

Czech Experience with the EUSDR

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- * **Opinion on Current Governance Structure**
- * **EUSDR Achievements to Share**
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* **Content**

- * Priority Areas (PAs) and their Steering Groups (SGs) / key implementing bodies
- * Member States' ownership is crucial but a “helicopter view” is needed as well -> DSP, Trio/PRES, EC role
- * Appreciation of clear and simple structures
- * IF New structures : clearly defined and consented added value + transparent and open debate
- * Irreplacable EC 's role
- * Evaluation

* Opinion on Governance Structure

- * Reconciliation of project x strategic approach (i.e. small scale initiatives x Energy Union)
- * Increasing engagement of various stakeholders from non-governmental, academic and private sectors
- * Demand creation through seed money facility (START & TAF)
- * Increasing results-based orientation

* EUSDR Achievements to Share

- * Significant differences across PAs (focus, structure, WGs, leadership, transparency, results)
- * EU and non-EU MSs differences remain a challenge
- * A need to strengthen external communication, visibility and PR of the Strategy
- * Better synergies with other multilateral agreements (Carpathian Convention, ICPDR)
- * CZ settings: Macro-regional concept and its added value is (still) challenging to communicate to some stakeholders

* Obstacles & Critical Issues

- * Overall coverage by the national inter-ministerial bodies for the EU:
- * a) a special inter-ministerial group on macro-regional strategies focused on the EUSDR chaired by the Office of the Government
- * b) Committee for the EU - following the Council/COREPER/WPs meetings (when EUSDR/macro-regions on the agenda)
- * Follow-up on the transnational programmes portfolio (Ministry for Regional Development)
- * Line ministries - Minimum standards requirement on CZ representation (SGs)
- * Internal evaluation exercise & debate on PAs prioritization

* National Coordination & Procedures

- * Support strengthening of EUSDR external communication, PR and visibility
- * Consider an observer status for multilateral agreements for relevant PAs (Carpathian Convention, ICPDR)
- * EC/DSP to initiate the EUSDR evaluation (benchmarked)
- * Follow-up in line with the October 2014 Council Conclusions on Macro-regional Strategies on Governance
- * Rigorous assessment of PAs to identify key (long term) priorities

* **Proposals & Recommendations**

Thank you!



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