

# Danube Youth Network DYN

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The logo features a stylized blue and white wave pattern forming a circle. Inside the circle, the text "COME TO THE DANUBE SIDE OF LIFE!" is written in a circular path around a central blue globe with a white outline of the Danube river. The text "@DANUBEYOUTH" is written at the top right of the circle.



The flag of Slovakia, consisting of three horizontal stripes of blue, white, and red, with a white shield containing a red cross and a white crossbar.



A row of logos including the European Union flag, Interreg Danube Transnational Programme, Danube Region logo, EU logo, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Slovakia, and Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Information Society of the Slovak Republic.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum EU Strategy for the Danube Region

19-20 October 2022

Košice, Slovakia (and online)  
Organised under the Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency



A scenic view of the Danube river winding through a lush green landscape under a bright sky.



The flag of the European Union, featuring twelve yellow stars arranged in a circle on a blue background.

# DYN Project History in the EUSDR

## 2011 - 2022 Civil Society & Youth Projects

2011 - Launch of the EUSDR in Stuttgart

2013 - Donauwandel Project

2014 - Jugend im Wandel – Youth in Transition Project

2016 - The Development of Civil Society Participation

2018 - Creative Danube Project in Ellwangen and Plovdiv

2019 - Danube Youth Participation 2019-2021 = DYN Phase 1

2019 – Friends of the Danube Camps (Agapedia)

2021 – Shoot by Youth (ABLE)

2021 – Danube Youth EUSDR Participation = DYN Phase 2

**11 years of project cooperation in the Danube Region** ❤️

BEWEGEN – BEGEGNEN – BEWIRKEN

РУХАТИСЯ – ЗУСТРІЧАТИСЯ – СТВОРИВАТИ

POKRENUŤI – SUSRETI – POSTICI

**MOVING - MEETING -  
MAKING**

ДВИЖИ СЕ – СРЕЩАИ – СЪЗДАВАИ

MOZGASBAN LENNI – TALALKOZNI – CSELEKEDNI

IMPLICARE – INTERACTIUNE – INOVARE





# The Danube Youth Network Project

**Phase 1: 2019-2021 // Phase 2: Until end of 2022**

- **Phase I – Pilot project „Danube.Youth.Participation 2019-2021“ powered by Baden-Württemberg**
- 5 countries and 6 partner organisations: Liebenau DE, Agapedia DE, BREZA HR, Re-Act BG, FONT RO, Supernatural SRB
- 12 annual offline and online events with participants each from almost all the Danube countries
- **Goal:** To form, empower and connect a core team of "Young Leaders" from long term, local NGOs along the Danube.
  
- **Phase II – Project “Danube.Youth.EUSDR.Participation 2022”**
- **Goal:** Continuation of the DYN Network and its activities and embedding into the EUSDR structures.





# The Danube Youth Network

<https://danubeyouth.eu/Home/>

Background  
Framework  
Governance





# Danube Youth Network

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## The core team

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Federation of Social NGOs in Transylvania





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## Friends of the Danube (FOD) 2019-2022

