EUSDR Strategic Projects Concept

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EUSDR Strategic Projects : Overview process & timeline

⮒ *Dec. 2015:*   - Strategic Project (SP) concept definition process started;
   - Coordination process with the EC/DG REGIO;

⮒ *Jan. 2016:*   - SP draft concept presented for debate & feed-back with the PACs;
   - EUSDR SP Data Sheet developed;

⮒*Feb. 2016:*   - SP concept & the accompanying Data Sheet reviewed;

⮒ *Mar. 2016:*   - NCs/PACs endorsed the final EUSDR SP concept/Data Sheet;
   - DSP received "green light" to lead the selection process;

⮒ *mid- March -*   - 1st round of the selection process launched ;
   mid-May 2016   - PAs (PACs, SG) invited to identify and submit DSP potential SPs;

⮒ *mid-May -*   - Screening process of the received projects by the DSP – ongoing !!!
   June 2016   - Feed-back , comments & meetings with the concerned PAs;

⮒ *Sept. 2016*   - 1st round of the selection process completed;
   - DSP provides the NCs with the outcome of the screening process;
   - NC to decide on the granting of the EUSDR Strategic Projects label;

⮒ *post-Sept 2016*   - 2nd round of the selection process to be launched .

EUSDR Strategic Projects - Purpose

Purpose:

- To contribute to **stronger and clearer strategic focus to the** EUSDR PA's activities;

- To further encourage **joint cooperation** between Danube states/regions - introducing more **strategic focus**;

- To establish **strategic ground for projects/processes** to be considered in 2015/2016 revision process (EUSDR targets, actions, milestones, roadmaps);

- To strengthen and improve **communication** on the strategic focus and efforts of the EUSDR;

- **Could serve as pilot examples** for possible strategic support for **embedding projects in funding programs/sources**.

EUSDR Strategic Projects : Scope & Criteria

Scope :

- **In terms of structure:**

    1) Single project, contributing to a PA and/or PAs;

    2) Group of projects, contributing to a PA and/or PAs;

    3) Process (*e.g.* network, new cooperation mechanism, etc.), contributing to a PA and/or PAs;

- **In terms of readiness:**

    1) Preparatory projects   **2) Investment projects**

Criteria:

  (1)   **it clearly contributes to a EUSDR Target;**

  (2)   **it clearly and substantially supports a EUSDR Action;**

  (3)   **it has evident and high Macro-Regional dimension (at least 3 Danube countries/regions);**

  (4)   **it is approved/supported widely by the Danube countries;**

  (5)   **it is realistic in terms of objectives, activities, timeframe and results;**

  (6)   **it has clear financial plan, clearly linked to SP activities, timeframe, deliverables.**

EUSDR Strategic Projects – Identification & Labelling Process

Brief Overview : Main actors and tasks

➢ **EUSDR PAs (PACs and SG Members)**
- identify potential strategic processes/projects;
- prepare an EUSDR Strategic Project Data Sheet for each of the processes/projects identified;
- submit the identified projects in the required format (SP Data Sheets) & by the agreed deadline.

➢ **Danube Strategy Point (DSP)**
- carries out the screening process against the set criteria;
- provides feedback, comments to the relevant PAs;
- ensures coordination with the EC/DG REGIO throughout the selection process;
- provides the NCs with the final outcome of the screening process, and
- proposes the projects to be considered for final validation & approval.

➢ **EUSDR National Coordinators (NCs)**
- endorse the outcome of the selection process;
- decide on granting the EUSDR Strategic Project/Process label.

EUSDR Strategic Projects – NEXT STEP

⮒EUSDR Strategic Projects identification and selection - rolling process

❖ Sept. 2016 - 2nd round of the selection process

• Tentative deadline for projects submission –end-2016

➲ DSP to keep PACs informed about further developments.

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