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## 1 Agenda

### 09:30 1. Reports

Peter Obricht: Working Group meeting on May 21, 2016 in Melk

Christian Steiner: Working Group meeting on April 13, 2016 in Tulln

### 09:45 2. Keynote Speeches

- “Paris - and now? Climate Change Adaption in the Danube regions”, Dr. Jürgen Schneider | Environment Agency Austria
- “Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region SONDAR – upcoming activities“: Dr. Erwin Szlezak | Lower Austrian Authority of Land Reform
- “EU SDR – Priority Area 2: update on PA2 activities“: Veronika Sikova | Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, European Policies Coordination Department

### 10:15 3. Reports from Danube regions (projects, activities)

### 11:45 4. Work programme 2017

- Decision recommendation for the senior officials
- Activities, dates etc.

### 12:00 5. Final Summary - Conclusions

## 2 List of Attendees

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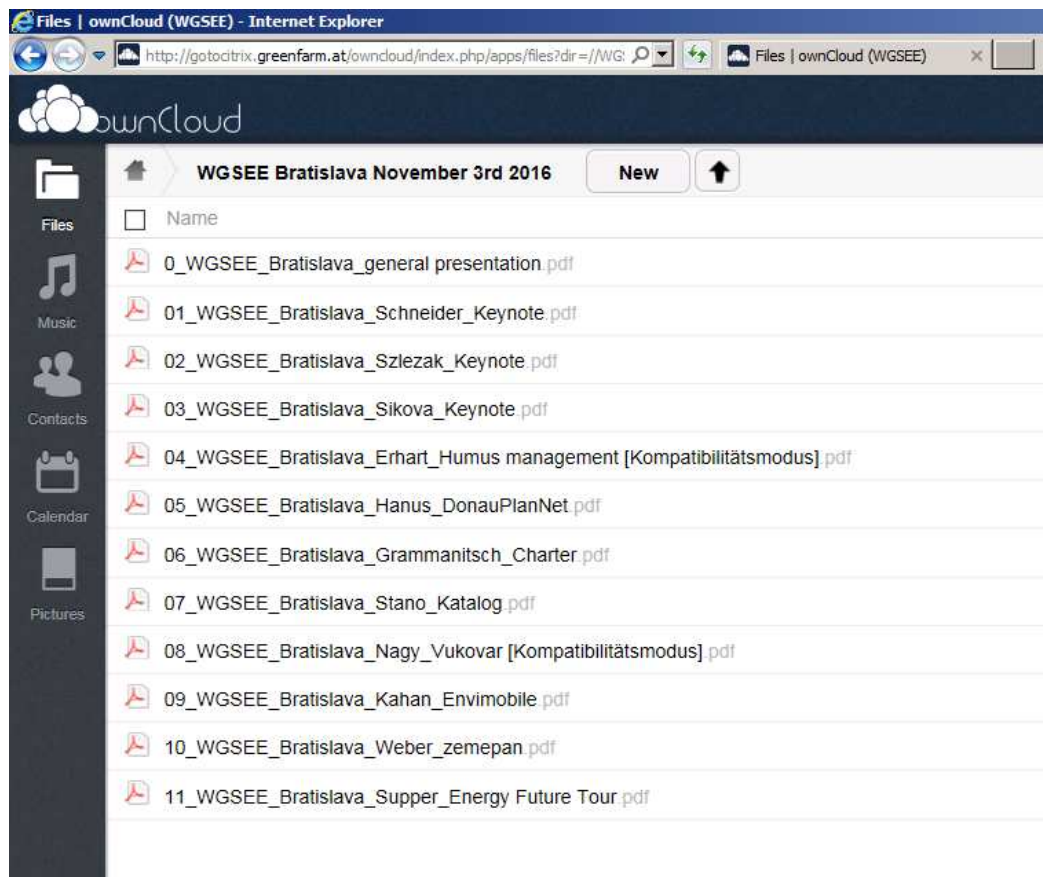
### 3 Presentations

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#### Overview of Presentations



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Presentation of the Energy Future Tour – Film: <https://youtu.be/QPICnnGFbWk>

Further information: <http://www.enu.at/energy-future-tour>

## 4 Work programme 2017

### 4.1 Energy and Environment: Decision recommendation and work programme

The initiatives of the working group shall contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the EU Energy and Climate package. Work should be done in close connection with the activities of Priority Area 2 of the EUSDR.

The focus should be on dissemination, know how transfer, exchange of best practice (particularly on successful networks of regions and cities, e.g. “Climate Alliance“ and “European Energy Award“) as well as on using synergies with other transnational working partnerships and initiatives, such as the “European Region Danube-Vltava“.

