



## **INVITATION**

### ***International Danube Day – Challenges of plastic waste in the Danube region and beyond. Let's act together!***

*28 June 2018, Budapest*

#### ***A day dedicated to stop plastic floods***

*International workshop and round table discussion*

*Accompanied by PLASTIC Cup and Trash Art exhibition*

## **CONCEPT & DRAFT AGENDA**

“Empty plastic bottles, mixed with other waste, are dumped year by year on the river banks and are flushed downstream during flood events. This pollution could be highly visible resulting in curtains of plastic on riparian vegetation. Plastic waste also could be buried on the floodplains by fluvial sediments, or microparticulation poses an invisible threat for the wildlife and for humans. In all respects that has resulted in cross-border complaints from downstream countries. The signs of this pollution are intensely present throughout the whole Tisza basin and reach the main Danube River where this plastic waste can also be seen in the main protected areas of the Danube Delta and has an impact on the Black Sea environment.”<sup>1</sup>

The problem is recognised all over the world, but there is still a lack of effective and well-organised actions to drastically reduce waste pollution. What is the situation globally and what are the policy measures in EU level to overcome problems? How river basin districts are feeding the Adriatic and the Black Seas' Region with plastic waste?

The Danube Day event, supported by the DTP JOINTISZA project, aims to call the attention to growing problem of plastic waste pollution and it also offers a networking platform to those actively involved in policy and NGO level to find joint solutions toward the reduction of the emerging waste problem. As a follow-up outcome of the event the intention is to draft possible solutions and outline measures in the updated Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan which is now under development in the frame of the DTP JOINTISZA project.

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<sup>1</sup> GEF IW Experience Notes: <http://www.iwlearn.net/experience>





## PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

**Date: 28th JUNE 2018**

**Venue: 'a Hely' (1039 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos üdülőpart 31/a).**

**Participation at the event is free of charge, but preliminary registration is required.  
Registration is open until 20 June 2018 (limited up to 80 participants).**

**Please register [here!](#)**

<b>DRAFT AGENDA - 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 (Thursday)</b>	
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>OPENING</b>	
<b>13:30 – 13:45</b>	<b>WELCOME SPEECH</b> <b>Gábor Jenei</b> (NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF HUNGARY) <b>Office of the President of Hungary - TBC</b> <b>Balázs Horváth</b> (PRIORITY AREA COORDINATOR OF WATER QUALITY PRIORITY AREA OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF HUNGARY)
<b>SWIMMING IN PLASTIC: INSIGHT INTO THE SITUATION</b>	
<b>PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION 14:00 - 16:00</b>	
<b>13:45 – 14:00</b>	<b>Global marine litter situation</b> KATALIN CZIPPÁN (DEPUTY CHAIR - COMMISSION ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION, IUCN)
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b>	<b>EU policy landscape to tackle plastic pollution</b> VIVIEN IFKA (WASTE MANAGEMENT EXPERT, MINISTRY OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OF HUNGARY)
<b>14:15 -14:30</b>	<b>Report on plastic waste status by the Adriatic Sea</b> UROŠ ROBIČ (ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT, INSTITUTE FOR WATER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA)



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14:30 – 14:45	<b>Monitoring of Microplastic pollution</b> GÁBOR BORDÓS (PROJECT COORDINATION MANAGER, WESSLING HUNGARY LTD.)
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Macro plastic in and along the Danube: introduction of the PlasticFreeDanube project</b> SABINE LENZ (RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, INSTITUTE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT, BOKU-UNIVERSITY, VIENNA, PLASTICFREE DANUBE PROJECT)
15:00 – 15:15	<b>Situation in the Tisza River Basin - JOINTISZA project</b> DIANA HEILMANN AND VIKTOR OROSZI (SENIOR ADVISORS, EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION PRIORITY AREA 4 & 5)
15:15– 15:30	<b>Ukrainian waste management strategy and feedback on the follow-up activities of the plastic waste related measures of first Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan</b> OLENA MARUSHEVSKA (SENIOR EXPERT, NGO “ZAKARPATYYA OBLAST BRANCH OF ALL-UKRAINIAN ECOLOGICAL LEAGUE”)
15:30 – 16:15	<b>Round table discussion with the speakers</b> MODERATOR: GERGELY HANKÓ (MANAGING DIRECTOR, HUNGARIAN ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES) Q&A
16:15 – 16:45	<b>Coffee break &amp; Exhibition opening, networking</b>
<b>“Message in the bottle” international movie premier</b>	
16:45 – 17:00	<b>Short story of PLASTIC Pirates and the Tisza</b> ATTILA DÁVID MOLNÁR (DIRECTOR) - GERGELY HANKÓ (PRODUCER)
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Movie</b>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	



