

## **EU Danube Strategy: Water Priorities**

*Transboundary water cooperation along the most international river in the World*

**Convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary**

**Side Event – Budapest Water Summit 2016**

**30 November 2016, 12:00-13:00 – Duna Room (building D)**

The event will focus on the promotion of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (hereinafter: EUSDR), as a viable platform for cooperation among the 14 countries of Europe covered by the Danube catchment. The Danube's basin covers the most heterogeneous area of Europe from both an economic and ecological point of view. Wealthy and less wealthy as well as upstream and downstream countries of the river are cooperating to find common answers to the challenges they face and also to implement EU directives in a basin wide approach by involving both EU and non-EU countries. 5 years of experience has shown the best ways for countries of different interests to successfully cooperate regarding basin wide challenges like preserving/maintaining water quality or improving resilience against the negative effects of climate change (including floods and droughts) by transnational project generation and EU level political influence. Sharing the best practices for water cooperation gained in the frame of the EUSDR could serve the benefit of other transboundary river basins of the World.