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Priority Area: 06 Biodiversity, Landscapes, Quality of Air and Soils

### POSITION

Macro-regional strategies are a welcome political instrument for strengthening stability in the region.

In the field of environment and health (in SI it is covered by health sector), unfortunately, we are not satisfied with the results, since not a single MRS project could be implemented. The reason for this lies in an undefined position regarding provision of financial resources.

In the framework of Danube Strategy, I as a representative of Slovenia in PA6 would like to highlight one activity **for which financial resources must be provided from EU financial sources and relevant national sources.**

***Action - “To safely remove obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals in the area of Danube Region” and implementing the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Resolution on Improvement of health through sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals, adopted at the 63rd World Health Assembly (WHA).***

Some of the countries of the Danubian MRS are affected by outstanding pesticide and chemical burdens on their territories. They pose a health threat to the whole region, since contamination is transmitted across borders - through water (floods), air, fires ...

It is of common interest to help countries address these burdens, for which there exists available legislation, such as the Stockholm Convention, which, however, does not include all the pesticides and chemicals concerned, despite financial resources (GEF) that are insufficient. ***It is therefore necessary to provide relevant resources at EU level for the disposal of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals.***

I also suggest that countries affected with these burdens identify them as a priority in their national strategies and programming documents.

I propose that financial resources for projects arising from strategy-related action plans be provided **at EU and national level.**

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