

Expert group

Sustainable Development and Public Participation

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### *The Aims of the IAD-expert group SDPP*

- Provide regional adapted solutions within the Danube region on the practical implementation of sustainable development and related concepts: eg. Local Agenda 21, Global Marshall Plan Initiative, strategies concerning climate change and natural risk management
- Developing and testing of practical approaches on the integration of the concept of sustainability for conflicts in landscape development (infrastructure planning, settlements) and their implementation
- Providing local indicators for sustainable development – implementation on municipality level
- Providing methods for the involvement of public on different scales and levels (tools for municipalities, regions, stakeholders and experts)

The IAD expert group „Sustainable Development & Public Participation“ was founded in 2008 to create a platform of exchange and cooperation for scientists from Danube- and Black Sea countries to foster the involvement of people into the common development of Danube region. In support of the aims of the macro-regional EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) the Bottom-Up-concept „Learning Regions“ is under development. This initiative is also well connected to the ARGE Donauländer working group „Ecology“ and the „Danube civil society forum“ working group „education - learning regions“.



- 2008 kick off workshop at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania – work program

- 2008 workshop with municipality Beykoz, Istanbul, Turkey: perspectives of regional development and public participation in a suburban city
- 2008 workshop at the municipality Bozkurt, Kastamonu, Turkey: perspectives of regional development and public participation in a rural village
- 2008 workshop Ashgabad, Turkmenistan: cooperation with OSCE, training of officials
- 2009 application SIDIS for FP7 IAPP
- 2010-2011: Green Club Networking (Europe for Citizens): involvement of pupils and students from Budapest (HU), Vienna (AT), Sovata (RO) and Kosice (SK). Environmental education and training
- 2010 DANET at work (Europe for Citizens): training of elderly people from Ulm (DE), Traun (AT), Vukovar (CR), Ljubljana (SI), Timisoara (RO) and Ruse (BG), reporting to the European Parliament: panels on environment, migration, solidarity and active aging ([www.danet-at-work.eu](http://www.danet-at-work.eu))
- 2011-2013: Danube-Stories (Grundtvig LLP): sharing experience of participants from Ulm (DE), Wilhering (AT), Budapest (HU), Timisoara (RO), Vukovar (CR) and Ruse (BG) in a continuous process of cooperation ([www.danube-stories.eu](http://www.danube-stories.eu))
- 2012-2013: SONDAR HU-AT (ETC-CEE): developing an integrated approach for soil awareness to connect spatial planning, flood protection, improve soil services like filter, and drink water source in municipality planning in Lower Austria and West Hungary. IAD provides best practice examples from Danube region and disseminates them in Danube Day activities ([www.sondar.eu](http://www.sondar.eu))