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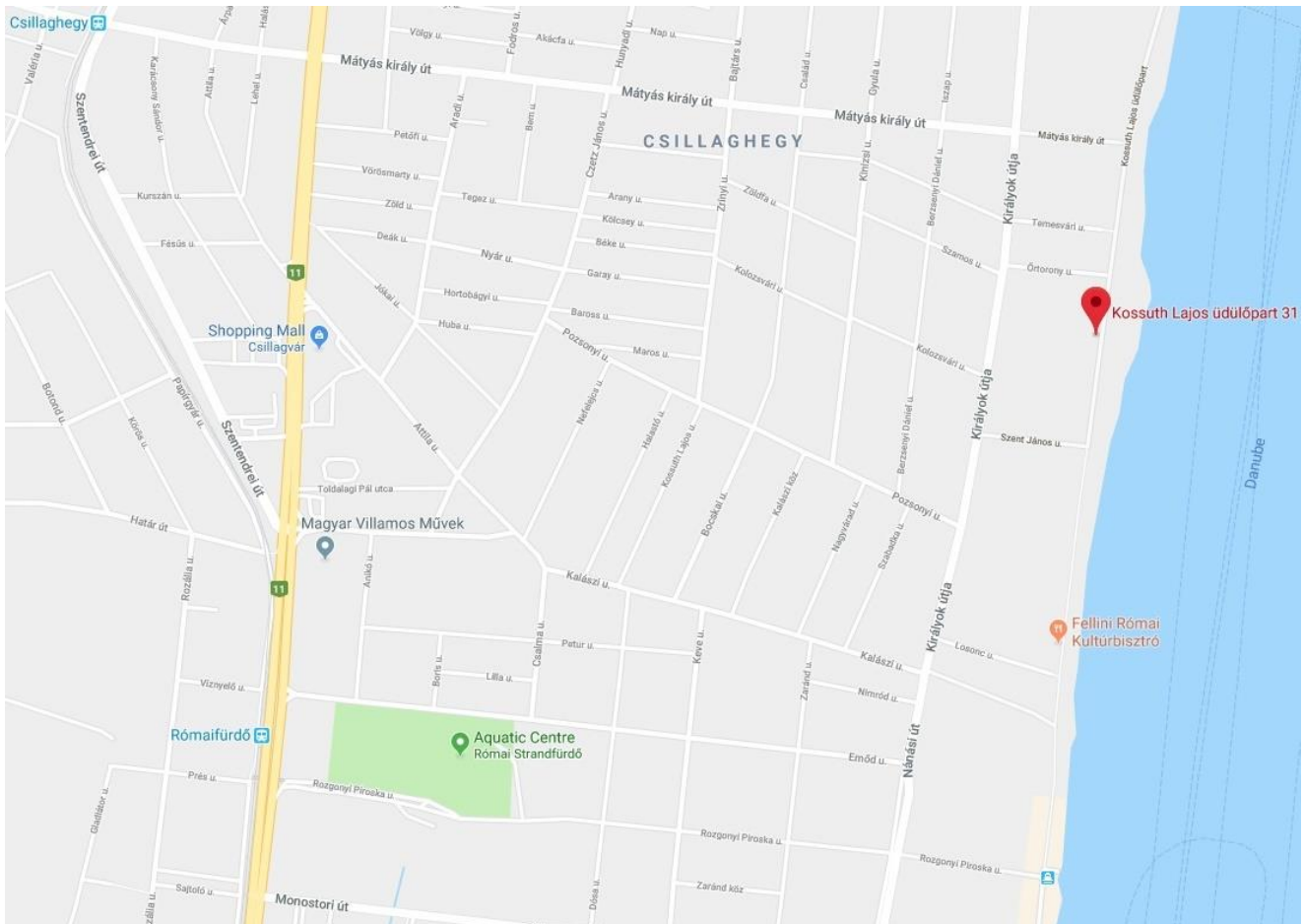
## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**1. The venue of the Danube Day event:**  
'a Hely' (1039 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos üdülőpart 31/a).

The view of the building:



## 2. Location of the event



## 3. Transport

### If you arrive at Liszt Ferenc International Airport

#### **By taxi**

The official taxi company is Főtaxi. All cars are equipped with POS terminal, therefore passengers can pay with credit card as well. Reservations can be made in person at Főtaxi booths located at the airport. The costs of the taxi ride between the airport and the venue costs about 9000 HUF (28-30 EUR).

#### **By minibus**





The **Airport Shuttle-Minibus** provides a door-to-door transfer between the Airport and any point of Budapest and its fleet operates 24 hours a day. The transfer operates as a shared-ride service, which means that passengers travelling to /from the same/ closely situated address are taken in the same vehicle. The Airport Shuttle-Minibus Desks are to be found at the Airport terminals. All Minibuses arrive to and depart from the Terminals' Main Entrance.

Reservations can be made in person at the Airport Shuttle-Minibus Desks or 24 hours before your flight departure via online reservation system [www.airportshuttle.hu](http://www.airportshuttle.hu), through travel agencies or by calling the Call Center by dialling the number (+36-1) 296-8555.

### **If you come by public transport**

At Liszt Ferenc International Airport Terminal 2, take Bus200E to Kőbánya-Kispest Station. Then change to Metro line 3 (M3) and travel until Árpád bridge station. From here use Bus 34 until the Szamos Street, and then walk towards Danube on the Órtorony Street than turn right and after some steps you arrived (3 min, 300 m).

### **If you arrive by train to Nyugati Train Station**

Walk 12 min (900 m) or use Metro line 3 (M3) for one stop to Lehel tér station and there take Bus 34 travelling to Szamos street. Walk towards the Danube River on the Órtorony Street than turn right and after some steps you arrived (3 min, 300 m).

### **If you arrive by train to Kelenföld Train Station**

At Kelenföld Train Station take tram 19 or 41 until Battyhány tér station and there take the HÉV 5 local train (H5) until Rómaifürdő station. Change to Bus 34 travelling to Szamos street, and then walk towards Danube on the Órtorony Street than turn right and after some steps you arrived. Or at Battyhány square take HÉV 5 local train (H5) until Csillaghegy station than walk along Mátyás Király út towards the Danube river and by the riverbank turn right, after some steps you arrived (24 min, 1.9 km).

## **4. About Hungary and Budapest**

### **Currency**

Hungarian Forint (HUF)

### **Time Zone**

Central European Time

### **Important phone numbers**

Country code for Hungary: +36

Emergency number: 112



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