

International workshop organized within the
EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), Priority Area 4 “Water Quality”

Climate Change: Challenges in Agriculture and Water Sectors

Date and place: December 4, 2025, Bratislava

Draft Agenda

9.30 – 10. 00 Registration

10.00 – 10.10 Opening session

- Vladimír Novák, Director General, Water policy Directorate, Ministry of Environment
- Nina Bratková, National EUSDR Coordinator SK
- Danka Thalmeinerová (SK), Marton Pesel (HU), EUSDR PA4 Coordinators

10.10 – 10.55 Session 1: Setting the scene: bringing together key strategic documents in agriculture and water sectors with focus on climate change adaptation

Keynote presentations (15 min each):

- DG CLIMA – EU Climate Adaptation Strategy, **tbc**
- DG AGRI – EU Common Agriculture Policy, **tbc**
- Eliska Nohynkova, DG ENV – *EU Water Resilience Strategy*

10.55 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 13.15 Session 2: National Strategic Plans under the CAP in relation to the WFD and the National Action Programmes ND objectives considering climate change adaptation: funding possibilities to maintain sustainable water use and water protection

2.1. National Strategic Plans under the new CAP and National Action Programmes under Nitrate Directive in relation to the Water Framework Directive objectives and in relation to the adaptation to climate change

Danube Region - EU member countries (15 min each)

- Jana Gašparíková Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic: *National Action Programme under Nitrate Directive in relation to the Water Framework Directive objectives and adaptation strategy*
- Petr Dusek, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic: *National Strategic Plan CAP in relation to water objectives and to the adaptation to climate change – Czech Republic*
- Christian Schilling, Christoph Oberhofer, Magdalena Stöttinger, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, Austria: *Contribution of Austrian CAP Strategic Plan to water protection and sustainable water use*

- Victor Horumbă, General Directorate for Rural Development – Managing Authority for National Programme for Rural Development: *Bridging Agricultural and Water Policies: Linking CAP 2023-2027 Environmental Conditionality and Payments with the Nitrate Directive in Romania*.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary, **tbc**

2. 2. Financial support of water-friendly and climate-resilient agriculture

Danube Region - non- EU/associated countries and regional adaptation efforts (15 min each)

- Ana Vuković Vimić, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade, Serbia: *From Science to Policy: Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Planning in Agriculture in Serbia*
- Biljana Rajić, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina: *State of play, relevant approaches and perspectives related to financial mechanisms, and challenges and plans in the context of climate-resilient agriculture and water protection*
- Ana Vuković Vimić, Ivana Markovic-Boskovic, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade, Serbia: *WB6 Climate Adaptation Roadmap*

13.15 – 13.30 Discussion

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.30 Session 3: Best practice examples, lessons learnt from water and agriculture sectors to address climate change adaptation

3.1. Transnational level (15 min each)

- Adam Kovacs, ICPDR, Technical Expert: *Tackling droughts in the Danube River Basin: A multi-pillar approach*
- Jan Pryzowicz, State Water Holding Polish Waters, EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region, Policy Area NUTRI Coordinator: *Building Drought Resilience: Pathway for a Water-Secure Future*
- Elsi Kauppinen, EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region, Policy Area NUTRI Coordinator: *Experiences from Baltic Sea Region on tackling challenges in agriculture and water sectors*

3. 2. Danube Region countries

National action plans on sustainable use of pesticides and action plan for better nutrient management addressed to climate change and water protection (15 min each)

- Bronislava Škarbová, The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic: *National action plan on sustainable use of plant protection products*.
- Dr. Rolf Christian Becker, VP, Regenerative Cropping Systems Lead Crop Science Division – Bayer, title of presentation to be confirmed
- Stefan Fleischmann, Umweltdachverband, Austria: *Dialogue on Agriculture and Water - project outcomes*

3.3 Local perspectives (15 min each)

- Philipp Von Gehren, Austrian Agency of Health and Food Safety, Austria: Maintaining food security in Austria – Crop breeding to adapt to a changing climate.
- Gernot Bodner, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria: Soil pioneers 2050

16.30 – 16.55 Discussion

16.55 – 17.00 Closing session

- EUSDR PA4 Coordinators