



DANUBE Transnational Programme

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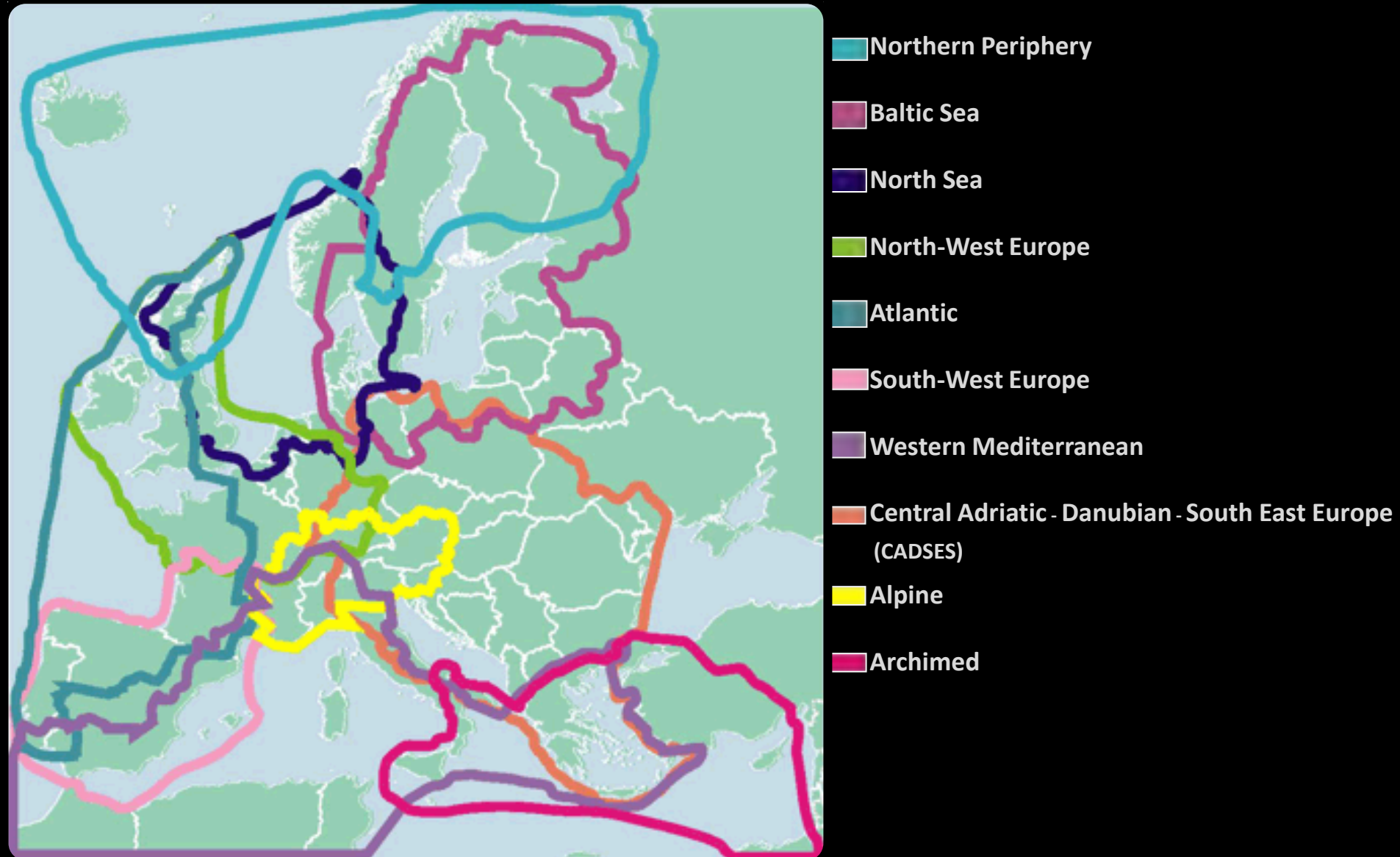
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Transnational cooperation programmes in Europe (2000-2006)



Transnational cooperation programmes in the Danube area 2000 -> 2013

**2000-2006: INTERREG II B
CADSES**

**2007-2013: EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION (ETC)
SOUTH-EAST EUROPE
CENTRAL EUROPE**



Transnational cooperation programmes in the Danube area 2014 - 2020

2014-2020: ETC II.

