

Opportunities of cooperation in the Danube Transnational Programme

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2007-2013: ETC I.

SOUTH-EAST EUROPE Transnational Programme



2014-2020: ETC II. (Interreg V)

DANUBE Transnational Programme



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■ Danube Transnational Programme area

Managing Authority:
Ministry for National Economy, Hungary

Joint Secretariat:
Integrated in the Managing Authority

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| Budget lines | Amount in EUR |
|------------------------|----------------|
| ERDF | 202,095,405.00 |
| IPA | 19,829,192.00 |
| Total EU support | 221,924,597.00 |
| National co-financing | 41,065,242.00 |
| Total Programme budget | 262,989,839.00 |
| ENI (to be confirmed) | 5,000,000.00+? |

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- Same geographical coverage
- EUSDR is one of the strategic framework of the DTP
- All Programme SO contribute to the EUSDR PA
- Not all EUSDR PA can be supported by the DTP



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Programme mission and framework

- Contribute to a higher degree of territorial cohesion
- Act as policy driver towards positive change
- Develop policy frameworks, tools, services and concrete pilot investments

|  Priority Axis 1 Innovative and socially responsible Danube region |  Priority Axis 2 Environment and culture responsible Danube region |  Priority Axis 3 Better connected and energy responsible Danube region |  Priority Axis 4 Well governed Danube region |
|--|---|--|---|
| Specific objective 1.1 Improve framework conditions for innovation Specific objective 1.2 Increase competences for business and social innovation | Specific objective 2.1 Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention Specific objective 2.2 Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources Specific objective 2.3 Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors Specific objective 2.4 Improve preparedness for environmental risk management | Specific objective 3.1 Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas Specific objective 3.2 Improve energy security and energy efficiency | Specific objective 4.1 Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges Specific objective 4.2 Support to the governance and implementation of the EUSDR |



Improve framework conditions for innovation

Specific Objective 1.1:

Improve the institutional and infrastructural framework conditions and policy instruments for research & innovation to ensure a broader access to knowledge for the development of new technologies and the social dimension of innovation

Expected Results

- Improved strategic frameworks and cooperation to build up excellent research infrastructure in the Danube region
- More effective collaborative research & innovation activities and support of competent networks to enhance the commercial use of research results, foster technology transfer and broaden access to knowledge
- Improved coordination and developed practical solutions for cluster policies and transnational cluster cooperation for innovation development in technological areas and non-technological areas based on smart specialisation approaches
- Improved strategic frameworks and developed practical solutions to tackle bottleneck factors that hinder the innovation in SMEs

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to improve framework for research and innovation

Output Indicators

Actions & Outputs

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Increase competences for business and social innovation

Specific Objective 1.2:

Foster innovative learning systems to increase competences of employees in the business sector, to strengthen entrepreneurial culture and learning contributing to better meet social needs and the delivery of services in the general interest

Expected Results

- Improved policy learning and development of practical solutions to better adapt human resources to technological change and market requirements
- Improved policies and practical solutions for entrepreneurial culture and learning.
- Improved environment, skills and competences to advance social innovation and social services to better meet social needs and further improve the capacities of regions and public institutions to manage new challenges
- Built up joint educational offers in specific fields of interest
- Improved systems for institutional learning and building capacities of public administration to better cope with innovation processes

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to increase competences for business and social innovation

Output Indicators

Actions & Outputs

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Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention

Specific Objective 2.1

Strengthen **joint** and **integrated approaches** to further **develop** and **implement River Basin Management Plans** in the Partner States in line with the overall Danube River Basin Management Plan in order to **improve transnational water management and flood risk prevention** contributing to the sustainable provision of ecosystem services.

