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PA₄ CAPITALIZATION
projects II. 2018

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DTP Thematic Pole 4 – Water Management



Composition of the TP	<p>DTP 1st call: CAMARO-D, DanubeSediment, DriDanube, JOINTISZA</p> <p>DTP 2nd call: Simona, Danube Floodplain, Dareffort (Measures)</p> <p>(Other programmes: Framwat, PA7 Project DREAM SK-AT , Sturgeon 2020 DANUBE parksCONNECTED, D.STREAM, GWP Drought)</p>
TP Leader	Mr Balázs Horváth - EUSDR PA4 coordinator
TP Co-leader	Mr Gheorghe Constantin - EUSDR PA5 coordinator
Capitalisation tools/tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing email/contact list of the TP members • sharing information about project partner institutions/organisations for identifying connections • sharing more concrete information about the projects and based on thematic scope, target groups and stakeholders; project activities, deliverables, outputs to identify potential synergies between the projects. • sharing dates of project Kick-off conferences and event calendars for potential participation / contribution / joint organisation • identifying the appropriate form of coordination among projects and PA4 and PA5 (e.g. in connection to SG meetings)

DTP-EUSDR CAPITALIZATION WITH 2ND CALL WINNERS

Posted by **Kocsis-Kupper Zsuzsanna**, Thursday, 28th June 2018 @ 8:26 pm

A Lead Partner Seminar – 2nd Call of Proposals of the Danube Transnational Programme was held on 27 June 2018 in Budapest.

The event included a session on capitalisation working groups. At the capitalization session Capitalization Pole 4: Water management was also participating. The coordinating team of EUSDR PA4 Water Quality that is also coordinating the Water Management Pole met the water-related projects of the second call. The newcomers in the Water Management Pole are: Danube Floodplain, DAREFFORT and Simona. All related project managers were active in the discussions, where the main aims and foreseen deliverables were discussed and possible synergies were identified for future cooperation. The PA4 team also met and had short discussion with project MEASURES. All projects were invited to the upcoming PA4 SG meeting in October in Bratislava. Capitalization process will be ongoing, project kick off meetings are to be held in autumn 2018.



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MEASURES



Sturgeons and other migratory fish species represent a historical, economic and natural heritage of the Danube and are indicators of the ecological status of its watercourses, especially concerning the function of the river as an ecological corridor. Transnational management of these corridors and restoration actions, as well as restocking with indigenous species are essential.

Start date

01-06-2018

End date

31-05-2021

Budget in Euro

Overall: 2512931,08

ERDF Contribution: 2045645,09

IPA Contribution: 90346,27

ENI Contribution: 0

Call number

Call 2

Priority

Environment and culture responsible Danube region

Specific objective

Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

The MEASURES launched on **October 1st 2018** in Austria during an event hosted by University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences **in Vienna**.

The launch is part of a two-day kick-off meeting bringing together key stakeholders and international project partners to focus on the project's main topic: managing and restoring aquatic ecological corridors for migratory fish species in the Danube River Basin, or MEASURES.

7 projects out of the 76 DTP projects belong to specific objectives 2.3 (Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors)

The MEASURES projects units 12 project partners from 8 countries and more over additional 12 associated strategic. EUSDR PA4 acts as an Advisory Board member.



The KO was officially opened by Thomas Hein, Project Coordinator from the Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management, **Boku**.

He stressed that along the Danube River **900 continuity interruptions** have been identified by the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) in the Danube River Basin Management Plan (DRBMP).

2nd day visited to the LIFE-sterlet hatchery, which was created in the frame of the LIFE Sterlet project (Restoration of sterlet populations in the Austrian Danube), which project is aiming at to apply innovative methods.

The SIMONA partnership has 17 full partners (11 ERDF, 4 IPA and 2 ENI) and 12 associated partners (ASPs)

4 IPA and 2 ENI) and 12 associated partners (ASPs), which is a balanced and strong representation of almost the whole Danube River Basin. EU legislation (2013/39/EU Directive and its previous versions) prescribes sediment quality monitoring and trend analysis, in terms of taking measures to ensure that the Hazardous Substances (HSs) concentrations do not significantly increase in sediments and/or relevant biota. Although the Joint Danube Surveys (JDS 1 and 2) characterized sediment quality in the Danube several years ago and concluded that contaminated sediment was an existing problem in the Danube River Basin (DRB), the DTP Countries did not have enough institutional capacity (information, guidelines and methods) to build transnational sediment monitoring network for HS trend assessment.