2007-2013: ETC I.
SOUTH-EAST EUROPE



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Adriatic Ionian

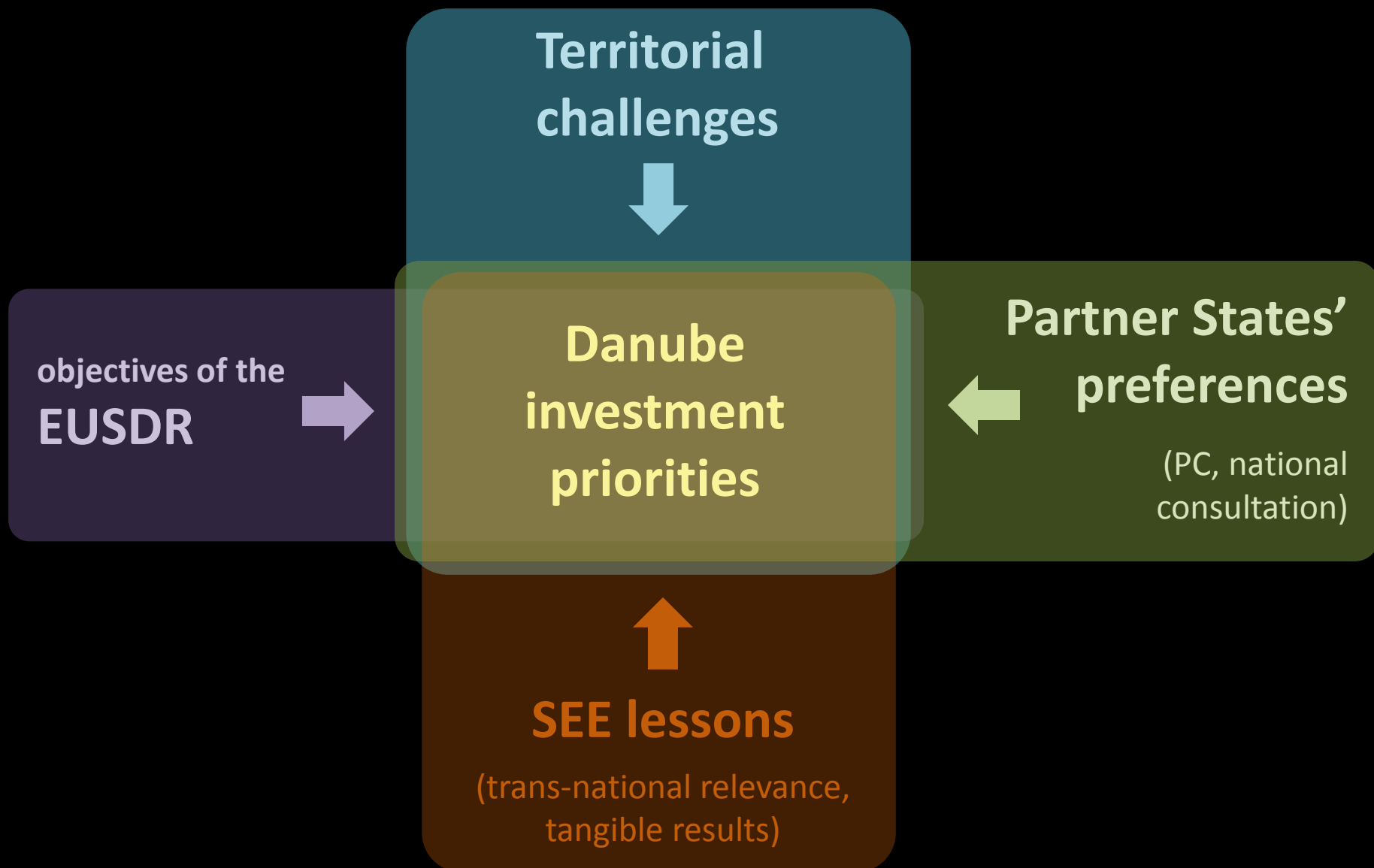


Balkan-Mediterranean

Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, The
former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia and Greece

	PROGRAMME	PROJECT
Number	13 overlapping programme areas 6-15 countries per programme	10-15 project partners and observers Roughly 100 project per program (SEE)
Structure	Monitoring Committee (representatives of the partner states) is the main decision-making body of the programme	„Lead partner” principle: one partner takes legal responsibility for the partnership. Partners certify their costs at national level and report together to the programme
Finances	100-300 million euro programme budget for 7 year programme periods 94 % spent on projects 6 % on programme implementation	1-3 million euro project budget spent in 2-3 year long cooperation projects
Topics/ type	Programme priorities defined by partner states based on EU directives and needs of the programme area	„Soft” projects: joint development of ideas, concepts, plans, solutions, preparation of future investments – no direct infrastructure development

