

DANUBE 2014
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Transnational Cooperation Programme 2014-2020

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Arrangement of programme

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- December 2012 – territorial coverage TNC
- 3 new programmes succeeding SEE : ADRIAN, Balkan-Mediterranean, Danube
- CZ has been included in the Danube cooperation programme
- Region: 14 member states/ over 100 mil. inhabitants



Austria; **Bosnia and Herzegovina**; **Bulgaria**; **Croatia**; **Czech Republic**; **Germany**: Baden-Wuerttemberg; Bavaria; **Hungary**; the Republic of **Moldova**; **Montenegro**; **Romania**; **Serbia**; **Slovakia**; **Slovenia**; **Ukraine**: Chernivetska Oblast, Ivano-Frankiviska Oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast, Odessa Oblast.

Partners from EU nonmember states can use: *Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)*/*European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)*

Implementation structure

- **Managing Authority(MA) a Joint Secretariat(JS)**: Responsible for overall programme implementation
 - Ministry of Finance, Budapest (HU)
 - JS – international staffing – financial and project managers
- **Monitoring committee**: representatives of member states on national and regional level
 - Common decision - reviews the implementation of the programme and progress towards achieving its objectives, selects and approves applications to be financed
- **National coordinator, contact points network**:
 - MMR; Department of European Territorial Cooperation

Overview on priority axes and specific objectives of the CP

DANUBE transnational programme 2014-2020 Policy driver and pioneer to tackle common challenges and needs

PA 1 –Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

1.1 Improve framework conditions for innovation

1.2 Increase competences for business and social innovation

PA 2 –Environment and culture responsible Danube region

2.1 Foster sustainable use of natural & cultural heritage & resources

2.2 Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

2.3 Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention

2.4 Improve preparedness for disaster risk management

PA 3 –Better connected and energy responsible Danube region

3.1 Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas

3.2 Improve energy security and energy efficiency

PA 4 –Well governed Danube region

4.1 Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

4.2 Support the governance and implementation of the EUSDR

PA 5 –Technical Assistance

Ensure the efficient and smooth implementation of the DTP

Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

1.1. Improve framework conditions for innovation

- Contribute to developing an excellent research infrastructure joint planning and management of research infrastructures with a transnational scope
- Support the improved coordination of cluster policies and cluster cooperation projects that lead to joint innovation and the development of joint smart specialisation approaches
- Establish transnational networks between appropriate partners to develop and implement products, services
- Develop and implement strategies and instruments to provide better access to innovation finance and support for innovative start-ups

1.2. Increase competences for business and social innovation

- Support strategic approaches of transnational educational and training networks
- Develop joint tools and services to improve competences for innovative entrepreneurship
- Support mutual learning and cooperation to increase skills of employees and employers
- Support the joint development of skills and knowledge for implementation of social innovation (migration, health, ageing...)
- Raise awareness on learning systems for development of open innovation

2 - Environment and culture responsible Danube region

2.1. Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

- Improve frameworks and develop joint and integrated solutions for sustainable tourism (“green tourism”)
- Implement common strategies to develop common approaches for the protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage
- Support activities in the fields of multiculturalism, cultural exchange
- Support joint strategies for the management and protection of natural resources

2.2. Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

- Support strategic frameworks and develop concrete solutions to restore, conserve and improve a network of green infrastructures/ bio-corridors of TN relevance
- Improve the knowledge base and build up consistent and reliable data information sources
- Foster integrated approaches on soil protection and soil awareness
- Strengthen the capacities and the networks of NGO’s, stakeholders and authorities involved in preserving biodiversity and nature protection

2 - Environment and culture responsible Danube region

2.3. Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention

- Contribute to the common transboundary implementation of the Flood directive (joint flood monitoring and alert systems)
- Better integrate policies to prevent deterioration of groundwater quality and the concentrations of pollutants in groundwater
- Encourage more effective information sharing, mutual learning and a sustainable approach to managing the risks of floods
- Contribute to proper fluvial and sediment management to track sediment transport and morphological changes along the river system

2.4. Improve preparedness for disaster risk management

- Development of joint strategies and action plans for risk management
- Building up a common knowledge base and data observation capacities, and mechanisms for the exchange of information,
- Joint efforts in making future scenarios for risk management
- Joint development of tools, e.g. developing modern management systems

3 – Better connected and energy responsible Danube region

3.1. Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas

- Contribute to the development of integrated transport frameworks and other joint coordination measures
- Contribute to a better organisation of public transport links and other sustainable modes of transport in functional urban and rural areas.
- Encourage joint planning and development of urban, interurban and cross-border bicycle routes. Support multimodal bicycle tourism.
- Contribute to ensure accessibility of rural areas, especially those affected by demographic change
- Contribute to better integrated policies and practical solutions to further develop waterways by exchanging and transferring know-how and good practice (waterway infrastructure, port development)

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
- Contribute to regional energy planning and -coordination of transnational relevance within the wider context of EU energy policy
- Contribute to practical transnational coordination of developing energy efficiency concepts.

