

CASE STUDY

EU Strategy for the Danube (EUSDR)



IDENTIFYING HAZARDS:

The [EUSDR's current Action Plan](#) outlines the primary climate hazards -- floods and drought -- affecting the Danube River Basin and provides quantified losses experienced from past occurrences of these acute climate events. In addition, the Action Plan provides information on other climate hazards to consider, including forest fires, water stress due to decreased snow-melt from smaller mountain glaciers, and chronic changes in precipitation. It also provides guidance on monitoring these and other climate hazards through a regional approach to foster improved flood forecasting, exchange information on hydraulic structure operation, coordinate flood management plans, and share flood protection techniques and technology.

POLICY APPROACHES TO INCREASE RESILIENCE:

The European Commission guides the EUSDR to allow for **coordinated and effective policy maximizing ecological, environmental, transportation, and socio-economic needs**. The EUSDR [governance structure](#) allows each relevant member state to contribute to the organization's policies and strategies while also enabling focused work in each priority area. Along with a **High-Level Group** consisting of official representatives from all EU Member States to oversee macro-level strategies, EUSDR has **National Coordinators** to provide for the organization's core governance and **Priority Area Coordinators** from involved members to lead Steering Groups and drive day-to-day project implementation.

PRIORITIZE RESILIENCE EFFORTS:

With climate change embedded throughout EUSDR's strategic planning, the body serves as a conduit for knowledge sharing, resource pooling, and collaboration on [climate resilience](#). The EUSDR prioritizes action for climate resilience via joint implementation of the [Danube Flood Risk Management Plan](#), in consideration of climate change and adaptation strategies and administration of a database of accident hazard spots.

By serving as a central collaborative entity for the Danube Basin, the EUSDR can access [larger, targeted funding](#) through EU funding streams, including those under the [European Structural and Investment Funds](#) (ESIF), [European Territorial Cooperation](#) (ETC; Interreg), [European Investment Advisory Hub](#), and other trans-Europe funding sources.

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