

How should Bulgarian-Austrian-Romanian cooperation work in a broader regional cooperation context, to support EU's economic, migration & security challenges?

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# The Danube Region's Countries

## ТЕРИТОРИАЛНО ПОКРИТИЕ НА СТРАТЕГИЯТА НА ЕС ЗА ДУНАВСКИЯ РЕГИОН



# Austria-Bulgaria-Romania's relationship, from past to future

- They have all been a part of The Roman Empire;

Romania - Dacia

Bulgaria - Moesia, Thracia

Austria - Pannonia, Noricum

- The three countries have all fought against the Ottoman Empire
- The Christian religion is well emphasised in both tradition and culture
- Austria, Bulgaria and Romania have all been monarchies until the 20<sup>th</sup> century and are now parliamentary republics
- Finally, the trio are part of the Danube region as well as being a part of the EU

# Danube Region Population Statistics

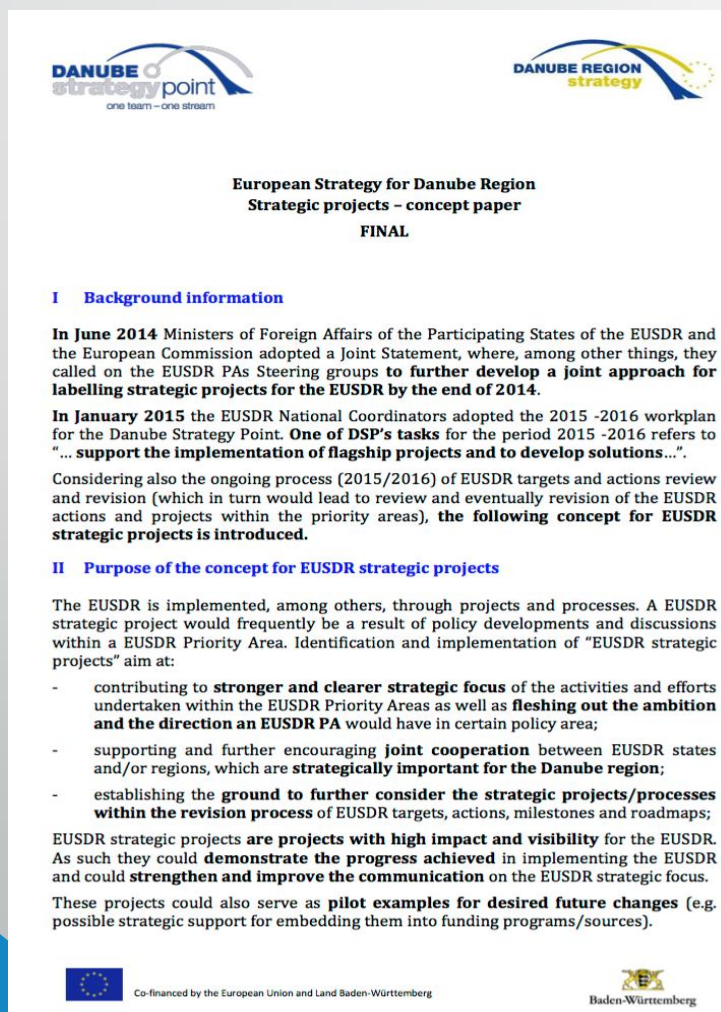
- Total Population in Danube's Region; 208,000,000
- Countries Members of EU, population; 150,500,000 (29.5% of EU population) / Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania
- Countries NOT Members of EU, population; 57,500,000 / Bosnia & Hercegovina Fed, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine

# Common Problems Common Solutions

- Danube Region's Development Strategy
- The development of the Pan-European corridors
- The usage of the river Danube's path "Mein Rhein"
- Mutual EU Politics



