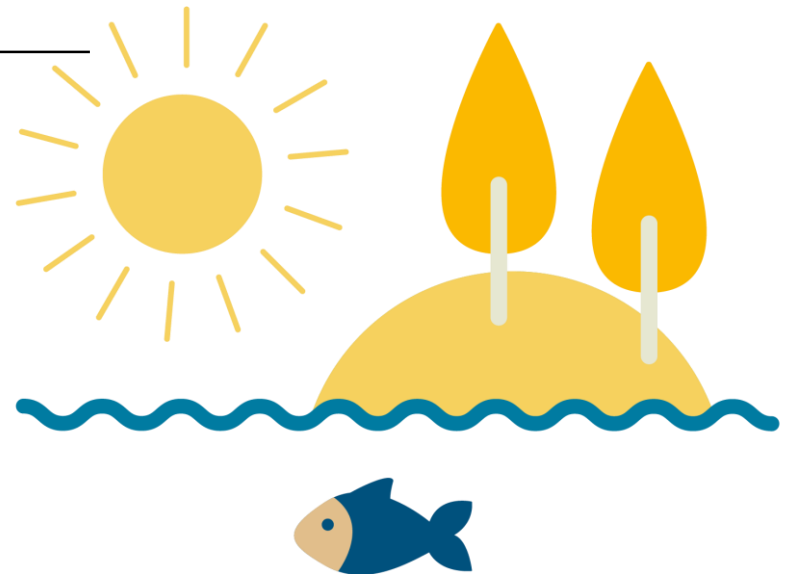


Building common cross-MRS collaboration platform on water

2nd meeting of coordinators

5 November 2019

Budapest, Hungary





**“...because we know that
we are stronger by doing
together what we cannot do
alone...”**

**Ursula von der Leyen, President-
Elect, European Commission**

Focus of the meeting

Kick-off collaboration across macro-regions on the topics of common interest

- Updates and future perspectives of EU Policies
- Macro-regional strategies: frameworks for better coordination
- How macro-regional strategies address emerging topics: practice and approaches
- Cross macro-regional collaboration potentials: from conclusions to real actions



Expectations



Participant's expectations



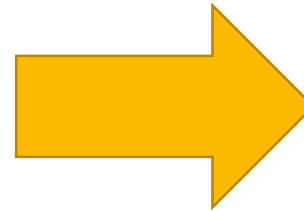
* Feedback collected using www.mentimeter.com

EU macro-regional strategies



Taking a step back...

- territorial fragmentation and inequalities;
- functional mismatch of responsibilities and segregation of policies;
- recognition of common challenges is low;
- problems are larger than a region, state, programme can deal with;
- growing interdependencies between places...



**Need for more
coordinated and
inclusive replies as
well as new
approaches and tools!**

Why macro-regional strategies

- provide a **framework** for a wider territory (acknowledgement of challenges; definition of priorities and strategic actions);
- provide a **network** of stakeholders from across the territory;
- build on and embed transnational cooperation in daily work of institutions at national and regional levels (**institutionalising transnationality**);
- offer a **space for co-creating responses** to complex challenges planned for a long-term;
- plan **interconnected activities and projects** where none of those stand on its own.

