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**REQUESTS and RECOMMENDATIONS on IMPROVING the IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS of
the EU STRATEGY for the DANUBE REGION in ROMANIA**

~ Open Call Document ~

After numerous public meetings of the **PROFEX National Network** of the **Danube Stakeholders Club**, as well as of the regional meetings and practical sessions of the **EUSDR International Honorary Chair (CIO-SUERD)**, held since September 2012 in centers like Galati, Targoviste, Tulcea, Brasov, Timisoara, Arad, Oradea and Bucharest, after consulting experts that collaborate with the **European Commission** and the **World Bank**, consultants in Romania, with the prospect of the sinuous and long process of the implementation of EUSDR in our sub-region from the confluence of the Danube with the Black Sea,

we managed to collect and synthesize a set of issues to be taken into consideration and remedied in due time, based on which to advance simultaneously to the attention of the European Commission through the Director General of **DG REGIO** and the Danube Forum within the **European Parliament** by MEP Mrs. Silvia Adriana TICAU in her capacity as President of the Forum, as well as the EUSDR National Forum and the EUSDR National Coordinator in Romania through its President, HE Mr. Titus CORLATEAN, Minister,

the following explicit requests and recommendations of the **Action Group “Danube-Black Sea”** and of the **Scientific Council of CIO-SUERD**:

1. In order to avoid miscalculations, delays and severe irregularities in the past related to the implementation of **the Structural Funds**, technical and financial resources should be rapidly triggered to carry out in due time **the Pre-Feasibility study for the implementation of EUSDR** in Romania, accompanied by a flexible and smart tool guide for the upcoming project beneficiaries.
2. In view of a more effective, coherent and convergent management of the EUSDR process in Romania, there should be identified and supported the establishment of a single **Institutional Projects Integrator**, preferably endorsed by the **Ministry of EU Funds** within the Romanian Government, which has wide powers, enjoys the full authority and unconditional support from all the ministries involved in the management/monitoring/assessment, but also to respond in a timely manner for all qualitative and quantitative aspects of the implementation.
3. In order to impose a much higher degree of inter-communication and informational transparency than so far, the Government of Romania should support the elaboration of the Romanian part of the EU portal www.Danube-Region.eu with which CIO-SUERD has already effected a partnership in the third edition of the **Black Sea-Danube Innovation Forum in Bucharest**.

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4. In favor of a much more intense and concerted dissemination, a number of relevant experts from the public sector should be involved at the level of county and city councils, who already operate in the field of European Affairs, as EUSDR promoters and facilitators, many of which are already trained as such, through the program initiated by the CIO-SUERD, in partnership with **the Romanian Academy** and prestigious public and private universities in the country
5. In view of a structured preparation and in due time, following the recommendations of the Metis Agency in Wien, the Central Bank and the Government of Romania are to undertake more efforts in pre-selecting the valid projects, as it was done in the EU successful countries, and find up the related mechanism for the concrete stimulation of implementing real major projects under EUSDR' aegis.
6. Within the current trend aimed to concentrate governmental efforts to achieve the regionalization reform and the strategic planning for the period 2014-2020, including the encouragement of a more active participation of the Romanian sub-regions to the territorial cooperation groups in the European Union, to enlarge and effectively make transparent the consulting of MDRAP in progress, in particular through the involvement of the Romanian Academy, the Chambers of Commerce and professional consultancy associations, especially, which would lead to a more rapid and profound integration of Romania both in the macro-region and in the Single European Market.
7. In order to achieve a maximum efficiency and convenient speed reaction in the activation of the preliminary process of ongoing projects, taking into account in particular the fact that Romania will be involved in no more than 4-5 major projects, the financial and logistic resources should be timely engaged by DG Regio and the EUSDR - MAE National Forum through **the EUSDR Technical Axis** and to legitimately involve Romanian expertise in the process of monitoring, training and management of projects by the priority areas co-managed by the concerned ministries in Romania.

For conformity,
on behalf of the **"Danube - Black Sea" Action Group**
and **CIO-EUSDR Scientific Council**

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