



**7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue
Danube – Mekong Cooperation Initiative**

**SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE 21ST
CENTURY: ADDRESSING IMMINENT CHALLENGES**

Tentative Programme

Budapest, Hungary

11-12 September 2018

Gerbeaud House (Gerbeaud Ház)

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11th September 2018, Tuesday

8.00-9.00	Registration and welcome coffee
9.00-10.10	Opening speeches Welcome speech by István Joó (Deputy State Secretary for Export Development; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary) Inthavy Akkharath (Director General of Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR) - representative of the host country of the 6th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue in 2017 Davor Percan (Head of Unit; European Commission, Directorate-General Environment, Unit F.2 Bilateral & Regional Environmental Cooperation) - <i>TBC</i> Gordan Grlic Radman (President of the Danube Commission) – The past 70 years and the future of the Danube Commission in Budapest - <i>TBC</i> Peng Qinghui (Deputy-Director, ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Centre, China)
10:10-10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30-12.00	<i>Session 1: Water as a key challenge in Asia and Europe – “The case for cities”</i> <u>Keynote Speaker</u> Patricia López (Danube Water Program Leader, World Bank) <u>Panel Speakers</u>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nguyen Minh Khuyen (Deputy Director General, Department of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam) - Csaba Haranghy (Executive Director, Budapest Waterworks) - Phomma Veoravanh (Director General, Department of Water Supply, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR) - Somkiat Prajamwong (Secretary General, Office of the National Water Resources, Thailand) <p>Discussion</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Kálmán Buzás (Honorary Professor, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Civil Engineering)</p>
<p>12:00-13:00</p>	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
<p>13.00-14.45</p>	<p><i>Session 2: Water related disaster management and climate change resilience</i></p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker</u> Károly Gombás (Priority Area coordinator, EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 5 – Environmental risks; Chairman, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River Flood Protection Expert Group): <i>Increasing the preparedness of the Danube region against environmental risks</i></p> <p><u>Panel speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matjaž Mikoš (Chairman, UNESCO Chair on Water-related disaster risk reduction – University of Ljubljana, Slovenia) - Malik Fida Abdullah Khan (Deputy Executive Director, Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services Bangladesh) - Howard Markland (Development Manager, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand) - Peter Čadek (Slovak Water Management Enterprise) – Peter Bulák (Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic) - Mirza Sarač (Advisor for protection against detrimental effects from waters and extraordinary impacts on the water regime, International Sava River Basin Commission)

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	Moderator: Representative of the Mekong River Commission for Sustainable Development - TBC
14:45-15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15-17.00	<p>Session 3: Hazardous substances, plastic waste and micro-pollutants of waters and their effects on nature</p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker</u> Ivan Zavadsky (Executive Secretary; International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River): <i>Hazardous substances, micro pollutants in the Danube River Basin</i></p> <p><u>Panel speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the Mekong River Commission for Sustainable Development - TBC - Gergely Hankó (Managing Director, Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises) – Gábor Bordós (Project manager, Wessling Hungary Ltd.): <i>Plastic waste pollution and awareness raising in the Tisa River basin</i> - Vuttichai Kaewkrajang (Senior Professional, Solid Waste and Hazardous Substances Management Bureau, Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand) - Gheorghe Constantin (Director, Directorate of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania) - Representative of the Danube Commission – Sustainable navigation along the Danube (transnational projects to prevent pollution from ships) - TBC <p><u>Moderator:</u> Balázs Horváth (Priority Area coordinator, EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 4 – Water quality)</p>
18.30-21.30	Welcome Reception and Danube river cruise (separate registration required) Address: Ludwig Boat - H-1051 Budapest, 8/A Petőfi Square Dock

12th September 2018, Wednesday	
8.00-9.00	Registration and welcome coffee

9.00-10.30	<p>Session 4: Water allocation on transboundary basins, including water scarcity and drought management, the quality and quantity of surface and groundwaters</p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker</u> Gábor Baranyai (Ministerial Commissioner for the Sustainable Use of Transboundary Natural Resource, Ministry of Justice, Hungary)</p> <p><u>Panel speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hristo Beloev (Rector of University of Ruse, Corr.member of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) – Mimi Kornazheva (Assoc. Prof., University of Ruse Department of European Studies and International Relations, Director of Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Center) - Te Navuth (Secretary General, Cambodia National Mekong Committee) - Representative of China - <i>TBC</i> - Ágnes Rotár Szalkai (Senior expert in Hydrogeology; Mining and Geological Survey of Hungary): DARLING-e - transnational project for sustainable usage of shared thermal water resources <p><u>Moderator:</u> Danka Thalmeinerova (Regional coordinator, Global Water Partnership CEE)</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12:30	<p>Session 5: Modern water resources management in education – challenges of the 21st century</p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker</u> András Szöllősi-Nagy (Professor; National University of Public Service, Institute for Sustainable Development Studies, Hungary)</p> <p><u>Panel speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of China - <i>TBC</i> - Helmut Habersack (Head of Institute; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Institute of Water Management, Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering, Austria) - Ngo Tuan Dung (Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam)

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	<u>Moderator: Friedrich Faulhammer</u> (President, Danube Rectors Conference)
12.30-13.00	<p>Closing session:</p> <p>Remarks by the representative of the European Commission, Directorate General for Environment - <i>TBC</i></p> <p>Remarks by the representative the next host country</p> <p>Closing speech by Gábor Jenei (Head of Department; Department for Water Diplomacy and the EU Strategy for the Danube Region; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary)</p>
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00-19.00	Field trip to Szentendre (presenting the mobile flood protection wall, visit at the Open Air Museum and sightseeing at the town) - separate registration required

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