



TAF II and START II

10th Steering Group, 19th May 2015, Brussels

TAF-DRP II

- **Budget: 450.000€** for TAF-DRP services
 - originally 900.000€, available budget was divided in two equal shares to finance an additional START call
 - A unique call
- **Service value per project: 25.000€ brutto**
 - 15 to 20 projects can be selected
 - Projects from all EUSDR countries and PAs
 - Duration of services: approx. 6 months (like in Phase I)
- **Principles for this call:**
 - No major changes from previous calls
 - Types of projects and basic criteria: see evaluator's recommendation
 - Limited workload for all parties involved (applicants, PACs and their SG, etc)
 - Transparency
 - Quick timing -> TAF-DRP services to start in autumn 2015 (a.o. to fit timing of Danube Programme's first call)

TAF-DRP II

When (approx. calendar)	What
Until approx. 10th of May LAUNCH	PACs receive call manual Information about call published on PA10 and EUSDR website
+ 3 weeks DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Interested applicants can contact PACs and SG
+ 3 weeks (mid/end June) PRE-SELECTION	PACs and their SG define list of pre-selected organisations (min. 5 – max. 15) and distribute link to online application tool
+ 4 weeks (mid/end July) APPLICATION	Deadline to submit online application (central application tool)
+ 2 weeks (August) FORMAL CHECK	PAC10 verifies basic eligibility and completeness of applications. Formally correct applications sent to PACs
+ 5 weeks (mid Sept) CONTENT CHECK and RANKING	PACs +SG assess content of applications (PA relevance, macro-regional relevance, etc) and establish ranking+documentation
+ 2 weeks (end Sept) PLAUSIBILITY CHECK – FINAL RANKING - NOTIFICATION	PAC10 conducts final plausibility check of best-ranked applications – incl. them and geo balance Applicants are notified of the results
October 2015	Start of TAF-DRP services by experts

START II

- **Budget:** 450.000€ for grants (funding transferred from TAF-DRP II original budget)
- **Planned allocation:**
 - Grants from 10.000 to 20.000€ → up to 2 projects per PA
 - Projects from all EUSDR countries and PAs
- **A unique call:**
 - Before summer break 2015
- **Principles for this call:**
 - No major changes from previous call
 - Limited workload for all parties involved (applicants, PACs and their SG, etc)
 - Lower rejection rate (!)
 - Transparency
 - Quick timing -> project start latest end 2015 (project to last up to 9-10 months)

START II

- **Who can apply:**
 - A) Rejected applicants from call 1
 - B) Newcomers
 - Mix of A) and B) possible (approach and pre-selection by PACs and their SG)
- **Minimum 5 – Maximum 15 applications per PA**
- Same application procedure and requirements for all applicants (online application / login distributed by PACs to pre-selected applicants)

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December 2015	Start of projects

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Type of support	Technical assistance by assigned experts – no money to beneficiary!	Grant to beneficiaries to finance activities
Supported phase	Preparatory phase	Preparation or implementation
Duration	Approx. 6 months	Up to 1 year
„Value“ of support	Max. 25.000€ brutto = value of expertise services no co-financing by beneficiary (but time investment to support experts)	Grant: 10.000€ to 40.000€ + 10% beneficiary co-financing Payments: <u>at least 50% pre-financing</u> - balance at closing
Project partnership	Not required	At least 2 partners from 2 countries (exceptions foreseen)

TAF–DRP and START II PA2 Thematic Focus

Sustainable Energy

- Actions 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16

Energy Efficiency

- Action 14, 17

The thematic focuses are aiming to support projects dealing with different aspects of promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency. The projects within this thematic focus should focus on topics such as climate protection, developing new technologies and promoting and fostering use of any kind of renewable energy sources. The projects' scope and outcomes can be various, from sharing knowledge, raising awareness, policy development, developing new tools/technologies or to enforce and facilitate cooperation between different initiatives/organisations/managing authorities/national administrations including strategic level as well as implementation of concrete initiatives.