# European Strategy for the Danube Region



# Pan-European transport corridors

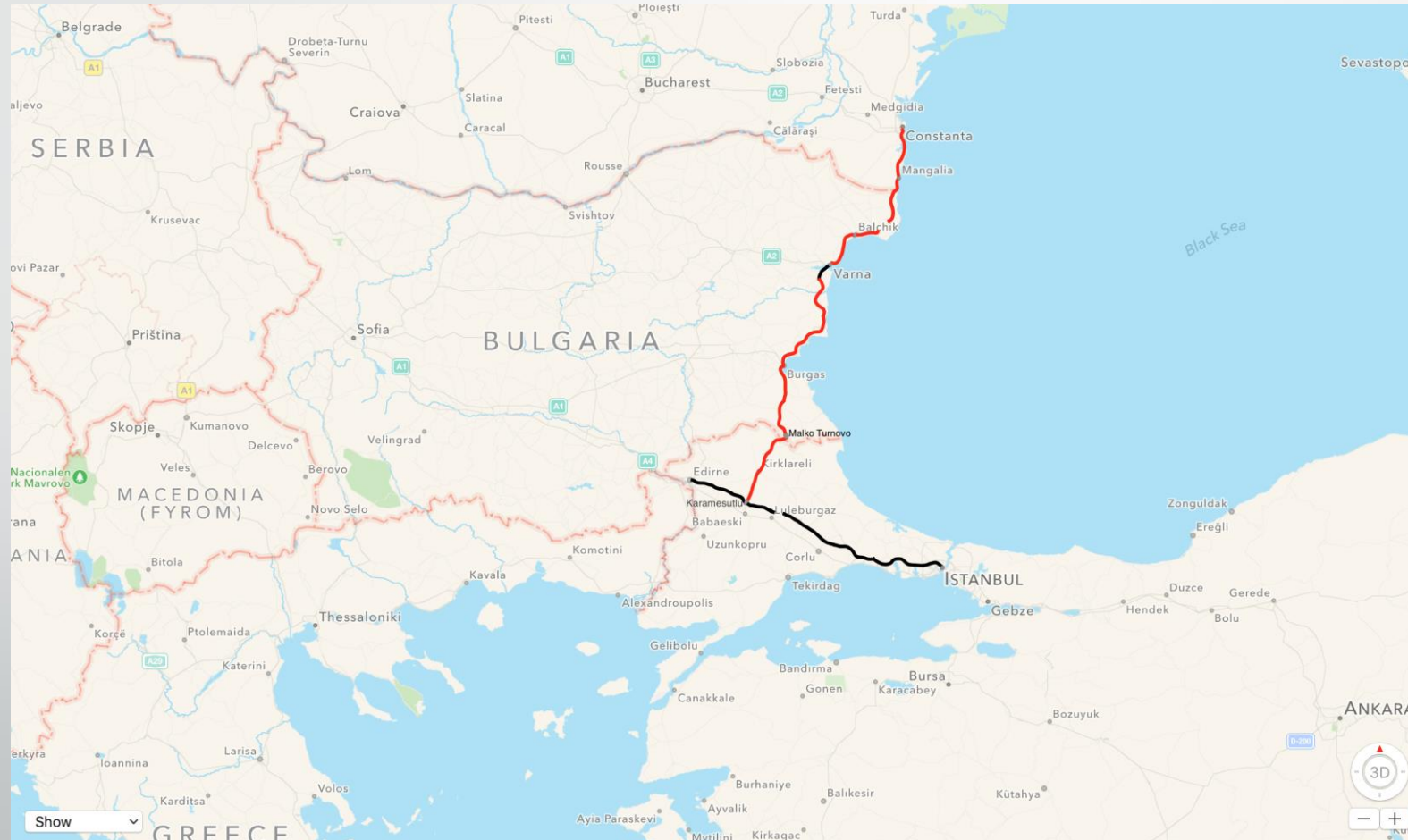


# The Black Sea Highway

- Part of the Pan-European corridor N°8
- Connecting with Pan-European corridors N°; 4, 7, 9, 10
- Connecting the Black Sea Highway with: maritime transport, the Danube river's transport, railway transport and air transport
- Direct connections with 4 international airports and ports; Istanbul, Burgas, Varna, Costantsa
- An intense development on the movement of people and goods



# “The Black Sea Highway”



# Danube River





# Cruising through the Danube River

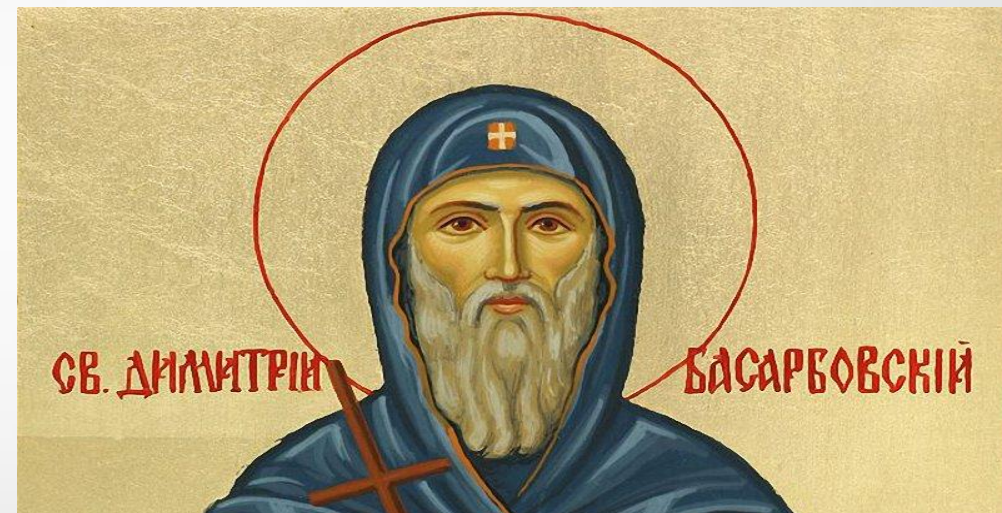


# Statistics

- 4% of Bulgarian tourism is throughout the Danube Region
- There is a capacity of 17,000 people to cruise through the Danube River divided into 104 ships
- The predominant tourists are aged between 51 & 65 years (39%)
- 45% are aged 65 or older
- Throughout the last 10 years; 16 wineries & vineyards were built of which 12 develop successful wine tourism
- It is intriguing due to its history, culture and tradition



# Saint. Dimitar Basarbovski



# Flavius Aetius





# EISA's proposals on migration management;

- Re-adaptation of the European Agenda of Security 2015 & the European Agenda of Migration 2015
- Re-creating a long-term European strategy for the protection of the European Union's external borders
- Full coordination must be reached between the migration and security services
- Managing the Schengen Information System effectively
- Maximizing cooperation between non-EU countries
- Exchange information with the Russian Federation and Ukraine in the field of anti-terrorism in order to minimize organized crime

Re-initiate the debate on the creation of the European Military Forces

# Top 10 Migrating Countries to EU

1. Syria – 555,000
2. Afghanistan – 265,000
3. Iraq – 191,000
4. Albania – 80,000
5. Kosovo – 78,000
6. Pakistan – 71,000
7. Iran – 46,000
8. Nigeria – 45,500
9. Eritrea – 45,000
10. Serbia - 36,000



1,412,500 - Applied for asile in 2016



The same way a respectable architect constructs a building which will stay up much after his creator, the EU must be a worthy architect for its continent.

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