#### **Work programme 2017 and outlook to 2018:**

Successful projects of the past should be continued in the near future and new projects should be initiated.

- Energy Future Tour across the Austrian Danube Regions: The project that focused on an exchange of young people on a sustainable energy future should be continued in one partner region in the year 2017; in this regard, conversations with Slovakia are conducted; in the following years – especially from 2018 on - the project should be further implemented down the Danube.
- “Facing the Climate“: That project – a touring exhibition addressing the topics of climate / art / caricature – that was developed in Sweden, should be implemented in the member regions in 2017 and 2018.
- The “Lower Austrian E-mobility-Day“ should take place again in 2017 and 2018 and the member regions should be invited.

Amendment: In 2016, the E-Mobility day took place on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 4.2 Soil Protection and sustainable land use: Decision recommendation and work programme

### 1.

ARGE Donauländer decides to increase collaboration with existing networks, such as SONДАР Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region and ELSA European Land and Soil Alliance to disseminate best-practice examples and experiences in the Danube region *with the following annual meetings: WG "Sustainability" focussing on "Soil Protection and Sustainable Land Use" on April 26/27, 2016 in Tulln and Annual Conference of the European Land and Soil Alliance "Urban Gardening" on May 18/19, 2016 in Linz.*

### 2.

Lower Austria offers to provide to the Danube regions the results from the lead projects "Humus management and regional production of organic fertilizers" and "raw-materials production for the processing sector" of the field "Sustainable agriculture and production optimization" in the Lower Austrian FTI Programme "Science Technology Innovation" as well as the projects "Soil map – soil information", "Erosion prevention with soil protection systems", *BOKU-Master Course "Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region", "HydroBod" and "Climate Green".*

### 3.

At a European level, the idea is to also implement within the framework of the Lower-Austrian energy programme 2020 and the integrated energy and climate-protection concept of Baden-Württemberg the integration and proliferation of current and future projects in the context of the EU strategy for the Danube region *(the Soil Strategy Network SONДАР is an official Task Force of Priority Area 6 "Biodiversity, Landscapes, Air and Soil" of the EUSDR)* and Danube Transnational. Special emphasis has to be put on the realisation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which have been adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015.

Note: Additions marked yellow

### **Work Programme 2017**

- Project “Humus management and regional production of organic fertilizers” on January 20, 2017 at Bio-Forschung-Austria in Vienna
- Working Group “Sustainability, Energy and Environment” focusing on “Soil protection and sustainable land use” on April 26/27, 2017 in Tulln (focusing on “Shelter belts”)
- Life Science-Universities in the Danube Region (CASEE-Network): Meeting on April 27, 2017 in Tulln
- Annual Conference of the European Land and Soil Alliance ELSA “Urban Gardening” on May 18/19, 2017 in Linz
- ETC-Project CZ-AT “Climate Green – Adaptation to climate change by means of Green Infrastructure” (Lead Partner: RU3, plus NÖABB): kick off autumn 2017
- Application of Water- and Soil-Data in the projects “HydroBod” and “Soil Map” in autumn 2017 in Petzenkirchen

### **Outlook Work Programme 2018**

Organization of a soil information system called “**Danube Soil Information**” dealing with the following topics:

- Soil Map for the Danube Region: considering especially Climate Change, Carbon Storage and Soil-Biodiversity
- Shelter belts as Biotope Network Systems: Assessment and Realization of Soil Protection Hedges in the Danube Regions
- Productive Potential of Agricultural Area: Assessment of production potentials of the agricultural area for Food, Feed and Fibre
- Soil Fertility: area-wide Humus Management provides relevant contributions to the adaption to climate change

*Prepared, discussed and adopted at the meeting of the Working Group “Sustainability, Energy, Environment” in Bratislava on November 3, 2016.*

## 5 Conclusions and Next Steps

### 5.1 Purpose and benefit of the Working Group

- Compilation and linking-up of current projects and best practice examples
- Development of new project ideas and dissemination within national networks
- Strengthening of cooperation and knowledge exchange within Danube Regions

**Make use of the purpose of the Working Group** – especially for the exchange of experience and the development of project ideas / joint activities.

### 5.2 Continuous Communication

Meetings of the Working Group twice a year:

- Meeting in spring: Actors of PA2 and PA6 meet separately
- Meeting in autumn: Joint meeting of the whole Working Group as a side event of the EUSDR Annual Forum

Continuous Communication (mail / phone)

- Particularly with regard to project ideas / proposals

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