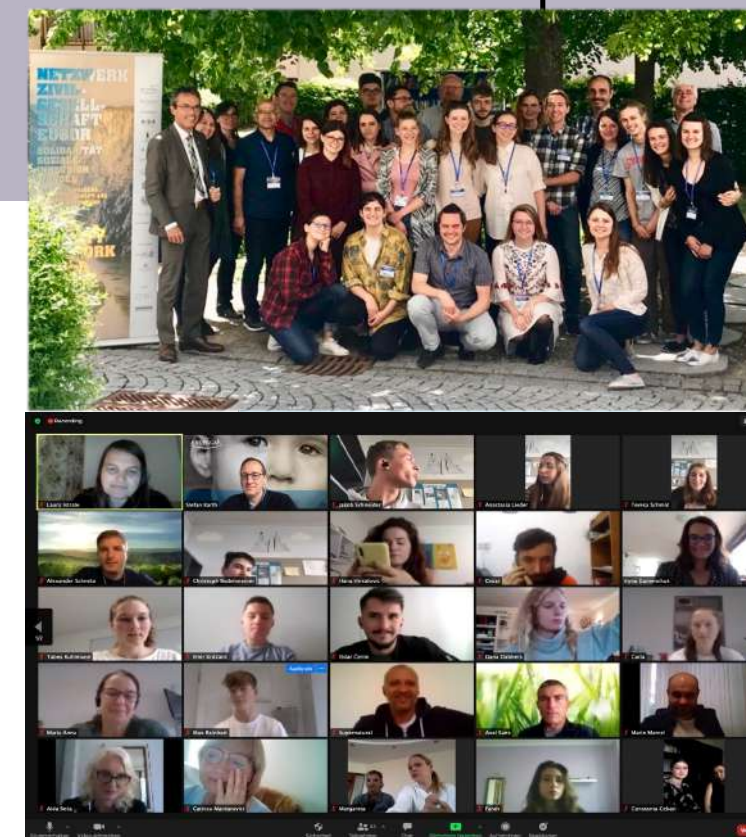
- Friends of the Danube Youth Camp is a **meeting point of young people** along the Danube river
- The program has practical environmental and educational elements for youngsters **between 15-30** years old
- The **aim** is to learn **about bio-and cultural diversity, sustainable development and environment** of the Danube region through fun and engaging activities, while acquiring practical **skills**.



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## Youth and Cities Ellwangen, 2017-2021

- Sustainable cooperation with municipality of City of Ellwangen since 2017
- 5 annual offline and online events with approx. 50 participants each from almost all the Danube countries
- Goal: to foster the communication and exchange between youth and public sector promoting non-formal und informal education, creativity, intercultural dialogue and linguistic diversity in the Danube region



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## Shoot by Youth (SbY) Video Competition 2021-2022

- Combination of **digital video competition** and local activities performed by young people among the Danube
- Non-formal education & Social elements included
- The participants are non-formal teams of young people consisting of 3-5 persons between **15 & 25 years old**
- **Three prize components:** Video Prize + Social Responsibility Project Money + Invitation to various events along the Danube Region
- The results of 2021: **14 Teams, 6 countries**



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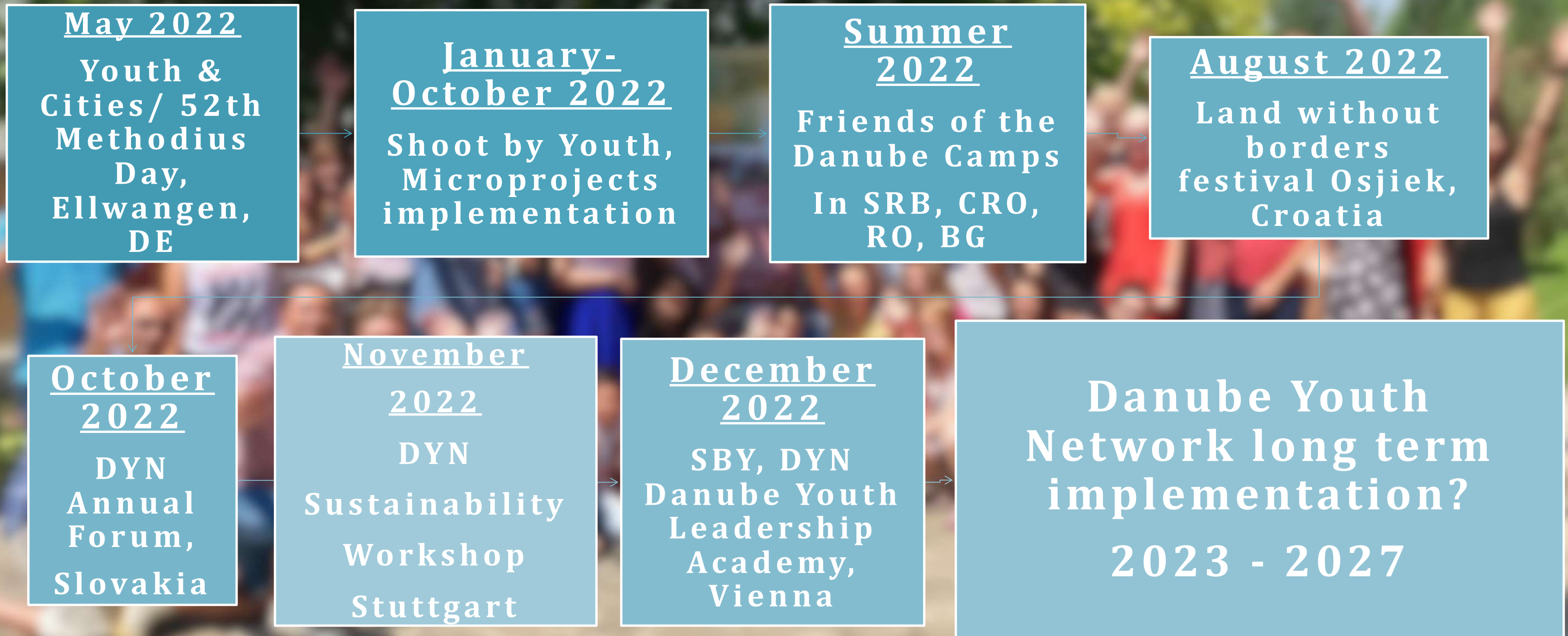
## Danube Participation Days (DPD) 2014-2022