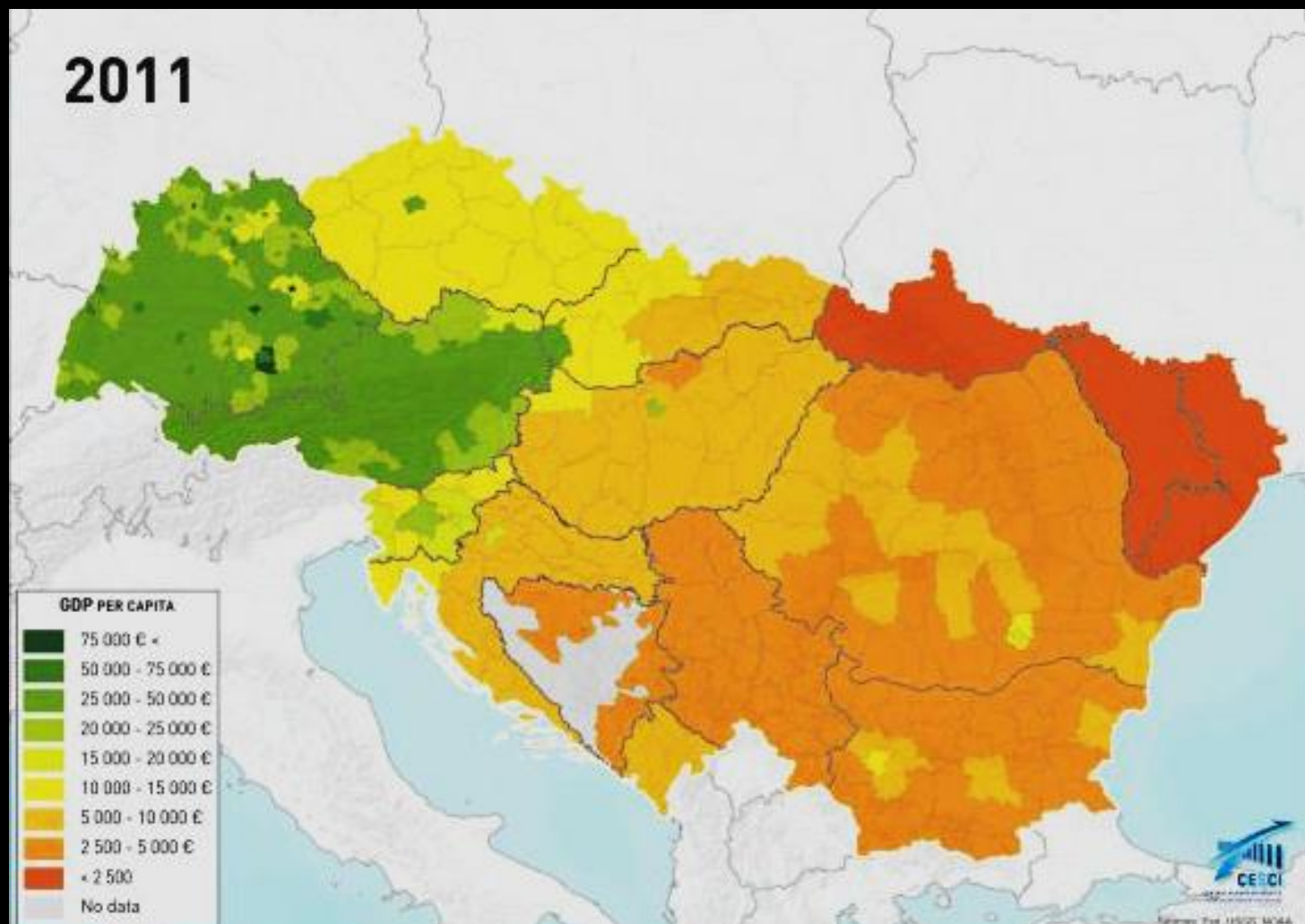
Main inputs to selecting IPs



Content		
SEE Thematic Seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SMART SEE: Thinking of the future based on the experience gained- SUSTAINABLE SEE: Thinking of the future based on the experience gained- INCLUSIVE SEE: Capitalising experiences for inclusive growth and job creation in the Southeast Europe area 2014+- ACCESSIBLE SEE: Coordinating the results of SEE projects for improved accessibility across the region	Autumn 2013
National consultations	The national stakeholder consultation events were organized during June 2014 in most of the countries participating in the Danube Transnational Programme	Jun 2014

