - Important dates
- 16:25 Conclusions

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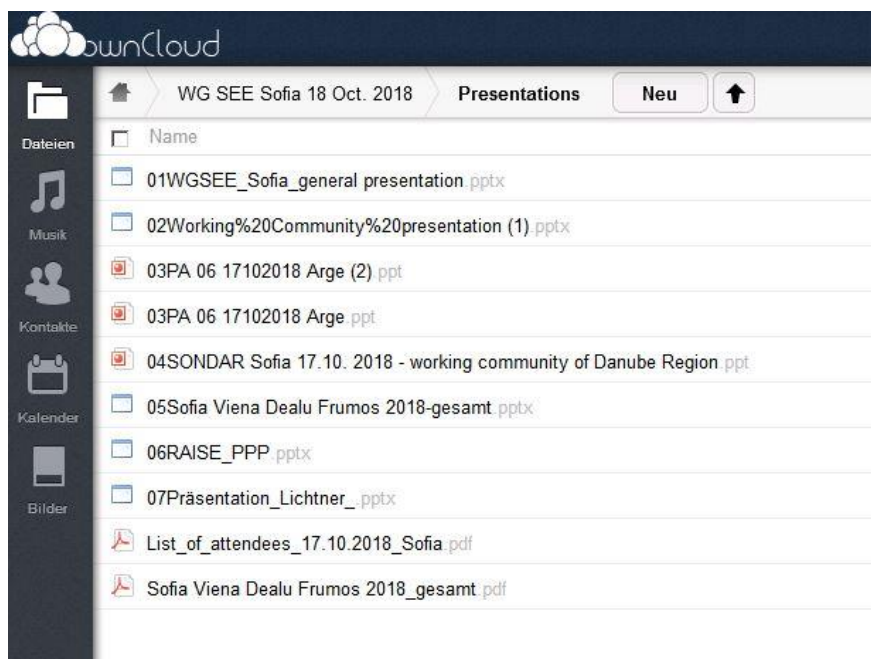
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Overview of Presentations



4. Work Programme 2019

4.1. Energy and Environment: Decision Recommendations and Work Program

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 2019

- Energy Future Tour 2020
- „Facing the Climate“: That project – a touring exhibition addressing the topics of climate / art / caricature – that was developed in Sweden, is touring in the member regions 2018 and 2019.
- Expert Conference during “Lower Austrian E-Mobility-Day” on May 2019; member regions are invited.
- WG Meeting as a side event to the Annual Forum EUSDR 2019

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

Decision recommendations:

1.

The Working Group “Sustainability” within the ARGE Donauländer 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.

2.

The 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), Technische Universität Wien to distribute best practice examples in the Danube Region.

3.

The Working Community of the Danube Regions turns special attention to the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the United Nations.

Work Program 2018, review

- 25. Working Group „Sustainability, Energy and Environment“, April 24/25, 2018 in Tulln: “Small-scale food production systems”
- Interreg-Project AT-CZ „Climate Green – Adaptation to climate change by means of Green Infrastructure“, 2018 – 2020
- Annual Conference of the European Land and Soil Alliance ELSA „Soil Protection under pressure“, Stuttgart, June 20/21, 2018
- Interreg-Project AT-CZ “INTEKO Technological Innovation of Compost Application and Soil Protection”, May 9, 2018, Retz/AT
- Technische Universität Wien: Summer School in Dealu Frumos, Transylvania/Romania, July 9-13, 2018

On-going projects 2018/2019

- Humus Management and regional Production of Organic Fertilizers (Bio Forschung Austria), on-going project

- LUCASSA (LUCAS SOIL Austria): analysis of soil samples according to standardized methods (Lead Partner: AGES), on-going project
- Alliance of Networks of Sustainability and Health (co-operation with HealthAcross): project “HESOP Healthy soil for healthy people”
- Shelter belts as Biotope Network Systems: Assessment and Implementation
- Soil Fertility: area-wide Humus Management and regional Production of Organic Fertilizers provide relevant contributions to the adaption to climate change

Work Program 2019, outlook

- Soil Map for the Danube Region
- Adaptation to Climate Change: Protection and Improvement of Green Infrastructure under the aspects of Health and Quality of Life
- Micro-farming: small-scale food production systems, perspectives for sustainable land use
- Production Potential of Agricultural Areas: Assessment of production potentials for Food, Feed and Fibre

26. Working Group „Sustainability, Energy & Environment“, April 9/10, 2019, Tulln: “Bio-research farm in the Danube region” in cooperation with CASEE, BOKU and Healthacross

5. Energy Future Tour

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