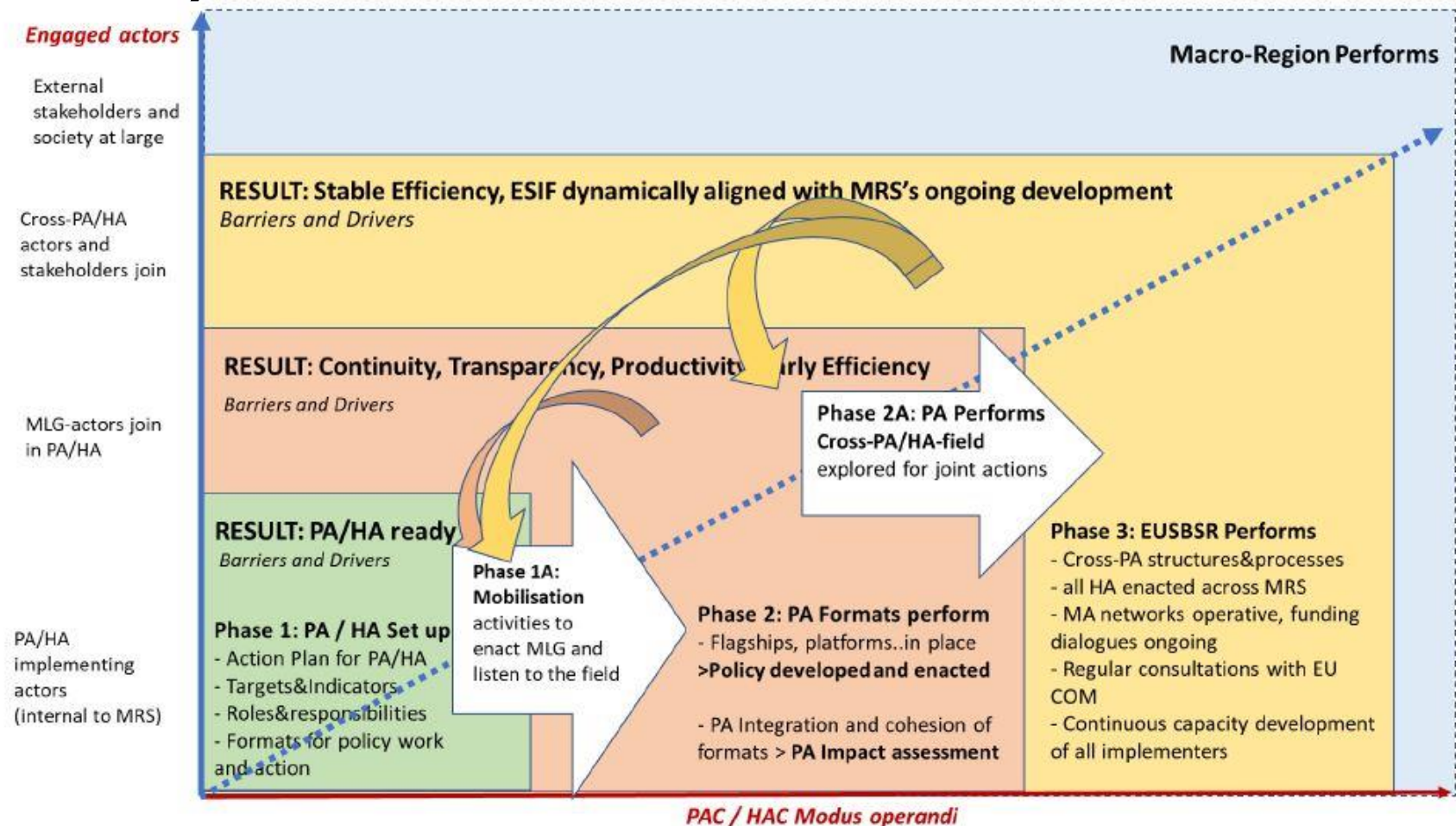


Better coordination of policies.

**Embedding of transnational
cooperation in daily work of
institutions.**

More efficient use of funding.

Reflection on MRS development phases for PA/HA EUSBSR

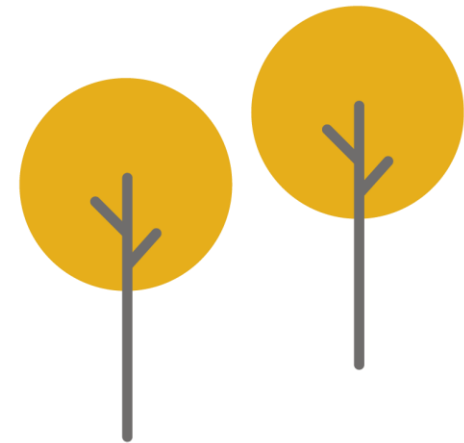


* Developed by 'EUSBSR Support' project

How macro-regional strategies operate

Aim to set up **joint, coordinated, transnational** and **sustainable** responses to macro-regional challenges:

- gather **relevant stakeholders** from all levels of society across countries/regions (MLG as a core principle);
- **co-create** and **coordinate** activities;
- plan **long-term**;
- develop and build on **transnational cooperation capacity** of all involved;
- build on **interconnected** and **continues activities** (actions and projects).





Challenge: larger than a single country can handle

Focus: macro-regional added value

Working: in cooperation

What macro-regional strategy can offer for programmes: programming phase?

