**EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION**

**PRIORITY AREA 3**

**PA3\_CLOSE – RECOVERY THROUGH CULTURE, TOURISM AND PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CONTACTS IN THE DANUBE REGION**

**Debate on integrating diversity and multilingvism in drafting local/regional strategies**

**March 20, 2024**

**Bucharest, RO**

**10:00-15:00 (Romania Time)**

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| **1st session**  **10:00 – 12:00** | |
| **Opening remarks**  **Mr. Dincer GEAFER, Undersecretary of State, Department for Interethnic Relations, Government of Romania**  **Ms. Marija KAPITANOVIĆ, Amb. E&P of the Republic of Croatia to Romania**  **Ms. Halka KAISEROVÁ, Amb. E&P of the Czech Republic to Romania (tbc)**  **Mr. Radko VLAYKOV, Amb. E&P of the Republic of Bulgaria to Romania**  **Mr. Iulian PARASCHIV, President, National Agency for Roma, Government of Romania (tbc)**  **Mr. Petru BLEDEA, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania** | |
|  | 1. ***Diversity and multilingualism - national and European context***   ***Moderated by Mr. Rufin Zamfir, Senior Expert, Global Focus Center*** |
|  | **Mr. Lóránt VINCZE, MEPs,** [**European Parliament**](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en)**, president of Federal Union of European Nationalities FUEN -** ***Good practices of the European Union in the representation of national and linguistic minorities in the development of local/regional strategies* (on-line)** |
|  | **Ms. LACZIKO Enikő-Katalin, counsellor of accounts, Romanian Court of Accounts** |
|  | **Mr. Stefan Răzvan RAB, EUSDR National Coordinator, Romania** |
|  | **Ms. Cristina CUC, Pillar officer, Danube Strategy Point EUSDR** |
|  | **Mrs. Irina COZMA, PA3-EUSDR coordination team, Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration of Romania - *Vision and next activities*** |
|  | **Ms. Karina SUDITU (onsite)/ Ms. Dejana PETRANOVIC, Ms. Olena LEMAK, Ms. Luisa COCIA (online) - Danube Youth Council - Bridging Cultures: Danube Youth Council- *PA3-EUSDR Vision*** |
|  | **Ms. Anca FILIPOVICI, researcher, Romanian Institute for Research On National Minorities - *Enriching local and regional development through diversity and multilingualism* (on-line)** |
|  | **Ms. Irina ISAC, Councilor Galati City Hall, Romania - example of good practice – Rediscover (on-line)** |
|  | **Mr. Nikola Manevski, Ms. Zlatina Lyutova, Ministry of Tourism, Bulgaria** |
|  | **Mr. Trajan KAČINA, Head of the Culture Department of the City of Vršac, Serbia, Vice-President of the National Council of the Romanian National Minority in Serbia (the state body representing Romanians in Serbia) - *Multiculturalism in the Serbian Banat - cultural corridor between Serbia and the EU* (on-line)** |
|  | **Lunch break**  **12.00 – 13.00** |
| **2nd Session**  **13:00 – 15:00** | |
|  | 1. ***Challenges regarding the integration of diversity and multilingualism in the planning of local and regional development strategies***   ***Moderated by Mr. Rufin Zamfir, Senior Expert, Global Focus Center*** |
|  | **Mr. Andrey IVANOV, Head of Roma Inclusion Sector Equality, Roma and Social Rights Unit, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) - *Genuine participation of local actors and integration of diversity*  (on-line)** |
|  | **Mr. Liviu BĂILEȘTEANU, Head of Directorate of Policies and Strategies, General Directorate of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration of Romania - *The Urban Policy of Romania*** |
|  | **Mr. Mihăiță TOADER, counselor, Department of Sustainable Development, Government of Romania - *Strategic lines of sustainable development for a natural protection area*** |
|  | **Ms. Andreea BOGDAN, legal advisor, Romanian Institute for Research On National Minorities – *Multilingualism. Local Multilingual Inscriptions (on-line)*** |
|  | **Ms. Csenge FRUNDA, local councillor, Local Council Târgu Mureș (on-line)** |
|  | **Mr. Borislav VELIMIROVICI, Member, Board of Administration, SRTv -**  ***Diversity and cultural heritage through the lens of mass media. Visits and exchange of good practices in multi-ethnic regions of the Danube basin*** |
|  | **Ms. Ioana PASLARU, Head of unit, Department for Romanians Everywhere, Government of Romania - The active involvement of the Department for Romanians Everywhere (DRP) in the European everyday life –the projects that support multilingualism and multiculturalism at local level, with impact at local and regional level** |