


Introduction



Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020:

- Geographical area: same as EUSDR
- Financial instruments: ERDF, IPA, ENI (for Moldova)
- Budget: 202 095 405 ERDF
19 829 192 IPA
5 000 000 ENI (available for the second call)
- Cooperation Programme: not yet approved by the EC
- Launching conference: second half of September 2015
- First call: September 2015 (two step approach)

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Priority 1



Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

SO 1.1: Improve the institutional and infrastructural framework conditions and policy instruments for research & innovation to ensure a broader access to knowledge for the development of new technologies and the social dimension of innovation.

EUSDR link: PA7 and PA8

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Priority 1

**Innovative and socially responsible
Danube region**

Results:

- Improved **strategic frameworks** and **cooperation** to build up excellent research infrastructure in the Danube region.
- More effective **collaborative research & innovation activities** and support of competent networks between enterprises, R&D centres, education and higher education and the public sector to enhance the commercial use of research results, foster technology transfer and broaden access to knowledge.
- Improved **coordination and developed practical solutions** for cluster policies and transnational cluster cooperation for innovation development in **technological areas** (e.g. environmental technologies and energy efficiency) and **non-technological areas** (service innovation, social innovation) based on smart specialisation approaches (RIS3).
- Improved **strategic frameworks** and **developed practical solutions** to tackle bottleneck factors that hinder the innovation in SMEs, e.g. better access to innovation finance, support for innovative start-ups, and better assistance with the management of intellectual property rights.

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Priority 1

**Innovative and socially responsible
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SO 1.2: Foster innovative learning systems to increase competences of employees in the business sector, to strengthen entrepreneurial culture and learning contributing to better meet social needs and the delivery of services in the general interest.

EUSDR link: PA7, PA8, PA9 and PA10

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Priority 1

**Innovative and socially responsible
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Results:

- Improved **policy learning** and development of **practical solutions** to better adapt human resources to technological change and market requirements.
- Improved **policies** and **practical solutions** for **entrepreneurial culture and learning**. Building up a stronger culture of entrepreneurship, improve developing skills and competences for innovative entrepreneurship including gender aspects and addressing also high-quality primary and secondary schooling. Strengthen capacities of the so called supporting organizations.
- Improved **environment, skills and competences to advance social innovation and social services** to better meet social needs and further improve the capacities of regions and public institutions to manage new challenges such as those deriving from demographic change, migration and brain drain and to better provide services in the general interest.
- Built up **joint educational offers** in specific fields of interest (e.g. in sustainable transport sector).
- Improved **systems for institutional learning and building capacities of public administration** to better cope with innovation processes.

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Priority 2


Environment and culture responsible Danube region



SO 2.1: Strengthen joint and integrated approaches to preserve and manage the diversity of natural and cultural heritage and resources in the Danube region as a basis for sustainable development and growth strategies

EUSDR link: PA3 and PA6

Results:

- Improved frameworks, capacities and solutions for sustainable tourism development in the Danube region **based on protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage** and resources, reduction of resource and energy consumption and sustainable mobility management.
- Improved strategies and tools for **sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage and resources** for regional development.

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Priority 2



Environment and culture responsible Danube region

SO 2.2: Strengthen effective approaches to preservation, restoring and management of bio-corridors and wetlands of transnational relevance to contribute to the better conservation status of ecosystems of European relevance

EUSDR link: PA6

Results:
Improved strategic frameworks and developed concrete solutions to **restore, conserve and improve a network of green infrastructures/ bio-corridors in the Danube region** consisting of natural and semi-natural habitats to help **reduce the fragmentation of ecosystems** and **improving the connectivity** between sites in the Natura 2000 network in order to ensure biodiversity

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Priority 2



Environment and culture responsible Danube region


SO 2.3: Strengthen joint and integrated approaches to further develop and implement River Basin Management Plans in the Partner States in line with the overall Danube River Basin Management Plan in order to improve transnational water management and flood risk prevention contributing to the sustainable provision of ecosystem services

EUSDR link: PA4

Results:
Better integrated plans and developed solutions to further **protect and enhance the status of all waters** and to **ensure the sustainable, long-term use of water resources in the Danube region** strongly interlinked with sound flood risk management