Expected Results

*Better **integrated plans** and **developed solutions** to further protect and **enhance the status of all waters** and to ensure the **sustainable, long-term use of water resources** in the Danube region strongly **interlinked with sound flood risk management**.*

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to improve transnational water management and flood risk prevention

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators

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Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

Specific Objective 2.2

Strengthen joint and integrated approaches to preserve and manage the diversity of natural and cultural heritage and resources in the Danube region as a basis for sustainable development and growth strategies

Expected Results

- *Better Improved frameworks, capacities and solutions for sustainable tourism development in the Danube region based on protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources,*
- *Improved strategies and tools for sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage and resources for regional development in order to avoid or limit use conflicts*

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to strengthen sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators

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Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

Specific Objective 2.3

Strengthen effective approaches to preservation, restoring and management of bio-corridors and wetlands of transnational relevance to contribute to the better conservation status of ecosystems of European relevance.

Expected Results

Improved **strategic frameworks** and developed **concrete solutions** to **restore, conserve and improve** a network of green infrastructures / **bio-corridors** in the Danube region consisting of natural and semi-natural habitats to help **reduce the fragmentation of ecosystems** and **improving the connectivity** between sites in the Natura 2000 network in order to ensure biodiversity.

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to foster restoration and management of ecological corridors

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators

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Improve preparedness for environmental risk management

Specific Objective 2.4

Establish and develop a **more effective governance system** for environmental protection addressing emergency situations and improve the **preparedness of public authorities and civil protection organisations** contributing to the **reduction of risks and impact** on ecosystem services, biodiversity and human health.

Expected Results

Improved **strategic and operational cooperation** and **interoperability** among the emergency response authorities and stakeholders at all levels in the Danube countries.

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to improve preparedness for environmental risk management

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators

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Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas

Specific Objective 3.1

Improve planning, coordination and practical solutions for an environmentally-friendly, low-carbon and safer transport network and services in the programme area contributing to a balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas.

Expected Results

- *Contribute to the development of better connected and interoperable environmentally-friendly transport system.*
- *Better integrated policies and practical solutions to further developing waterways while limiting negative impacts of the transport systems*
- *Improving coordination and transnational integration to further develop multimodal hubs, terminals and links.*
- *Contribute to a safer transport network.*
- *Contribute to a better organisation of public transport links in functional urban and rural areas and contribute to a better connectivity.*

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to strengthen environmentally-friendly, safe and balanced transport systems

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators

Improve energy security and energy efficiency

Specific Objective 3.2

Contribute to the energy security and energy efficiency of the region by supporting the development of joint regional storage and distribution solutions and strategies for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy usage

Expected Results

Improved information sharing and practical coordination of regional energy planning to achieve effective energy distribution, energy storage, diversification of energy sources including promotion of all kinds of renewable energy sources and higher energy efficiency in order to contribute to the security of energy supply

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to contribute to energy security and energy efficiency

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators



Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

Specific Objective 4.1

Strengthen multilevel- and transnational governance and institutional capacities and provide viable institutional and legal frameworks for more effective, wider and deeper transnational cooperation across the Danube region in areas with major societal challenges

Expected Results

Improved capacities of public institutions and stakeholders to tackle major societal challenges in fields such as labour market policies, education systems and policies, demographic change and migration challenges, inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups, participatory planning process and involvement of civil society, urban-rural cooperation and partnership, cooperation on safety, justice and security and administrative issues

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to tackle major societal challenges

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators



Support to the governance and implementation of the EUSDR

Specific Objective 4.2

Improve the governance system and the capabilities and capacities of public institutions and key actors involved in complex transnational project development to implement the EUSDR in a more effective way

Expected Results

- *Improved effectiveness of coordination and strategy implementation in each of the PA of the EUSDR by a facility for direct support to EUSDR governance.*
- *Increased capacities for the development of complex strategic transnational projects contributing to the EUSDR by establishing a seed money/project development fund facility.*
- *Strengthened implementation of the EUSDR through the establishment of an EUSDR Strategy Point to facilitate the information flow between key EUSDR actors.*
- *Strengthened capacity of the PAC in implementing and communicating the EUSDR through the Strategy Point*

Result Indicator

Intensity of cooperation of key actors in the programme area in order to tackle major societal challenges