SIMONA

Start date
01-06-2018

End date
31-05-2021

Budget in Euro
Overall: 1749152,38
ERDF Contribution: 1201583,24
IPA Contribution: 192418,75
ENI Contribution: 92777,5

Call number
Call 2

Priority
Environment and culture responsil
Danube region

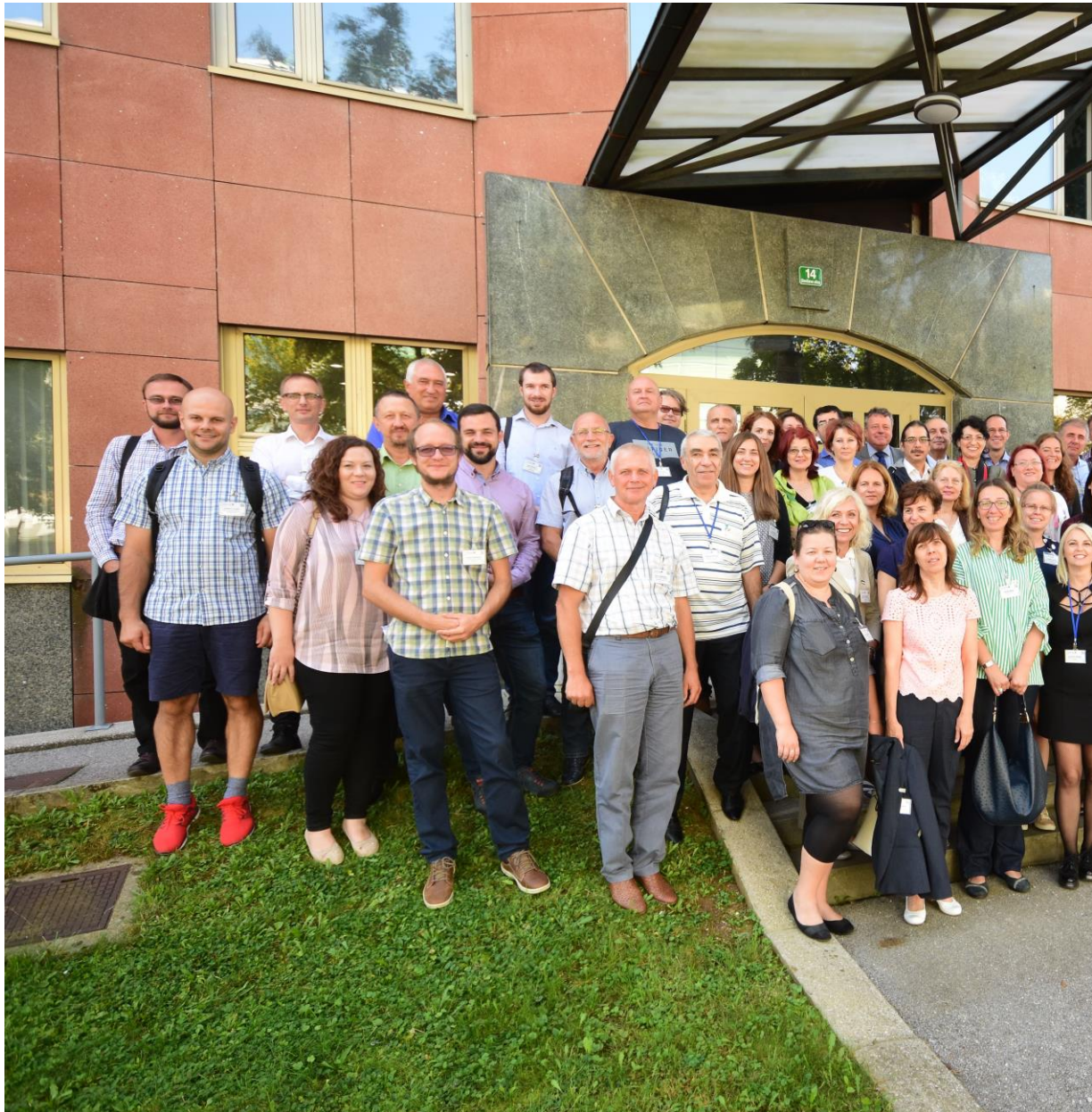
Specific objective
Strengthen transnational water
management and flood risk prevention