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Priority 2



Environment and culture responsible Danube region


SO 2.4: Establish a more effective governance system for emergency situations and improve the preparedness of public authorities and civil protection organisation to better manage natural and climate change related risks (such as floods, forest fires, landslide, land erosion, earthquakes) and manmade risks (e.g. industrial accidental river pollution) contributing to the sustainable provision of ecosystem services

EUSDR link: PA5

Results:
Improved strategic and operational cooperation and interoperability among the emergency response authorities and stakeholders at all levels in the Danube countries. This includes the **development of joint strategies and action plans for more effective management of natural and climate change related and manmade disasters**; building up a common knowledge base and data observation capacities, and mechanisms for the exchange of information; joint development of tools, development and practical implementation of education, training and capacity building.







Priority 3

Better connected and energy responsible Danube region

SO 3.1 Improve planning, coordination and practical solutions for an environmentally-friendly, low-carbon and safer transport network and services in the programme area contributing to a balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas.

EUSDR link: PA1a and PA1b


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Priority 3

Better connected and energy responsible Danube region

Results:

- Contribute to the development of a **better connected and interoperable** environmentally-friendly transport system.
- Better integrated policies and practical solutions to further developing **waterways** while limiting negative impacts of the transport systems on the Danube ecosystem.
- Improving coordination and transnational integration among transport stakeholders to further develop **multimodal hubs, terminals and links**.
- Contribute to a **safer** transport network.
- Contribute to a **better organisation** of public transport links and other sustainable modes of transport in functional urban and rural areas and contribute to a **better connectivity**.

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Priority 3


Better connected and energy responsible Danube region



SO 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.

EUSDR link: PA2


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.

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Priority 4



Well governed Danube region


SO 4.1: Strengthen multilevel- and transnational governance and institutional capacities and provide viable institutional and legal frameworks for more effective, wider and deeper transnational cooperation across the Danube region in areas with major societal challenges.



EUSDR link: PA 10, PA9, PA7, PA11

Results:


Improved capacities of public institutions and stakeholders to tackle major societal challenges in fields such as labour market policies, education systems and policies, demographic change and migration challenges, inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups, participatory planning process and involvement of civil society, urban-rural cooperation and partnership, cooperation on safety, justice and security and administrative issues.

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Priority 4



Well governed Danube region


SO 4.2: Improve the governance system and the capabilities and capacities of public institutions and key actors involved in complex transnational project development to implement the EUSDR in a more effective way.

EUSDR link: all PAs

Results:

- PAC support
- SEED Money (considering the TAF and START models)
- Financing of the Danube Strategy Point

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Types of calls for proposals

Open calls for proposals (targeting all potential applicants and including all programme priorities)

Targeted calls for proposals:

- focusing on specific programme priorities
- for elaborating thematic projects
- in order to narrow down the scope of potential beneficiaries
- setting specific eligibility criteria regarding the number and type of partners (or countries), activities etc.

Restricted calls for proposals for specific beneficiaries designated by the MC (e.g. with regard to the support of the EUSDR)



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Eligibility of applicants

Nature:



- Public
- Private
- International organizations

Location:

- In the eligible area
- Outside the eligible area (only if it is in the benefit of the programme area)
- Anywhere in Germany and Ukraine (central and budgetary organizations/national public authorities, provided they are competent in their scope of authority for certain parts of the programme area)


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Selection criteria

- Assessment main criteria: eligibility and quality
- Quality assessment questions to be scored from 0 to 5 points
- Quality criteria: divided in two categories: strategic and operational
- Strategic relevance: knock-out threshold of 60%