Recognised benefits

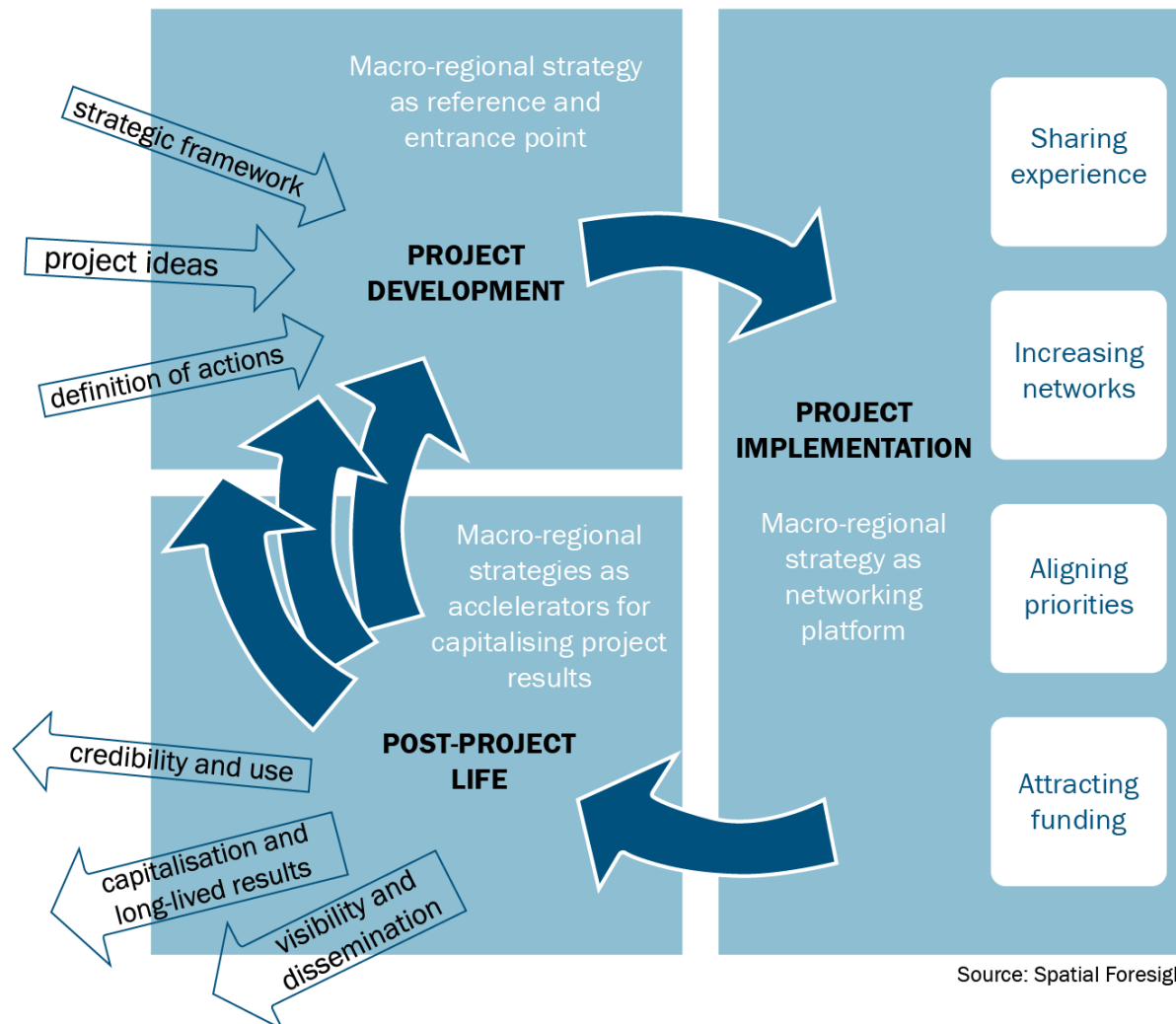
- Easier consensus in defining programme priorities and objectives;
- Strategic framework to shape programme priorities

