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Workshop 1: Open Government Partnership

- Production, updating and re-use of user friendly open data on available platforms (e.g. DRDSI)
- Education, motivation, knowledge transfer, assessment regarding civil society participation, involving all stakeholders of the process
- Invest in active citizenship with funding opportunities of smaller scale
- All governance level (EU, national, regional, local) are important in fostering active citizens participation
- Transparent and clear process of citizen participation is needed

Workshop 2 : Energy and Environment

1. Pilot projects as drivers of energy transition
 - Come out from concrete needs of the community
 - Create ownership/human race
 - Provide motivation
 - Creating new structures/innovation
 - Uncover barriers
2. Lack of capacity in energy
 - Legal+system barriers prevent:
 - Access to market /business creation
 - Existing competition
3. Education system to provide incentives for people to enter *sustainability* in education e.g. energy efficiency

Workshop 3 Social Innovation

Under the perspective of social innovation, civil society organisations and local actors are key

- Because there is a urgent need for a new inclusive and participatory governance at all levels for the solution of societal problems
- Civil society organizations by their multiple contacts into all sectors of society and the lifeworld have most opportunity to feel this need and propose and test innovative solutions and approaches
- Social innovation as all innovation flourishes most in a heterogeneous environment. Civil society provides such an environment where actors from all sectors with a broad spectrum of knowledge, experiences and resources gather and work together.

Workshop 5: DEAR- Turning Local Ideas into Global Solutions

Q1

What models of cooperation between governments, LAs and other key players (stakeholders) are the core for resilient, sustainable development of communities in the Danube region?

Recommendation

Develop and maintaining cross-sectoral, multi-actor, multi-level synergies (political, technological, etc.) that can ensure the enforcement of shared decisions

Q2

What tools and mechanisms are needed to create a functional model for resilient, sustainable development of communities in the Danube region?

Recommendation

- Acknowledge the context, the diversity of actors involved and include the community
- Apply a multi-stakeholder & participatory approach in all stages of actions (mapping of needs / stakeholders' analysis, planning, implementation, M&E)
- Use GIS technologies and spatial planning (Guiding principles of CEMAT) in collecting data, developing actions and achieving the desired outcome

Q3

How to involve the public - citizens to participate in solving local problems that have global context?

Recommendation

- Encourage the development of permanent fora of dialogue involving the diversity of actors
- Take into account the local culture and tradition
- Translate the overall objective in concrete ideas to address the local needs of communities
- Develop participatory budget

Workshop 6: Infrastructure and Participation

1. Open policy-making for structured dialogue/consultations with the public/stakeholders

Discuss options

Enforce formal formats like „strategic environmental assessments“ and
combins them with dialogues

Make it mandatory + Guidelines or enforce „Aarhus Convention“

**! Consider the different cultures of participation in the different countries,
flexibility is need**

2. Be transparent from an early stage on

Provide data and information

The information need to be user friendly and need additional explanations

Do an end-report

3. Funding of public/stakeholder participation is need

For moderation, organisation etc.

For capacity building

Train moderators/facilitators

Train NGOs/Administration etc. for getting involved in participation