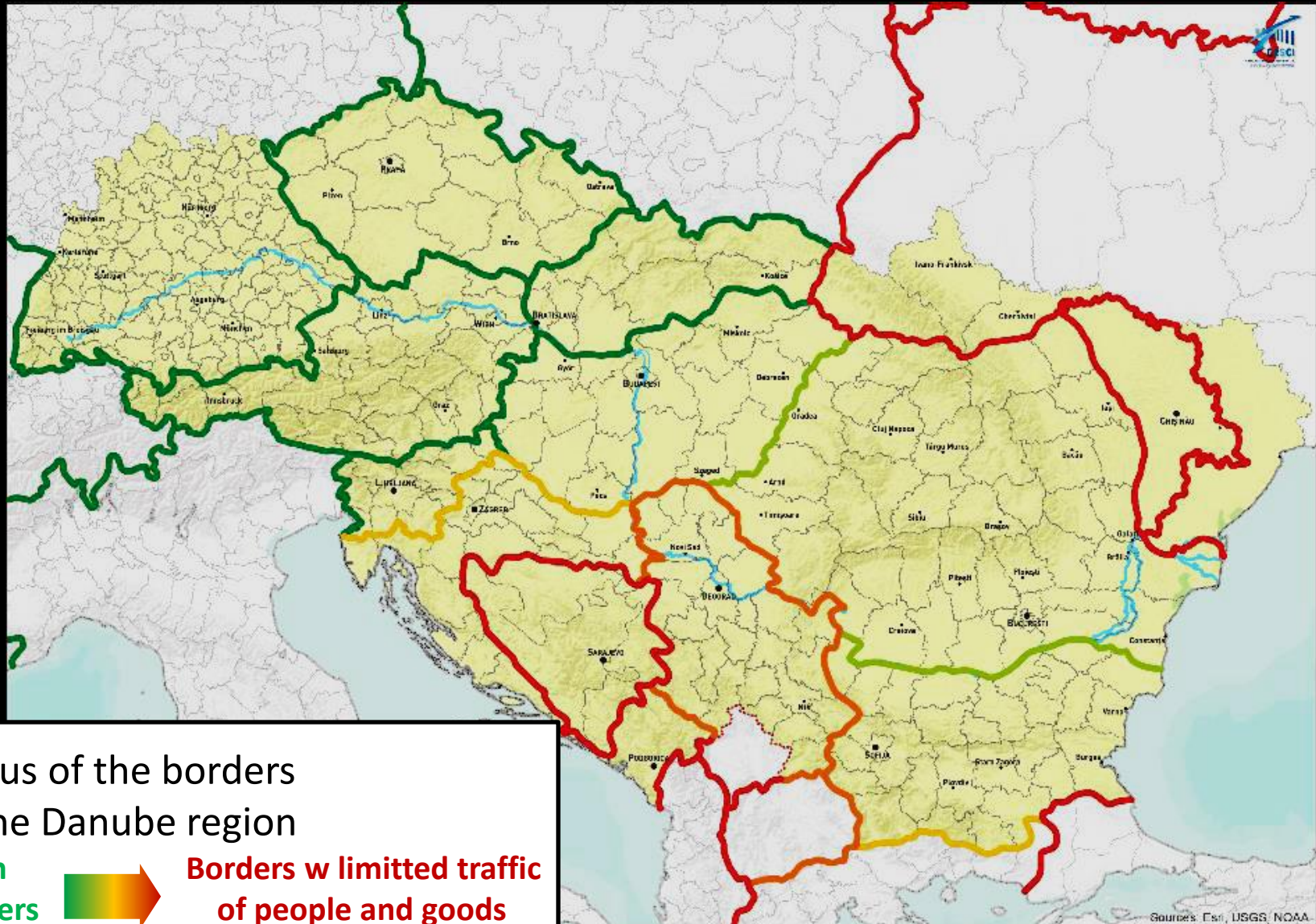
GDP 2011

from the Danube Territorial Analysis



Status of the borders

from the Danube Territorial Analysis



Status of the borders
in the Danube region

Open
borders



Borders w limited traffic
of people and goods

Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

Programme mission

The Danube Transnational Programme (DTP) is **a financing instrument with a specific scope and an independent decision making body** and supports the policy integration in the Danube area in selected fields under the EU Common Provisions and ERDF regulation linked to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR).

