

A Common Transport Vision for the Danube Region

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Project proposal

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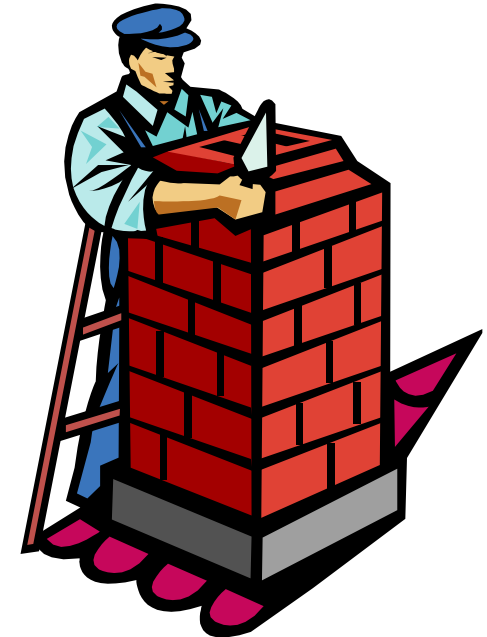


What is clear from the very beginning of the EUSDR coordination (PA1b) ?

We are building a house, but have no foundation.

What is needed:

- **Where we would like to go**
- **What we would like to achieve**
- **What is relevant for the transport in the Danube region and what is not**
- **How to build a basis for cooperation with all the stakeholders which may contribute to the EUSDR objectives in the area of transport (and some other priority areas)**



We know the objective, but not the way

- We need the Vision!
- Its easy only at the first glance

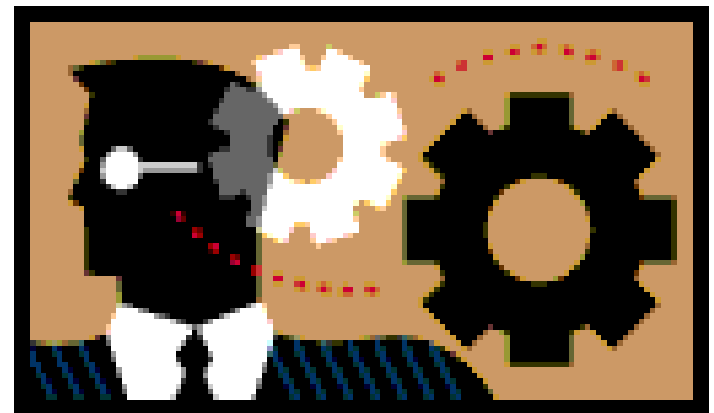


Where and how to start?

- From already achieved results, good practices
 - Vision Slovenia (2002-2003)
 - PRELUDE
- From some basic criteria
 - Stakeholder participation (how many citizens even know that there is the EUSDR)
 - Sustainable development (transport as an integral part – how to deal with transport not knowing where the region would like to go)
 - Cohesion
 - Competent team

The first phone-call goes to....

- EEA (PRELUDE experience)
 - The first project idea has been developed
 - Flow of information started
 - WWF
 - VOLANTE



Work done so far

- Slovenia proposed a project “*Scenarios and transition pathways to sustainable mobility in Danube region*” (in cooperation with the EEA)
- PACs 1b prepared a document “A COMMON TRANSPORT VISION”
- Discussed at the Steering group meeting (Belgrade - June, 2012)
- Workshop (Belgrade – September 2012) on how to realize the project

WE HAVE THE TOR

- A way on how to achieve the objective – build the foundation of the building
 - Results in a short time period
 - Consistent
 - Process instead of a big book of wishes
 - Professional team behind
 - Time to answer all remaining questions
 - To agree what to do if the proposed way is OK
- Is there a need to look for another way towards the objective?

MAIN CHALLENGES



- Where are the important transport links that need to be established to prepare the region for tomorrow's markets? How do these transport links need to look like?
- Could the region be served with one or several major hubs for air traffic? Where would such hub best be developed?
- Are high speed train connections through the region desirable, e.g. between Vienna and Istanbul, and between Dubrovnik and Kiev? How about the feasibility and economic profitability of these connections?
- Modern motorway connections connecting within the region are largely absent. Are these a viable option to connect major cities in the region? If yes, how could these best be developed, where and how?
- How do transport needs within the region link-up to the EU as a whole and to the neighbouring countries of the region outside the EU?
- What are the innovative technologies that need to be planned for and applied?
- How can the financing and economic, environmental and social viability of the transport links be ensured?
- How could decision-making on the myriad of transport options within the region be supported by a rational and shared set of instruments?

EUDSR and transport

- a **multi-player** situation
- a highly **diverse** region with **difficult** transport issues
- **interconnection** between transport and many other topics & areas
- lots of **changes** in transport ahead

The **challenge**:

How to create a sound, forward looking transport strategy with commitment by the diverse parties involved?

One way

- top down strategy development
- among the parties involved
- focused on where we are and what we do now

The **outcome**:

Delivers descriptions that - at most - will be put into reality because these were planned anyhow

The other way

- participatory strategy development
- involving stakeholders across the region
- in a process that takes on the future

The **outcome:**

Delivers a specific reference for action by and for parties across the macro-region with a high chance for broad buy-in and compliance

Going the other way

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| <p>Shared vision <i>What we want</i></p> | <p>The desired future we want to reach for transport in the Danube region</p> |
| <p>Scenarios <i>What could happen to us</i></p> | <p>The range of possible circumstances beyond our influence that we might face - wanted or not - when trying to make the vision happening,</p> |
| <p>Strategy & Roadmap <i>How we get through</i></p> | <p>What we have to do and how in order to reach reach the vision through in the possible circumstances (scenarios) over time;</p> |
| <p>Engagement & implentation <i>Making it happen</i></p> | <p>Doing it and involving further groups in the process in order to make the vision reality</p> |

Envisaged outcomes include

- **RESPONSES TO THE CHALLENGES FOR TRANSPORT** in the macro-region emphasised in the TOR
- **DEVELOPMENT & TESTING of OPTIONS, PRIORITIES & STRATEGIES** for transport in the macro-region
- **A REFERENCE SYSTEM** for decision-making by **MULTIPLE PARTIES, GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER**
- **NETWORKS of ACTIVE PLAYERS** involved in the future of transport in the macro-region
- **COMMITMENT AND INTEREST TO PUT THE ACTIVITIES INTO PRACTICE**

Yet what about...

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| <i>Achieving realistic and implementable results?</i> | Yes, absolutely, putting strategy into practice |
| <i>Specific input to transport decision-making and planning?</i> | Indeed - at the level and specification agreed & aimed for |
| <i>Incorporation of already existing plans & knowledge?</i> | Yes, as one input to the process - not as its outcome or replacement |
| <i>Buy-in and participation on the national level?</i> | Key point: lots of activities foreseen here - can be further expanded |
| <i>Is it worth the investment?</i> | How much is the value of buy-in? How much is spent on transport in the region? |

Thank you very much!

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