Actions & Outputs

Output Indicators

| Priority | ERDF | IPA | National co-financing | TOTAL |
|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Priority 1 | 56,586,713.00 | 5,459,759.00 | 10,949,378.00 | 72,995,850.00 |
| Priority 2 | 64,670,530.00 | 6,239,725.00 | 12,513,575.00 | 83,423,830.00 |
| Priority 3 | 42,440,035.00 | 4,094,820.00 | 8,212,034.00 | 54,746,889.00 |
| Priority 4 | 26,272,403.00 | 2,534,888.00 | 5,083,641.00 | 33,890,932.00 |

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| Priority | ERDF | IPA | National co-financing | TOTAL |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| SO 1.1 | 28,293,356.70 | 2,729,879.66 | 5,474,688.77 | 36,497,925.00 |
| SO 1.2 | 28,293,356.70 | 2,729,879.66 | 5,474,688.77 | 36,497,925.00 |
| SO 2.1 | 11,452,072.95 | 1,105,601.26 | 2,216,060.15 | 14,773,734.00 |
| SO 2.2 | 30,314,310.75 | 2,924,871.06 | 5,865,737.97 | 39,104,920.00 |
| SO 2.3 | 11,452,072.95 | 1,105,601.26 | 2,216,060.15 | 14,773,734.00 |
| SO 2.4 | 11,452,072.95 | 1,105,601.26 | 2,216,060.15 | 14,773,734.00 |
| SO 3.1 | 28,293,356.70 | 2,729,879.66 | 5,474,688.77 | 36,497,925.00 |
| SO 3.2 | 14,146,678.35 | 1,364,939.83 | 2,737,344.38 | 18,248,963.00 |
| SO 4.1 | 12,125,724.30 | 1,169,948.43 | 2,346,295.19 | 15,641,968.00 |
| SO 4.2 | 14,146,678.35 | 1,364,939.83 | 2,737,344.38 | 18,248,963.00 |

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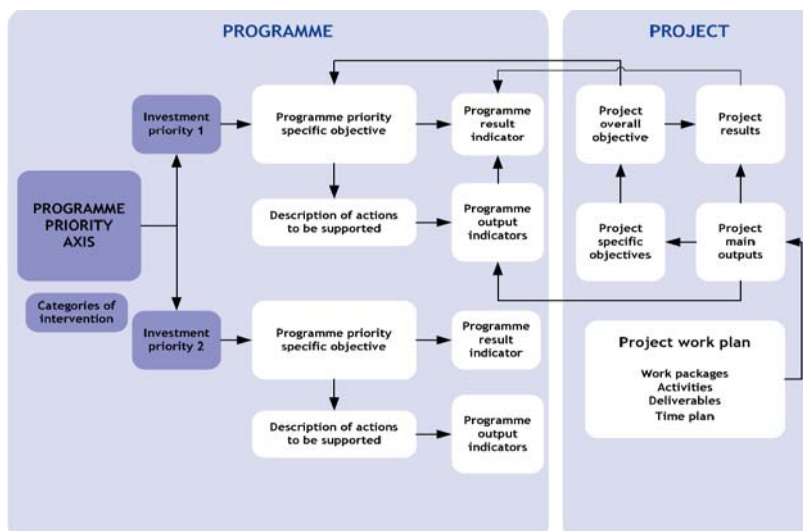
- **Development of common orientations, frameworks and strategies** in fields of transnational relevance where early policy development is needed (i.e. in fields which until now have not been touched by significant projects in the previous programming periods)
- **Preparation of transnational investments** (infrastructure, equipment) to be subsequently financed through other sources
- **Pilot activities** including small-scale fixed investments (of testing or demonstration nature)

- **Development and practical implementation of transnational tools and services** (e.g. analytical tools, management tools, technical tools, software tools, monitoring tools)
- **Development and practical implementation of training and capacity building** (e.g. training seminars and courses, study visits, peer reviews)
- **Accompanying information, dissemination, capitalisation and publicity measures** to inform stakeholders and/or the general public about project activities and outcomes