Programme strategy

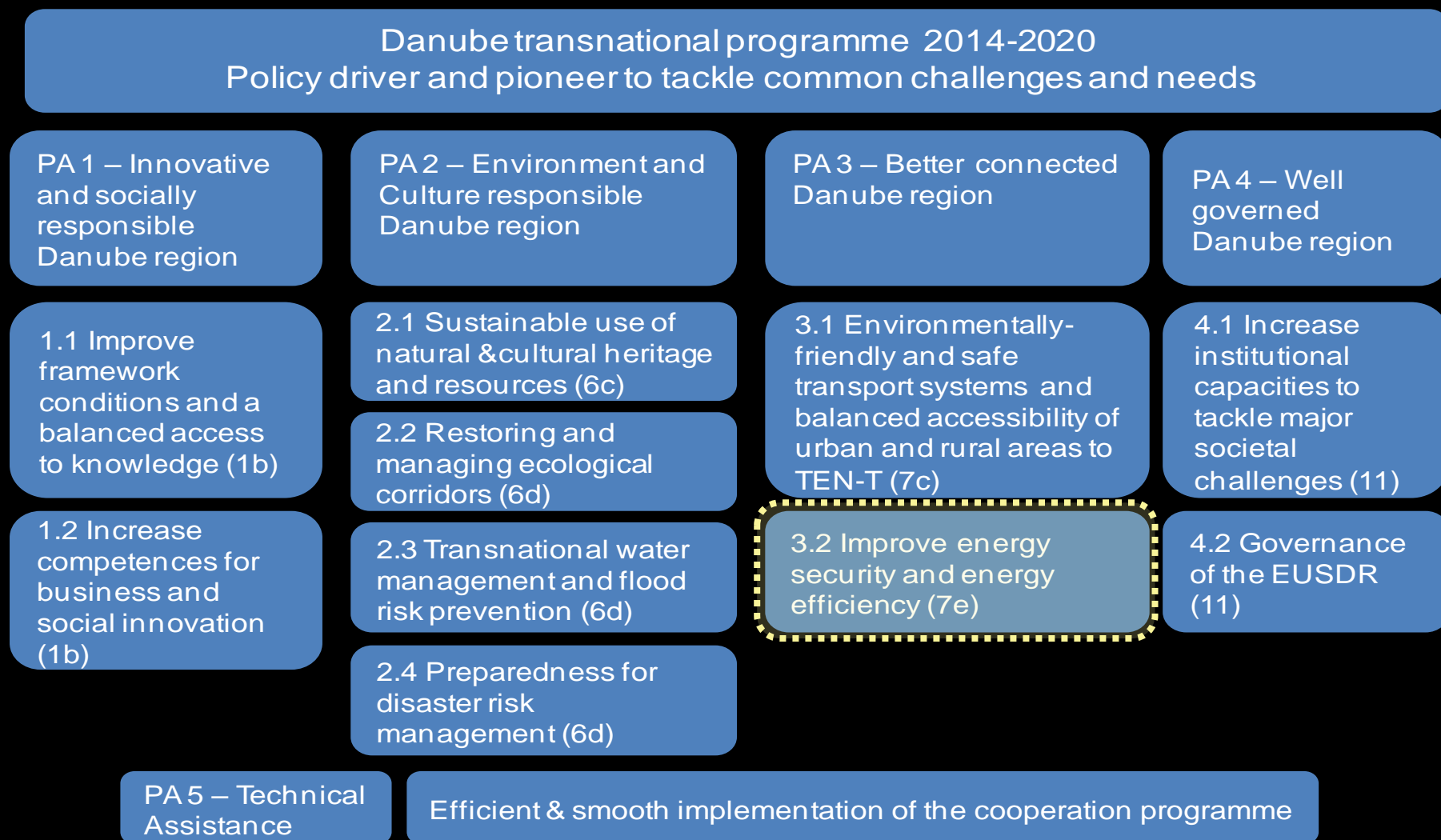
The strategic vision is “***policy integration***” below the EU-level (not duplicating efforts in policy integration at the EU-level e.g. TEN-T) and above the national level in specific fields of action. ***Transnational projects should influence national, regional and local policies.***

Policy framework

In order to achieve a ***higher degree of territorial integration*** of the Danube region the DTP will act as a ***policy driver and pioneer to tackle common challenges and needs in specific policy fields*** where transnational cooperation is expected to deliver good results through the ***development and practical implementation of policy frameworks, tools and services*** and concrete pilot investments whereby strong ***complementarities with the broader EUSDR*** will be sought.

