



THE DANUBE LIGHTHOUSE

INVOLVING THE BIOEAST INITIATIVE INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EU MISSION:

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030

07/12/2022, PRAGUE

International conference organised during the Czech EU Presidency by the BIOEAST Initiative in collaboration with the BIOEAST HUB CZ and Technology Centre Prague under the auspices of the Minister of Agriculture Czech Republic

Conference Rational

- to increase awareness and connect all relevant policy makers to discuss a common approach and concrete action,
- to enhance the engagement in the European Missions to Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030
- to articulated need for innovative solutions and support of the innovative eco system in the Danube River Basin

Structure - Sessions

1. EU Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters & 4 Pillars
2. High-level panel discussions about the needs of the Danube region
3. Enhancement of the Danube Pillar in the BIOEAST macro region

NOT ALL SPEAKERS CONFIRMED

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Opening:

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Moderator: Jan Nedělník

- Radek HOLOMČÍK, Deputy Minister of Agriculture CZ
- Kestutis SADAUSKAS, Deputy Director-General DG MARE, Missions Manager
- Barna KOVACS, Representant of the BIOEAST Initiative, Secretary General

10:00 – 11:00 Session 1 : Introduction in the EU Mission connecting the lighthouses

Moderator Marie Kubankova

- Keynote (20 min)
Elisabetta BALZli, Head of Unit, DG RTD
- Lectures (10 min):
Natalia MARTIN PALENZUELA, IFREMER
Fabio FAVA, Italian BlueEconomy Coordinator
Iuiana NICHERSU, Project Manager, Steinbeis Europa Zentrum

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 Session 2: Panel Discussion about the needs of the Danube region

Moderator: Barna Kovacs

Panellists:

- Kestutis SADAUSKAS, Deputy Director-General DG MARE, Missions Manager
- Martin KOVAC, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
- Aniko JUHASZ, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Hungary
- Mr. Gheorghe Constantin, Deputy General Director of Water Department, Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests Romania
- Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic (tbc)

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch and Networking

13.30 - 15.30 Session 3: Deployment of the Danube Pillar in the BIOEAST macro-region

Moderator: Zoltán Palotai, Express Development Agency, Hungary

- Key Speaker (20 min):
Viktor OROSZI, HU EUSDR national coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Hungary
- Speakers (10 min):
Macro-regional assessment:
 - Teresa GEIDEL, Researcher, Fresh Thoughts Consulting
 - Marie KUBANKOVA, BIOEAST HUB CZ,
 - Konstantin IVANOV, Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe

Partnership and Innovation actions:

- Antonio LO PORTO, Sustainable Water Resources Management, Water4, All EU Partnership
- Jeno LABDY, Technical Deputy Director - General Directorate of Water Management Hungary
- Helmut HABERSACK, Professor, University BOKU of Vienna

International and National Initiatives:

- Adrian STANICA, Executive Director, GeoEcoMAR International Centre for Advanced Studies on River-Sea Systems
- Renata BERTA, Deputy Director, Pannon University, National level network for science and knowledge transfer: Hungarian National Laboratory for Water Science and Water Security

15:30-16:00 Closing of the conference and networking among the participants

Time & Place: Prague 7th December 2022

Technology Centre Prague, hall Labe, Ve Struhách 1076, 27, 160 00 Praha

Language: English

Participants: stakeholders from the BIOEAST countries: policy makers, experts, and scientists

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