

# Invitation

## Invasive alien species in the Danube Region – IAS of regional concern

**Venue:** Hungary, Tata, Palm Event House of Kristály Hotel Imperial\*\*\*\*  
(Address: 2890 Tata, Angolpark)

**Date:** 04/03/2026 – 05/03/2026

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/YywsD95F8eMCWFPT7>

**Online connection:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82669049033>

**Main focus of the event:** Within EUSDR PA6 the Danube Invasive Alien Species (DIAS) working group was established in 2014 the same year when EU's IAS regulation was adopted. The EUSDR Hungarian national coordination contributed to its objectives with the preparation and publication of the book „Invasive animal species in Hungary”. To support further steps on IAS management in the Danube River Basin we provide the opportunity for the discussion and networking of relevant ministries, European Commission, international organizations, nature conservation authorities, research institutes and NGOs.

## Draft Programme

### Day1 (04/03/2026)

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome

**Viktor György Oroszi**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, EUSDR national coordinator

**Vyara Mincheva**, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria, EUSDR national coordinator (online)

**Florian Ballnus**, Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection, *EUSDR PA6 - Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air&Soil Quality priority area coordinator*,

**First session: Setting the Scene - EU IAS regulation and regional initiatives**

Moderator: **Enikő Gazdagné Rózsa**, *Ministry of Energy of Hungary, EUSDR PA6 Steering Group member*

9:15-9:35

**Daniel Nuijten**, European Commission DG Environment (online)

Implementation of the EU 'Regulation 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species' and its regional consequences

9:35-9:55

**Teodora Trichkova**, *Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, EUSDR PA6 Danube Invasive Alien Species (DIAS) Working Group leader*

Implementation of the DIAS strategy – main results since 2014 and future activities of DIAS

9:55-10:15

**Béla Csányi** and **Momir Paunović**, *ICPDR Joint Danube Survey 5 IAS coordinators*

Experiences of the ICPDR Joint Danube Surveys regarding the occurrence of IAS along the Danube river

10:15-10:35

**Ema Gojdičová**, *State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Carpathian Wetland Initiative*

10:35-10:55

Draft list of invasive alien species of the Carpathian Region (2014) and relevant activities of the CWI

**Celia Lopez Cañizares, University of Murcia**

LIFE InvasAqua project – An Iberian example how to cooperate regarding aquatic IAS with regional concern (online)

10:55-11:05

Q&A

11:05-11:30

**Coffee break and networking**

**Second session: Invasive alien species of EUSDR member states concerns**

Moderator: **Diószegi-Jelinek Laura**, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, National IAS coordinator

11:30 – 11:45

**Gábor Magyar, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, Head of Nature Conservation Department**

IAS control in Hungary and the national list of IAS

11:45-12:00

**Barbora Holicka, Ministry of Environment Slovak Republic, National IAS coordinator**

IAS control in Slovakia and the national list of IAS

12:00-12:15

**Petra Kutleša, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition of Croatia, Head of the Alien Species Management Department**

IAS control and the national list of IAS in Croatia

12:15-12:30

**Branka Tavzes, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy of Slovenia, National IAS Coordinator**

*IAS control and the national list of IAS in Slovenia*

12:30-12:45

**Nikola Delić, Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia**

IAS control and the national list of IAS in Serbia, harmonization with the EU IAS regulation

12:45-13:00

Q&A

13:00-14:00

**Lunch and networking**

**Third session: Good practices to prevent, manage and eradicate IAS in the Danube Region**

Moderator: **Vlatko Rožac**, President, DANUBEPARKS Network

14:00 – 14:15

**Gabriela Morozov**, senior counsellor, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority

List of invasive plant species in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve and pilot measures to control the IAS in the Danube Delta within the LIFE WILDislands project

14:15-14:30

**Alen Kiš**, associate, Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province Serbia

Outcomes of the SAVATIES project - Preserving Sava River Basin Habitats through Transnational Management of Invasive Alien Species

14:30-14:45

**Andrej Devečka, BROZ – conservation association Slovak Republic, project manager**

Aims and results of the LIFE RESISTANCE project

14:45 - 15:00

**László Garamszegi – HUN-REN Ecological Research Center, Director General**  
Hungarian National Laboratory for Health Security project – aims and results of the Division of Invasion Biology

15:00 - 15:10

Q&A

15:10 - 15:30

**Coffee break and networking**

**Fourth session: Workshop on IAS of regional concern within the Danube Region**

15:30 – 16:15

Workshop in 2 moderated groups (for offline participants only)

Moderators: EUSDR Priority Area 6

16:15 - 16:25

Wrap-up of the workshop

16:25 - 16:30

**Closing words**

EUSDR Hungarian National Coordination & EUSDR PA6 coordinators

## Day2 (05/03/2026)

9:00 - 12:00

**Borbála Major, Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate**

**Guided field trip in Tata** (member of the Wetland City Network) **at the Fényes Study**

## Trail, part of the „Lakes by Tata” RAMSAR site

*Speakers of the conference are currently under invitation!*

*We reserve the right to change the program!*

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