



## **Trans-Tisa Hydroecological Scientific Cooperation Network**

The European Council has formally asked the European Commission to prepare an EU Strategy for the Danube Region stating in its conclusions of 19 June 2009. It invites the Commission to present an EU strategy for the Danube region before the end of 2010.

This is a unique, historic opportunity to launch an enhanced strategic cooperation under the aegis of the European Union for the Tisa region. We should make good use of this present situation in the interests of our countries. The Tisa region is located in the central part of the Danube region, one may say it is the heart of it. Once we understand one another better, once we can improve our relations along and across Tisa river-system that will make our region more attractive, attract new investments, resulting in stronger competitiveness and higher welfare standards. It is our responsibility to profit from the opportunity of organizing ourselves.

The special Trans-Tisa Hydroecological Scientific Cooperation Network will be established here by the participation of the members of five countries (Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine) organized by the University of Debrecen. Naturally, we have the keen interest to co-operate with all the EU member countries and non-EU countries. It is our pleasure to inform you that we invite You to join the Trans-Tisa Hydroecological Scientific Cooperation Network!

During the first half of 2011, the Trans-Tisa Hydroecological Scientific Cooperation Network will organise a special workshop for the participants for future work. Thereby it will take stock of the actions/projects which would be useful to implement in the coming months/years. During the consultations on the workshop, the Trans-Tisa Hydroecological Scientific Cooperation Network members will propose an Action Plan and Strategy which will support the development of successful EU' strategy for the Tisa Region. In particular, such a strategy involves the relevant partners aiming at finding agreed solutions for common challenges/opportunities and providing a governance mechanism for a common strategic approach, as well as for the implementation of concrete actions / projects.

If You are interested in to join the Trans-Tisa Hydroecological Scientific Cooperation Network please send us the filled and signed letter of intent, which can be found in the website of our department (<http://hidrobiologia.unideb.hu>).

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