

Danube Contact Point

How to finance cooperation projects in 2014-2020?

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Who has experience in applying for EU funds?



What type of financing do you have experience with?

How can Danube Strategy help you finance
your project?

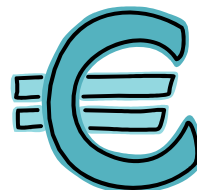
Macroregional strategies in 2014-2020

- Robust integrated cooperation framework
- Improve effectiveness and impact of EU policies
- Utilize all available programmes and instruments
- Set of common challenges structured according to sectors
- Process driven by PACs (international) and NCPs (national and regional)
- Three principles:
 - (i) better coordination of existing policies and funds,
 - (ii) better use of existing institutions, and
 - (iii) better implementation of existing legislation

Decisions taken under MRS



- 2014-2020 legislative framework
 - Common Strategic Framework
 - Partnership Agreements
- **Operational Programmes and Implementation instruments**



More FOCUS – 11 thematic objectives

1. Research & innovation
2. Information and communication technologies (ICT)
3. Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
4. **Shift towards a low-carbon economy**
5. Climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
6. **Environmental protection & resource efficiency**
7. Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
8. Employment & supporting labour mobility
9. Social inclusion & combating poverty
10. Education, skills & lifelong learning
11. Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

but also more FLEXIBILITY

- Less programmes
- Harmonized set of rules
- **Various implementation instruments and tools to help you finance and implement you project**

What are the available funds?

- National programs
 - Sustainable Growth and Jobs Programs (EU)
 - Instrument for pre-accession (IPA)
 - European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)
- European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Programs
 - **Cross-border cooperation programs**
 - **Transnational cooperation programs**
 - Interregional cooperation programs
- Others
 - EU centrally managed programs (Horizon 2020, CEF, etc.)
 - Technical assistance and financing instruments
 - EIB and others

ETC – Transnational Cooperation Programs

- **Danube Transnational Cooperation Program**
 - 14 countries (EU, non-EU), Danube Strategy geography
 - Est. 200 MEUR; 85% co-financing (+ national?)
 - Programming is still ongoing in OP programming Task Force
 - Thematic Objectives not yet selected (TO4, 6, 7,?)
 - Danube Strategy support mechanism discussed
 - Approval expected in summer 2014
 - First call expected in late 2014/early 2015
 - Assumably similar conditions to SEE program
- **CENTRAL Program**
 - Continuation of previous programme
 - Similar budget and conditions

ETC – Cross-border Cooperation Programs

- Bilateral or smaller multilateral cooperation programs
- EU, non-EU (IPA, ENI countries)
- Programming of OPs still ongoing; approval by summer 2014
- Danube Strategy objectives, projects taken into account
- Budget varies according to border length, country allocation, etc. (in HU 20-160 MEUR est.)
- Thematic Objectives currently being selected (TO4,6,7,?)
- 85% co-financing + national co-financing (?)
- Cross-border impact!

Sustainable Growth and Jobs Programs

- Sectorial OPs (Environment, Energy, Economic Development) and Regional OPs
- Planning is ongoing; final approval expected in early 2014
- Danube Strategy approach, objectives and projects taken into account
- Identify priorities where there is need for cooperation
- Possibility to implement cooperation projects
 - Cooperation tools
 - Territorial flexibility rules
 - Specific calls for tender
- Functional regions are more important than administrative borders

Other programs and instruments

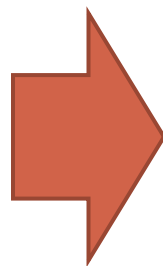
- IPA
- ENI
- EU centrally managed programs
- Other ETC programs
- Financial Engineering Instruments
- TA/PP facilities
- EIB instruments, pre- and co-financing, advisory services
- Etc.

Abundant possibilities but consider...

- Is it based on real needs? Are the objectives well defined?
- What has already been done and what is undergoing?
 - Capitalization, Innovation, Synergies
- Is there a clear need for cooperation? What added value does it bring?
- What is the easiest, most efficient and cost effective way to cooperate?

Is there a need for:

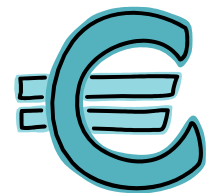
- Joint planning?
- Joint decision making?
- Joint funding?
- Joint implementation?



What are the available tools?

The Danube Strategy TOOLBOX

Your project



Thank you for your attention!

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