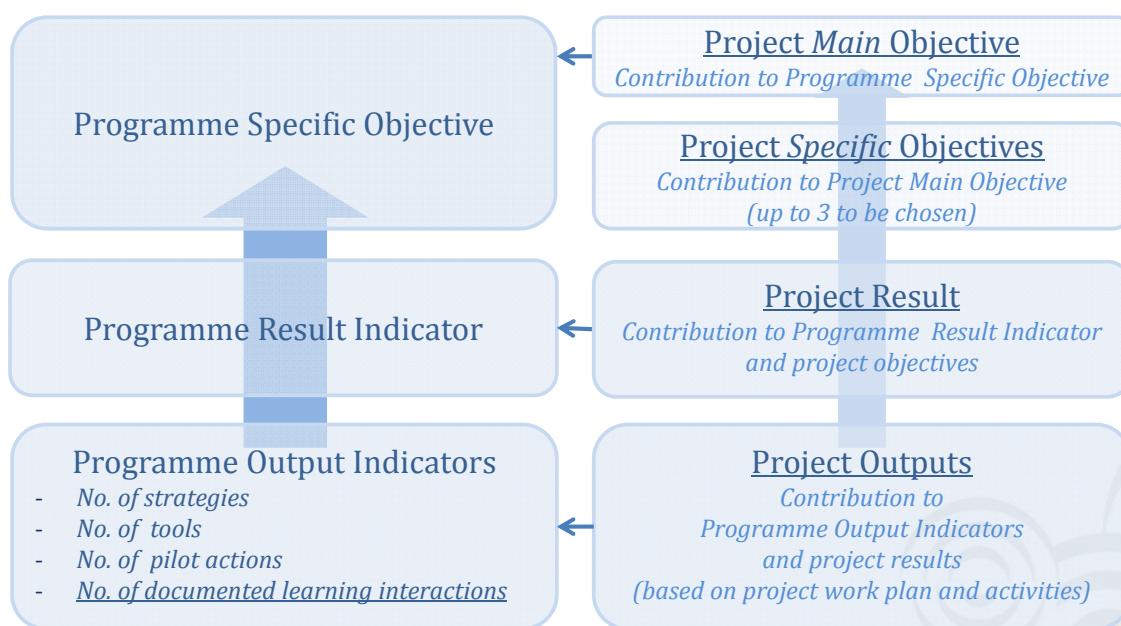
- Project objectives have to clearly target one single programme specific objective within the chosen priority axis
- The contribution of the project to the respective programme result (and the related indicator) has to be clearly demonstrated
- Project activities and outputs have to be logically linked to the targeted specific objective

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Project intervention logic has to mirror the programme intervention logic



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Project intervention logic: definitions

| Term | Definition |
|---------------------------|--|
| main objective | Describes the strategic and long term change that the project seeks to achieve for the benefit of the target groups. |
| specific objective | Describes the specific and immediate effects of the project and it can be realistically achieved within the implementation period. |
| result | Constitutes the immediate advantage of carrying out the project, telling us about the benefit of using the project main outputs. It should indicate the change the project is aiming for. |
| output | It tells us what has actually been produced for the money given to the project. It can be captured by a programme output indicator , and directly contributes to the achievement of the project results. |
| deliverable | <i>Is a side-product or service of the project that contributes to the development of a project's main output.</i> |

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Project intervention logic: how to build it?