Potential added values

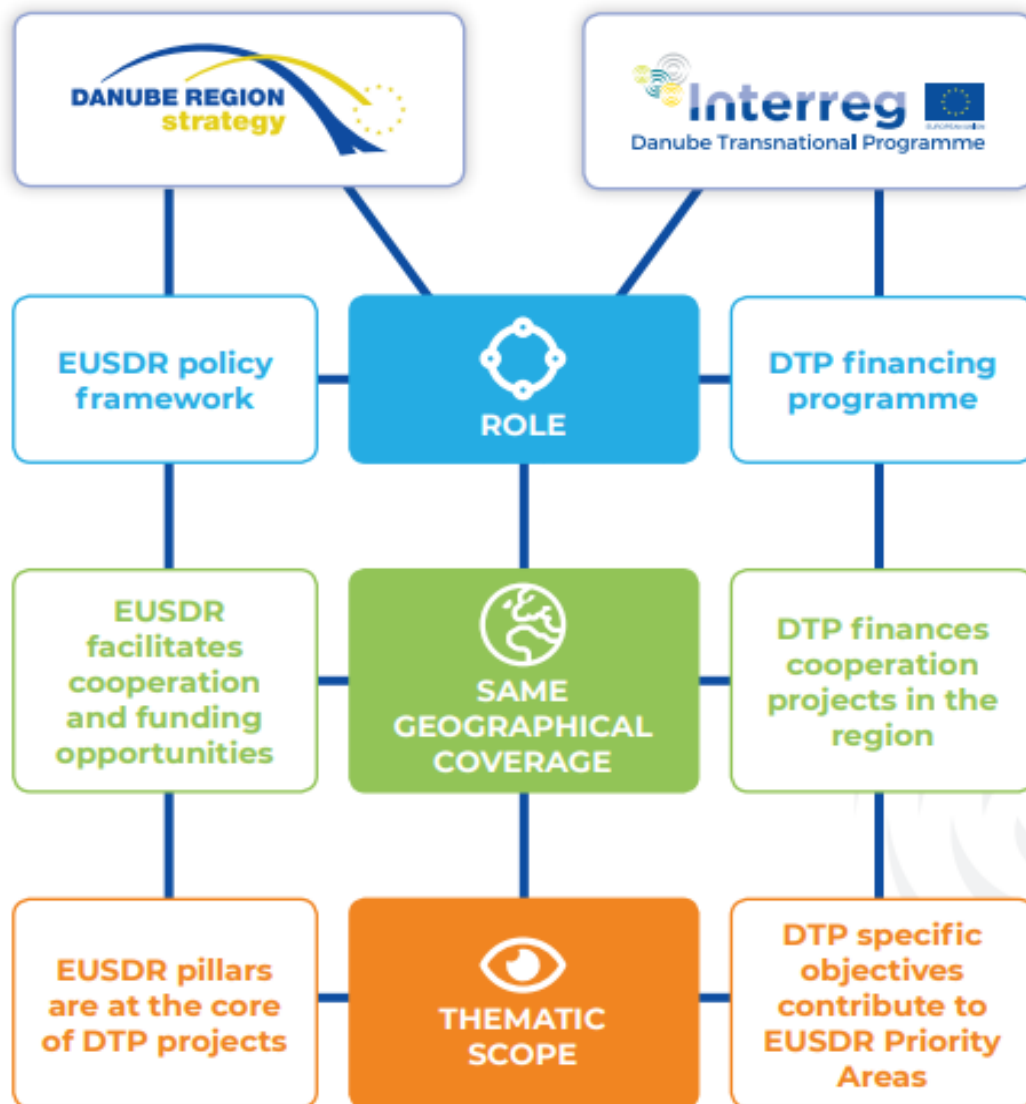
- Facilitation of inter-sectorial programming
- Easier alignment of funding
- Easier alignment of thematic and specific objectives of ESIF programmes and ESIF implementation partnerships
- Potential for coordination



What macro-regional strategy can offer for projects?