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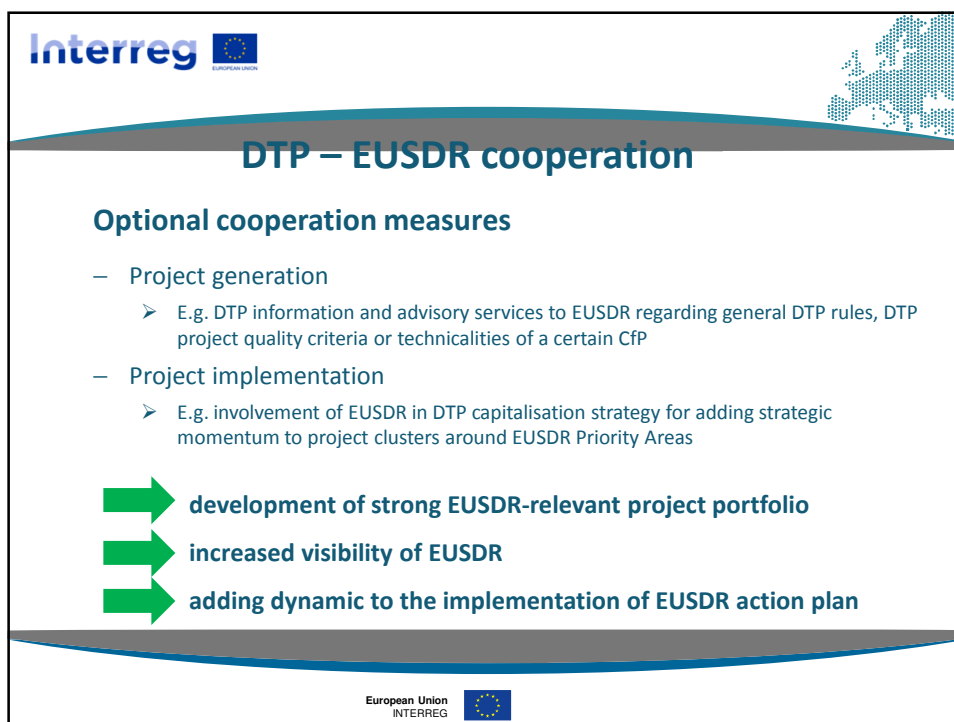
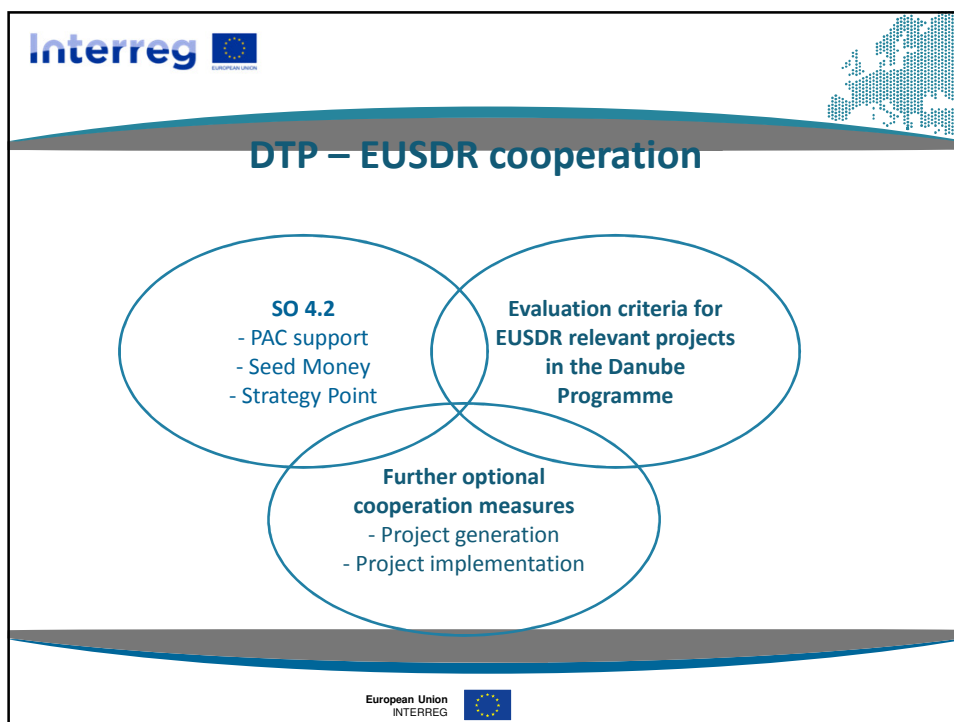





Selection criteria

What is included in the strategic criteria?

- Needs/challenges addressed
- Intervention logic (with methodology)
- Strategic background (EU strategies and policies, etc.)
- Transnational relevance
- Partnership
- Sustainability and transferability of results
- Target groups

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Timetable (provisional)


Kick off event and **launch of the first call - September 2015**

Selection of projects – September 2016

Contracting – Starting in October 2016

For SO 4.2 the selection and contracting can start sooner

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