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The **Kick-Off Meeting of the SIMONA project** was held in Ljubljana on September 18th and 19th, 2018 at Geological Survey of Slovenia, PA4 provided a presentation



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DAREFFORT project held its first event in **Budapest on 13-14th of September in 2018** which combined the public kick-off meeting and the first partner meeting with the so called "Data Providers Conference".

The project accommodates the efforts to establish a standardised hydrological data share in the Danube Basin and provides the basis for the DanubeHIS system, maintained in the future by ICPDR. The project and the beneficial collaboration is a result of the EUSDR-ICPDR coordinated progress.



Start date
01-06-2018

End date
31-05-2021

Budget in Euro
Overall: 1351898,63
ERDF Contribution: 1085576,33
IPA Contribution: 0
ENI Contribution: 63537,5

Call number
Call 2

Priority
Environment and culture responsible
Danube region

Specific objective
Strengthen transnational water
management and flood risk prevention

The main activities of the project are: updating the floodplain areas inventory and their ranking using the Floodplain Evaluation Matrix-FEM; assessing, by using the pre-selected pilot areas, of the efficiency of floodplain projects in the Danube District and developing tools for increasing the knowledge and cooperation of experts, practitioners, decision makers and stakeholders on floodplain restoration.



Start date
01-06-2018

End date
30-11-2020

Budget in Euro
Overall: 3672655,88

RDF Contribution: 2899428,55
PA Contribution: 222328,9
NI Contribution: 0

Call number
Call 2

Priority
Environment and culture responsible
Danube region

Specific objective
Strengthen transnational water
management and flood risk prevention

contributing to
DTP SO2.1:

1) The Danube basin wide floodplain restoration and preservation manual



addressed mainly to practitioners;

2) A DRB Sustainable Floodplain management Strategic Guidance summarizing the key findings of the manual targeting a wider audience;

3) A DRB Roadmap comprising agreed next steps towards realizing floodplain projects.

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The **DANUBE FLOODPLAIN Project** (Reducing the flood risk through floodplain restoration along the Danube River and tributaries) had its official “Kick-Off Meeting and First Stakeholder Event” on September 27-28, 2018 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, in Bucharest, Romania.

The DANUBE FLOODPLAIN project will be implemented by 18 partners with 4 associated strategic partners across ten countries sharing the Danube River Basin (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania and Serbia).

The main objective of the project is to improve transnational water management and flood risk prevention while maximizing benefits for biodiversity. This can contribute to a network of more stable and living water ecosystems which provides further advantages for local people and is able to mitigate the various human impacts, as well as extreme climatic events. The project will result in improved knowledge among the Danube countries on integrative water management through restoration of floodplains, combination of grey and green infrastructure, natural retention measures, involving all related stakeholders, whose cooperation is very important regarding the planning and realization of such projects.

The **Kick-Off Meeting** was open only to project partners, who reviewed and detailed the project's activities and its work plan while agreeing on immediate actions for the ongoing period and the next six months.

The **Stakeholder engagement workshop** was also organised to present key information on stakeholders' engagement for the project activities and to set up a roadmap/process plan for stakeholder involvement.

In 28 September 2018 was the 1st meeting of the project **Steering Committee** where all the Project Partners and ASPs are represented at decision level, aiming to be informed about the state of the project.

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The JOINTISZA international boat won the VI. Plastic Cup

Posted by Heilmann Diána, Tuesday, 21st August 2018 @ 1:04 pm

The PLASTIC CUP is a Hungarian civil initiative initiated by Filmjungle.eu nature film making society for the cleaning of the Tisza

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