Types of actions supported by the programme

- ***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);
- ***Development and practical implementation of transnational tools and services*** (e.g. analytical tools, management tools, technical tools, software tools, monitoring tools);
- ***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 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.



Priority axes 3.2

Improve energy security and energy efficiency

Specific objective:

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.***

Examples of action in priority 3.2

Improve energy security and energy efficiency

- **Contribute to the transnational integration of different energy networks** and explore the development opportunities for a joint energy infrastructure in the Danube region.
- Contribute to the development of Smart Grids in the Danube Region by supporting smart grid policy integration and joint action plans.
- **Contribute to regional energy planning and -coordination** of transnational relevance across the Danube region within the wider context of EU energy policy in order to diversify energy sources and contribute to the security of energy supplies; **improve policy learning** and develop practical strategies and solutions to increase the use of renewable energy sources.
- **Contribute to practical transnational coordination of developing energy efficiency concepts.**
- **Promote joint efforts** to comprehensive spatial planning in order to position adequately generation and transmission capacities;
- **Support human resource development** and the exchange of related knowledge and experience accompanying policy and technology development.

National co-financing rate: minimum **15%**
(project cofinancing all around the programme area)

202.3 Meur ERDF

19.8 Meur IPA

Total programme budget:
263 Meur
(including Technical Assistance)

Programme budget

dedicated to different priority axes

Priority axis	Total funding (MEUR)
1. Innovative and socially responsible Danube region	72,8
2. Environment and culture responsible Danube region	83,2
3. Better connected and energy responsible Danube region	54,7
4. Well governed Danube region	33,8
5. Technical Assistance	18,5
Total	263

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Relation of the Programme to EUSDR

as agreed at the 3rd meeting of the Danube PC (18 April, 2013)

The Danube Programme is considering to support the governance of the EUSDR and other activities for institutional capacity building through one priority axis based on TO11. Other TOs support the implementation of EUSDR through projects in different thematic fields.

The other 3 / 4 priority axis/TOs will be selected based on the need of the transnational area considering the objectives of the EUSDR but without making direct references to project / initiatives (no projects in the OP).

Projects will be selected according to sound and agreed selection criteria in line with the Structural Funds' regulations.

Results		
Meeting with the PACs	PACs specified their expectations and concerns. The PC agreed to develop a concept to be discussed at the next PC meeting.	21 May 2013 Ljubljana
DPC-NCP-PAC Meeting	Stakeholders agreed on the elements of the priority (PACs; Seed Money; Focal Point) and decided to develop technical details in small working groups.	24 Jan 2014 Budapest
EC-DPC-NCP	Participants specified details of the Danube Strategy Point and selected its location and hosting institution.	1 Sep 2014 Brussels

Thematic Objective 11

in the regulations

In the final Cooperation Programme document the programme direct support to EUSDR is targeted within programme priority 4:

Well governed Danube Region (linked with EU2020 thematic priority 11)

1299_2013_ETC art 7.

Investment Priority: enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration by developing and coordinating macro-regional and sea-basin strategies;

1. Facility for direct support to EUSDR governance

Each of the eleven priority areas of the Danube Region Strategy are managed by two Priority Area Coordinators (PACs). The aim of this element of the priority is to provide a stable source to fund activities of the PACs on a longer run.

2. Seed money/project development fund facility

This instrument is providing support to all project developers in the thematic fields of the Strategy. Small scale financial assistance would be available for EUSDR-relevant project ideas.

3. The EUSDR Strategy Point

It is an independent structure („project”) aiming to provide general and specific support on EUSDR to the work and cooperation of EUSDR stakeholders.

*This element of the priority was proposed by the European Commission. The main tasks of the “**Technical Point**” are proposed to be:*

- 1) **Providing information** on the implementation of the strategy, mostly related to:
 - a) projects (existing, on-going, planned, proposed), including providing support for finding funding sources;
 - b) targets of the EUSDR;
- 2) **Support the work of the Steering Groups** by:
 - a) Helping the PACs to build up their network
 - b) Preparing and moderating and following up on the SG meetings
- 3) **Gathering information** regarding the implementation of the strategy from NCPs, PACs, Commission, programmes etc, structuring the information and making it available for the public
- 4) **Facilitating the reporting** exercise. The TP shall be an intermediary between the PACs on one side and the Commission and the Programme on the other side.
- 5) **Preparing the EUSDR Annual Forum**

Thank you
for your attention!

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