

# Danube Transnational Programme – Opportunities of cooperation

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A stream of cooperation

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# DTP: introduction

Same geographical coverage of the EUSDR

14 countries

9 EU MS

3 EU Candidate/potential candidate countries

2 EU Neighbouring countries

3 Funds:





- ERDF
- IPA
- ENI



# Programme budget

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+?

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

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

## 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

ERDF	IPA	Nat co-financing	Total
14,146,678.35	1,364,939.83	2,737,344.38	<b>18,248,963.00</b>





### **What we finance:**

- Development of smart grids and integration of RES
- Regional energy planning and distribution
- Security of energy supply through a better exploitation of RES
- Development of joint distribution strategies in the Danube area



### What we don't finance:

The shift towards low-carbon economy through:

- Production of energy derived from RES
- Promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy use in enterprises
- Smart energy management in public infrastructure (public buildings and housing)
- Adoption of low-carbon technologies
- Promotion of high-efficiency co-generation of heat and power based on the necessary heat demand



- **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)

## Indicative examples of supported actions

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- **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

- Same geographical coverage
- Policy framework vs funding instrument
- EUSDR is one of the strategic frameworks of the DTP
- DTP is one of the financing instruments of the EUSDR
- All Programme SO contribute to the EUSDR PAs
- Not all EUSDR PA can be supported by the DTP



## Financial framework:

- Based on reimbursement of 85% of validated costs
- Remaining 15% to be co-financed at national level (own co-financing, state co-financing or other sources)
- Activity and costs reported on a 6 month basis
- Reimbursement after approval of related progress report (ca. 10-12 months from incurred payment)

## Project duration:

- First call: max 30 months
- In general: max 36 months

## First call for proposal:

- 2-step approach (Expression of Interest – Application Form)
- Budget available: 76 MEUR of ERDF and 7.5 MEUR of IPA
- 1<sup>st</sup> step launched on 23.09.2015 and closed on 03.11.2015
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step only pre-selected proposals closed on 09.05.2016
- Approval foreseen for last week of September 2016
- Starting of the projects foreseen for end of 2016

## Second call for proposal:

- Foreseen for the end of 2016/beginning 2017

## Application Package: requested information

### Application Form:

- Intervention logic in details
- Strategic framework in details
- Detailed description of the activities/timeframe and links with outputs
- Detailed budget
- Details of each partner

### Annexes:

- Declarations (State Aid, co-financing, etc.)
- Partnership Agreement

## Eligibility of partners:

- Public bodies
- Bodies governed by public law
- Private non profit bodies
- Private for profit bodies (excluding IPA PPs and LP)
- International organisations
- EGTC

coming from the DTP programme area!



## Type of partners

	Type of Partner	Location	Does it have a separated budget?	ERDF/IPA budget lines
Directly Financed Partners	<b>LEAD PARTNER</b>	Only EU part of the Programme area	Yes	All
	<b>ERDF PARTNER</b>	Only EU part of the Programme area	Yes	All
	<b>IPA PARTNER</b>	Only Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia	Yes	All
Indirectly financed partners	<b>Associated Strategic Partners (ASPs)</b>	- EU countries - Non-EU countries of Programme Area	No (part of a "sponsoring" ERDF PARTNER budget)	ERDF - Only TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION

- At least **3 financing partners** from **3 different countries** of the programme area
- **Lead Partner from EU Member State** of Programme area
- Project partnership to be comprised in strategic manner and well adapted to its purpose
- Open to all Specific Objectives
- Foreseen contribution to EUSDR

## Eligibility of costs:

- Staff costs (real costs or flat rate of 20% of direct costs)
- Office and administrative expenditure (15% of staff costs)
- Travel and accommodation
- External expertise and service
- Equipment
- Infrastructure and works

**Ineligible costs:** purchase of land and existing buildings, refundable VAT, in kind contribution, second hand equipment, etc.

## Assessment:

### Eligibility check

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements leads to rejection

### Quality check

- *Strategic assessment*
  - Extent of contribution to achievement of programme objectives
- *Operational assessment*
  - Viability, feasibility, as well as value for money

## **DTP support interventions with transnational character and result-oriented approach**

- Deliver concrete and measurable outputs and results, in response to well identified transnational challenges affecting the programme area
- Transnational relevance of the topic / theme
- Integrated territorial approach
- Deliver durable outputs and results (target group and ownership)
- Quality partnership of the project
- Efficient in terms of mobilised resources

## Result-orientation → intervention logic

*How the change is to be achieved*

Built upon:

- Status quo analysis
- The change to be achieved
- The objectives
- The actions, outputs, stakeholders and target groups
- The results and durability

pre-condition for a project to be funded under DTP

## Expected projects:

- Result oriented approach
- Clear and coherent intervention logic
- Link of project intervention logic to the programme one
- Involvement of the relevant stakeholders in the partnership (multilevel governance)
- Experienced applicant
- Clear understanding and strong contribution to the selected Specific Objective
- Clear contribution to a EUSDR PA and its related targets/actions