- Define project overall objective and result and link them to the programme intervention logic
- Define project specific objectives
- Define project main outputs and link them to the programme output indicators
- Develop work plan

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“Variables that provide information on some specific aspects of results that lend themselves to be measured”

The result indicates the change the programme is aiming at

Results should refer to the overall programme area and not only to the programme beneficiaries

All projects should indirectly contribute to the selected result indicator: **intensity of cooperation of relevant key stakeholders and actors in the programme area...**

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“Direct products of programmes/projects; they are intended to contribute to results”

- Aimed at allowing an aggregation of outputs at programme level and monitoring of the programme achievements
- Based on the mission of the programme and the main actions that are going to be financed

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All SO have a similar output indicator to which each project should contribute to

Horizontal output indicator: [number of documented learning interactions](#)

- Process of acquiring institutional knowledge in the transnational context through joint testing, piloting or any other type of demonstration activities related to newly developed, transferred or adapted services, products, structures, processes or strategic documents

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Example:

Development of an action plan for the implementation of a strategy

The activity implies, among other activities, also the training of the target groups in implementing the action plan

The training represents the documented learning interaction

The Programme expects that each project contributes with at least 3 documented learning interactions!

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Programme typology for main project outputs

Strategy

Tools

Pilot actions

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Strategy

- Starting point-**definition of joint problems/ challenges** of the participating countries/ regions.
- Sets up clear mid and long term objectives and priorities reflecting also the common vision of the Danube Region in the specific field.
- **Should aim at policy integration** in the Danube area in the selected fields and act as policy drivers below EU level but above national level
- Breaks down the strategy goals and objectives into specific actions
- Should include the sequence of steps to be taken, or activities that must be performed, for a strategy to succeed

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Example:

Development of a transnational strategy in the field of innovation networks.

Each partner will deliver a country report. The country reports represent the deliverables (or intermediate steps) necessary in order to develop the strategy (the output).

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Tools

- The **means for achieving a specific task**.
- Should be jointly developed at transnational level and be innovative.
- Can be **tangible** (physical or technical objects) and **intangible** (methods, concepts or services).

Examples of tools:

- Development of a data base, a financing scheme, an ICT tool
- Improvement of a monitoring tool

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Pilot actions

- **Practical implementation of newly developed solutions** (e.g. services, tools, methods or approaches, even an investment)
- Has an experimental nature which aims at testing, evaluating and/or demonstrating the feasibility and effectiveness of a scheme.
- A pilot action is limited in its scope (area, duration, scale etc.) and must be unprecedented in a comparable environment.

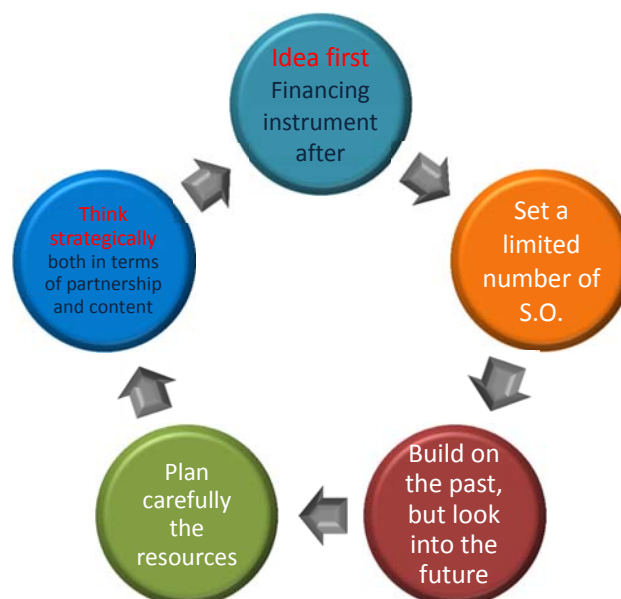
Examples of pilot actions:

- Pilot implementation of an innovative management model for 6 protected areas
- Pilot testing of a new services developed by the project in 3 countries

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- Idea first, financing instrument after
- Always keep an eye on the result-oriented approach and focus on the change
- Base your work on a solid understanding of DTP core-documents
- Link your project to clear needs / challenges of the Danube Region and to strategies such as EUSDR and EU2020
- Build a consistent project intervention logic matching the programme intervention logic
- Choose “the” right partnership for achieving your objectives and transnational impact
- Have a look around: capitalise previous work, build synergies with on-going initiatives, avoid overlaps with other SOs or further funding instruments

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