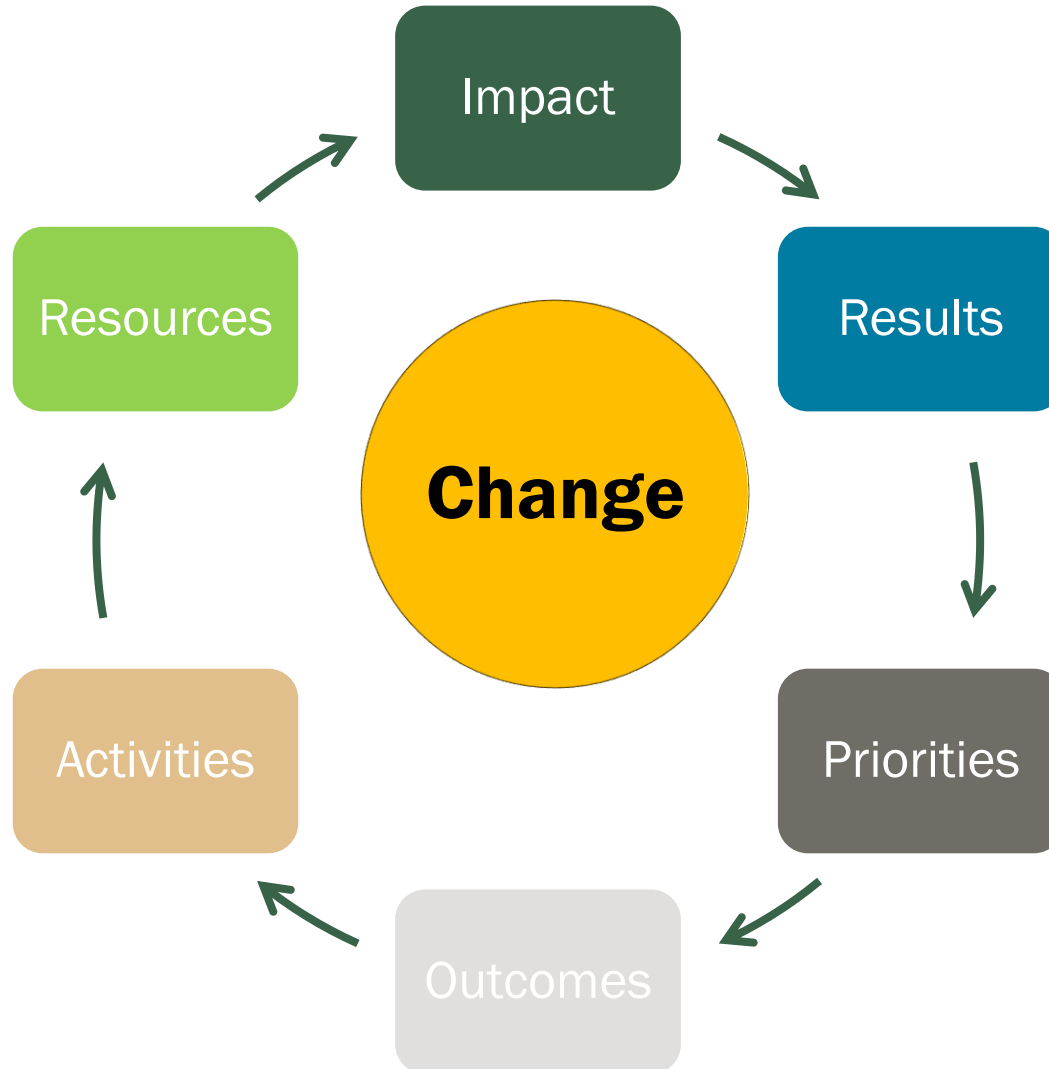
EUSDR-DTP Links and Differences



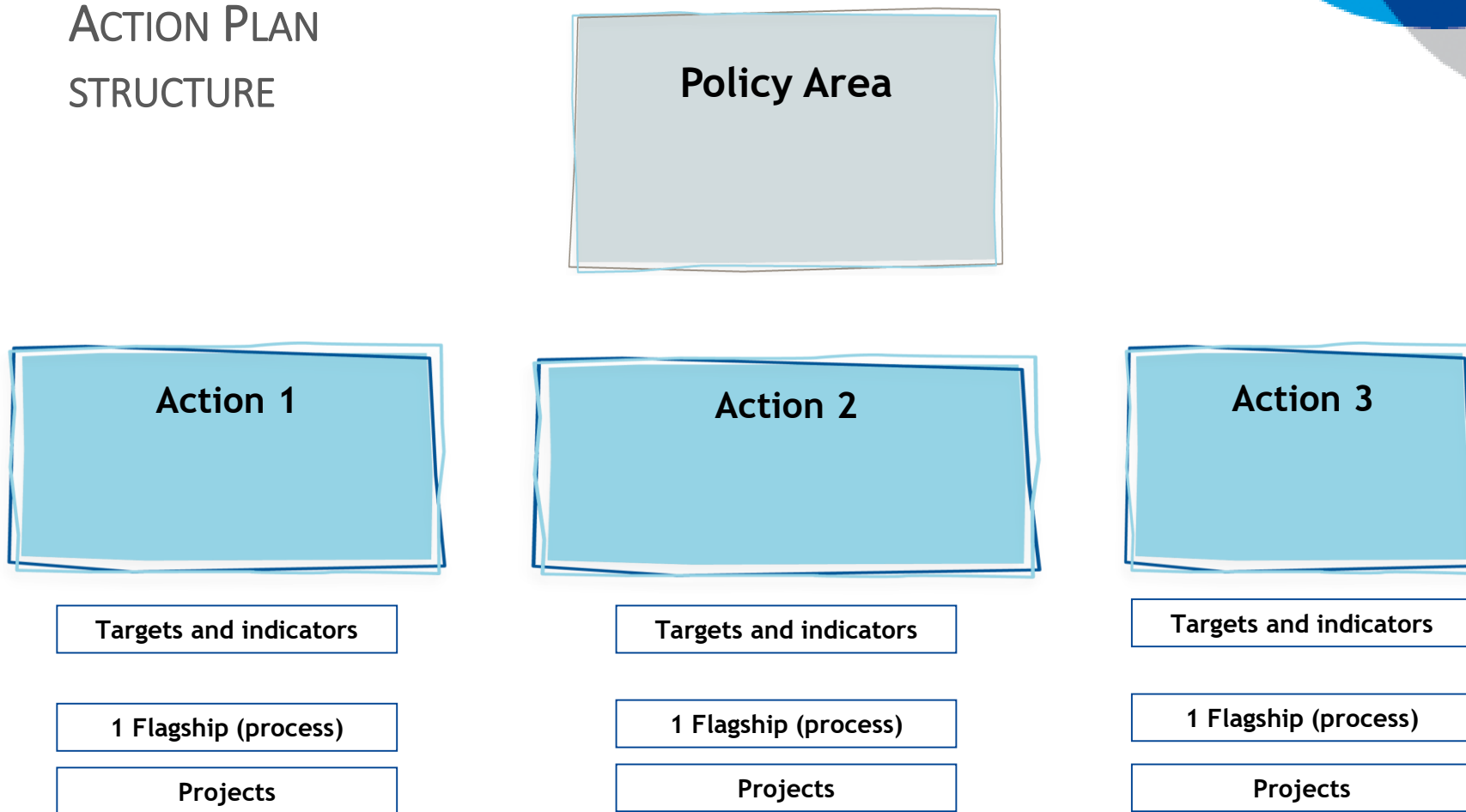
How does DTP support EUSDR?

-  Backing the coordination of the EUSDR
-  Tackling regional challenges through DTP projects
-  Strengthening the cooperation beyond borders
-  Involving EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators in the DTP Capitalisation Strategy
-  Contributing to EUSDR goals through DTP projects

Cross macro-regional cooperation

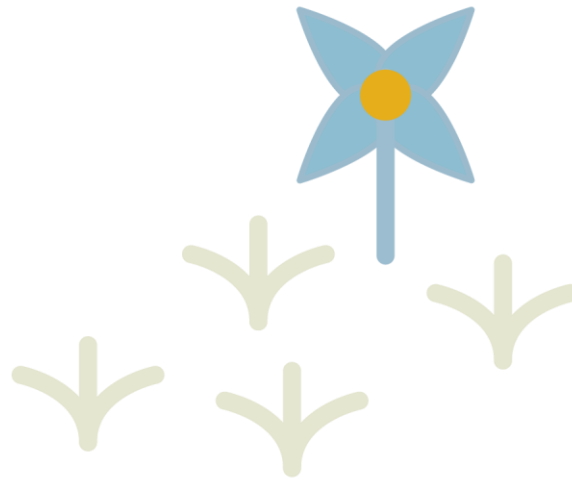


ACTION PLAN STRUCTURE



Interact activities in 2020

Baiba Liepa, Interact



Main blocks of activities

- Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies;
- Guide content of the programmes at objective and specific objective levels





**Work smarter, not harder:
change the game...**

+Acumen

Cooperation works

Thank you for your participation!