- Long-term cooperation with Danube Civil Society Forum (DCSF), Agapedia and Priority Areas 9, 10;
- DPD provides space where civil society and local actors from the EUSDR can meet and exchange with EU and national decision makers.
- Connecting Danube Youth to the main decision makers in the Danube Region fostering their civic activism and participation.
- 9th Participation 2022 Day, Odesa, Ukraine.





# DYN Road Map 2022





# DYN Involvement in the EUSDR

2019 – Participation Day (PD) in Bucharest

Focus on Youth – Same Venue as the Annual Forum

2020 – DYN presentation in Zagreb, PD + Annual Forum

2021 – PA 10 Development of Guidance Paper for Youth Participation

2021 – Participation in PA 9 Stakeholder Conference

2021 – Cocreation of Youth Involvement Workshop in Bratislava together with DSP + Slovak EUSDR Presidency

2022 – DYN Presentation in Kosice, Slovakia



Guidance Paper for Youth Participation



Proposals for Flagship Projects

<b>Participation Days</b> The primary role of the Danube Youth Council (DYC) is to provide the core decision-making bodies in the Danube Region Strategy with advice and recommendations to enable dynamic exchange and learning processes. In doing so, the DYC will act as an independent body, not affiliated to any political party or political organisation. The DYC aims at contributing to improve capacity building, communication and cooperation for young people in the Danube Region.	<b>Smart Villages (SMART ERA)</b> unlocking the digital smart potential of the region, the next level of digitalisation by and political	<b>Danube Youth Network</b> The Danube Youth Network aims at forming a transnational, cross-sectoral, self-organised youth network in the Danube region for participation, creativity and responsibility. The initiative is about strengthening young people's skills for participation and co-creation to address issues in an open space.	<b>Danube Strategic Project Fund   START</b> The Danube Strategic Project Fund as well as START are a funding facility aiming at supporting the implementation of transnational strategic projects aligned with the objective of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). Both funds supported small-scale projects and the preparation of large-scale investments.
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The DYC advises EUSDR National Coordinators on all questions relating to youth and youth participation in the EUSDR and its member countries, supporting the mainstreaming of youth policies into the EUSDR governance and its member countries through the provision of information, opinions and proposals.