4 – Well governed Danube region

4.1. Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

- Support the exchange and transfer of know-how and best practices on **labour market policies**
- Support institutional capacities and framework conditions for implementing **education systems and policies**
- Support the joint development and improvement policies and innovative learning systems that address **demographic change and migration challenges**
- Support the exchange and transfer of know-how and best practices on **social inclusion policies**
- Improve joint policies and implemented tools to strengthen **participatory planning process and involvement of civil society**
- Strengthen cooperation of **networks among cities and of urban-rural partnerships**

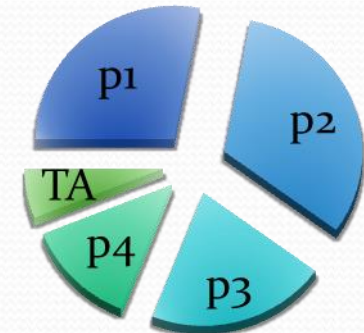
4.2. Support to the governance and implementation of the EUSDR

- Establish a facility for direct support to EUSDR governance
- Establish a seed money/project development fund facility
- Establish the Danube Strategy Point (permanent representation of *Baden-Württemberg* in Brussels)

Financial aspects

Allocation ERDF + IPA	National contribution	Total funding	Co-financing rate
Cca 201 + 20 Mio €	37,5 +3,5 Mio €	239,6 +23,3 Mio €	85%

Priority	% ERDF	ERDF
P1 - Innovative and socially responsible Danube region	28 %	66,5 Mio €
P2 - Environment and culture responsible Danube region	32 %	76 Mio €
P3 - Better connected and energy responsible Danube region	21 %	49,9 Mio €
P4 - Well governed Danube region	13 %	30 Mio €
TA	6 %	16 Mio €



Partnership

- Lead partner
 - responsible for the project application and implementation
 - in charge of management & coordination of project partners
 - quality management
- Project partner – located in programme area
 - ERDF
 - IPA (Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Min. 3 financing partners from 3 different member states from TNC Danube

- National, regional and local public bodies
- Private institutions – not LP (details will be specified later)
- International organisation

State of play

- Programme was submitted for approval to EC version of November 2014 (available on web page) submitted on March 2015
- Before process of expression of written approval with the content of cooperation programme (compulsory annex) in each Member states
- Comments and approval from EC side is expected 2.-3. quarter 2015
- Meanwhile generation of Application form, assessment criteria, eligibility rules and other methodological papers for beneficiaries

→ Application manual

- Key principles of programme
- Partnership requirements
- Type of project activities
- Eligibility of expenditures

Call for proposal



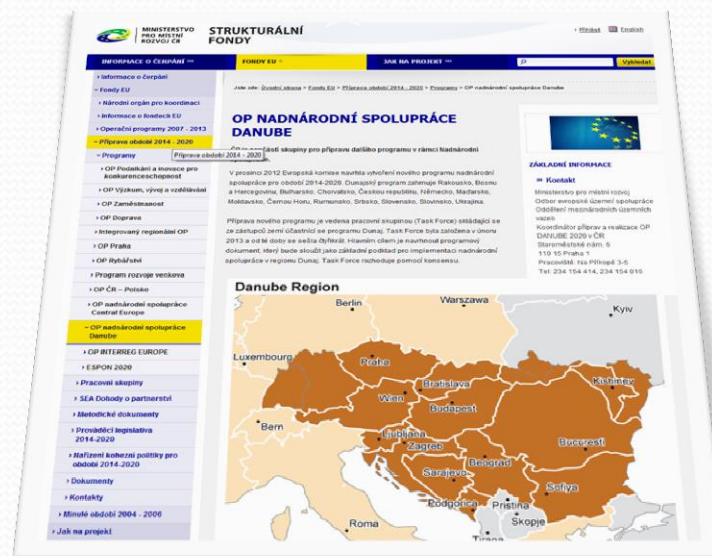
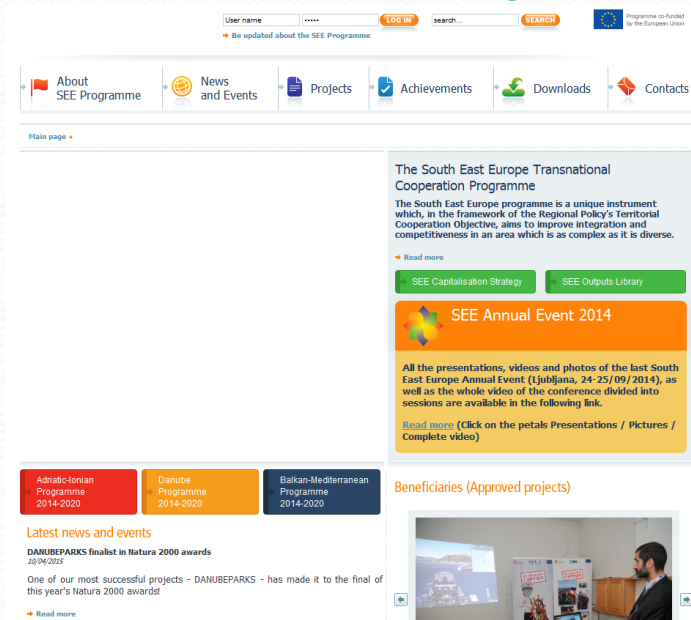
- 1. call – mid September 2015
- 2 steps procedure: timetable depending on programme approval
 1. Expression of Interest
 2. full Application Form
- P1, P2, P3, P4.1 – allocated up to 40% of overall budget
- Projects of maximum 30 months + 2 months for financial closure
- Reimbursement principle - 2x a year certification of expenditures

Where to search for Danube programme info?

- Web: OP South-East <http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/>
 - ↳ provisional partner search tool - **Project Idea Database** – Projects/Partner Search
- Web: <http://www.dotaceEU.cz>

Programové období 2014-2020/Programy

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- **Kick-off event in Budapest** 2nd half of September 2015

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