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Key Topics for the Discussion

Regional cooperation and policies: Achievements and the way forward

- Achievements of regional cooperation and policies
- Benefits from regional initiatives
- Possibilities for RES and EE within the Danube Strategy
- Overcoming barriers for RES and EE with regional initiatives and cooperation strategies

Summary and Recommendations

- For further evaluation...
 - Hydro potential vs ecological issues (for Carpathian region)
 - biomass usage vs sustainability
- Some thoughts...
 - Lobby for EE is not sufficient! (though society is benefiting and its clear priority on the EU level)
 - For systematic change to happen – addressing issues on the project by project basis
 - Attitude and Behavior change – a key !
 - Political will...

Summary and Recommendations

- Awareness !!! (Population\Industries); Environmental education
- Better network between Agencies, NGOs, stakeholders (Coordination)
- Clear delegation on responsibilities at the local levels
- Policy \ incentives \ market and fiscal mechanisms

Summary and Recommendations

Among Top 3 Priorities:

- Experience exchange on practical tools
- Permitting and procedures (i.e. 2,5 yrs on permitting vs. 0,5 yrs for construction)
- Subsidizing EE for households
- Promoting solar thermal
- further promotion of PPP \ concessions
- Joint projects on regional level (Directive 28 – lack of info!)
- local budget EE and RE funds
- specific expert task forces for regional level