DYC representatives will actively be involved on a thematically oriented basis at meetings of relevant decision-making bodies and events like the EUSDR Annual Forum or other EUSDR related events. In this way the DYC will structurally contribute to the mainstreaming of youth policies in the EUSDR.

The DYC is created for the purpose of working with the different levels of the EUSDR governance and other institutions in the Danube Region and the European Union.

DYC members will meet at least three times a year, discuss and address topics for all relevant EUSDR meetings and prepare the EUSDR Youth Event as part of the EUSDR Annual Forum. Resulting recommendations, reports and other material will be submitted in written to relevant EUSDR bodies via the Danube Strategy Point, which will serve as a facilitator.



# DYN - Facts & Figures

## 2019-2022

- **Phase 1 + 2 Danube Youth Network -> May 2019 – December 2022**
  - 346.201 € Baden-Württemberg State Ministry
  - + 218.060 € Own contribution + Successful Project Fundings
- = 564.261 € = TOTAL = 161.217 € per year, in 3,5 years**
- **36 Youth Events 2019-2022 with 835 participants**
- **More than 120 involved local NGO and networks**
  - + 5 Schools, 6 Cities, Public Authorities
- **1.035 followers on Instagram**
- **=> A Danube Youth Community was formed and is growing** ❤️





# NETZWERK ZIVIL- GESELL- SCHAFT EUSDR

SOLIDARITÄT  
SOZIALE  
INKLUSION  
WANDEL

AKTIVE EUROPÄISCHE  
ZIVILGESELLSCHAFT AUS  
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

# CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK EUSDR

SOLIDARITY  
SOCIAL  
INCLUSION  
CHANGE

ACTICE EUROPEAN  
CIVIL SOCIETY FROM  
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

AGAPEDIA

ALBERT SCHWITZER

Arbeitskreis Bulgarienhilfe der  
Evangel. Kirche Württemberg

ASII

BURC

Hoffnung  
für Ostungarn

Diakonie in  
Baden-Württemberg

METHODIUS ZENTRUM  
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

VERBAND  
SOZIALER NGOs  
IN BULGARIEN

UDRUGA ZA RAD S MLADIMA  
BREZA

HOCHSCHULE  
DER MEDIEN

STADT  
ELLWANGEN

STIFTUNG  
LIEBENAU

Kooperationen

Baden-  
Württemberg  
Stiftung

Baden-Württemberg

Partner

Verband  
SOZIALER NGOs  
in Bulgarien

Verband  
SOZIALER NGOs  
in Bulgarien

Verband  
SOZIALER NGOs  
in Bulgarien

Stiftung  
Liebenau

social  
NGO  
network

STADT  
ELLWANGEN

FOUNDATION  
Mozaik  
CREATORS OF IMPACT ECONOMY

AGAPEDIA

Baden-  
Württemberg  
Stiftung  
WIR STIFTEN ZUKUNFT

Diakonie  
Baden

MODS  
MREŽA ORGANIZACIJA ZA DECU SRBIJE

Baden-Württemberg  
STAATSMINISTERIUM

Federation of Social NGOs in Transylvania

udruga za rad s mladima  
BREZA  
www.breza.hr

Have a look!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ4UfE8YZLo>

HOCHSCHULE  
DER MEDIEN

Re-Act

SUPERNATURAL  
green impact organization

Danube  
Civil Society  
Forum

Participation Day  
in the EUSDR

DANUBE REGION  
strategy  
Institutional Capacity

Verband  
SOZIALER NGOs  
in Bulgarien



SÜDOSTEUROPÄISCH-BULGARISCHES KULTURINSTITUTS IN ELLWANGEN  
(METHODIUSZENTRUM)





# The Future – 2023-2027



# Danube Youth

Two legs:

**DYN** – *Operational level* – bottom-up / outside-in, Civil Society

**DYC** – *Policy level* – top-down / inside-out, EUSDR structures

= #danubeyouth // 2023 = The 12th year of the EUSDR -> completing

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<https://www.instagram.com/danubeyouth>

