



Danube Strategic Project Fund

13 Steering Group Meeting Priority Area 4

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Bratislava, Water Research Institute



Description of the Initiative

- it is carried out by the City of Vienna in its capacity as Priority Area 10 "Institutional Capacity and Cooperation" of the EUSDR.
- it shall primarily focus on innovative pre-mature projects which could not be funded so far and respond to the actual needs in the Danube Region
- EUSDR provides an appropriate framework for the identification of such strategic projects



Criteria for the identification of projects:

- Complementarity with other existing funds
- Project sustainability: follow-up investment or policy perspective
- Synergies with other (macro)- regional strategies
- A social impact element including young people
- A capacity building element



Financial contributions to DSPF projects:

- € 70.000,00 - € 100.000,00 / DSPF project
- Max. € 969.000,00 in total
- Min. 50% and max. 90% of individual DSPF project budget

Official Language

English



Eligible Partnership

- Min. 2 max. 4 partners from at least 2 countries
- Lead Partner must be from the Danube Region
- Project Partners can also be from the Adriatic and Ionian Region

Duration of the initiative

- 01.09.2016 – 31.08.2019



Timeline

- Total volume of DSPF funding - **€ 969.000,00**
- Possible DSPF funding per project - **€ 70.000,00 – € 100.000,00**
- Planned number of supported project - **10 – 12** (*depending on the approved DSPF amount per project*)
- Possible project duration - **12 months**
- Planned start of project implementation - **1 October 2017**
- Planned project completion – **30 September 2018**
- Deadline for submission of Application Documents for potential applicants to PACs – **15 February 2017**
- **Deadline for submission of Application Documents for PACs to Implementing Body (IB) – 3 March 2017**



Eligibility Criteria

General eligibility criteria

- The project responds to the actual needs in the Danube Region and is of high value for the EUSDR
- The project has not received funding so far, double funding is excluded
- The project does not fit into any other national and/or EU program
- The project is sustainable and has a clear follow-up strategy (future investment and/or policy perspective)



Eligible types of projects

- The DSPF is designed to support 2 different types of projects:
- **A. The development of a larger strategic project, which will be launched as a result of the DSPF project**
- **B. The implementation of an entire strategic project**

The elaboration of the sole preparation of a project application for a funding initiative / program is **not eligible** within the DSPF.



2 types of DSPF Projects

A. DEVELOPMENT of a future strategic project

Eligible outputs are:

1. Setting up a transnational project partnership / consortium, etc.
2. Preparation of a concrete project design / work plan / concept / action plan;
3. Calculation of a project budget;
4. Identification of funding options;
5. Establishing of an action plan;
5. Organisation of strategic meetings / networking events;
6. Preparation of studies / surveys, etc.

Not eligible:

Sole preparation and submission of an application for funding;

B. IMPLEMENTATION of an entire strategic project

Eligible outputs are:

Outputs according to the detailed project description.



Eligible Lead & Project Partners

Each DSPF project must be implemented by a project partnership consisting of:

- the **Lead Partner**, that is responsible for the entire implementation of the project and one or more work-packages
- **Project partners** are responsible for the implementation of one or more work packages (active role must be guaranteed)
- **Max. 3 Strategic Partners** that do support the project, however have no active role in the implementation and do not co-finance the project (Strategic Partners are not compulsory)

The Lead or Project Partners must be:

- Bodies established under public or private law, having legal personality
- Belong to one of these categories:
 - National, regional and local authorities;
 - SMEs or start-ups;
 - Academies and Universities (in particular applied research and development units);
 - Associations and social partners



Not eligible Lead Partners, Project Partners and Strategic Partners

- PACs (and their organizational unit / department)
- Organizations that are represented in the DSPF Advisory Board
- Organizations that are represented in the DSPF selection Jury
- EuroVienna as Implementing Body



Eligible Countries		
Lead Partners	Project - & Strategic Partners	
<p>From the EUSDR: <u>EU Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Austria• Bulgaria• Croatia• Czech Republic• Germany• Hungary• Romania• Slovakia• Slovenia <p><u>Accession Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bosnia and Herzegovina• Montenegro• Serbia <p><u>Neighbourhood Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moldova• Ukraine	<p>From the EUSDR: <u>EU Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Austria• Bulgaria• Croatia• Czech Republic• Germany• Hungary• Romania• Slovakia• Slovenia <p><u>Accession Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bosnia and Herzegovina• Montenegro• Serbia <p><u>Neighbourhood Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moldova• Ukraine	<p>From the EUSAIR: <u>EU Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Croatia• Greece• Italy• Slovenia <p><u>Accession Countries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Albania• Bosnia and Herzegovina• Montenegro• Serbia <p>Special attention is paid to projects that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Countries being part of the Adriatic and Ionian Region and the Danube Region→ Accession and Neighbouring Countries



Present Status

- In total 56 applications were received by PACs and 37 were approved as relevant
- Maximum 5 applications per PA
- Relevant applications were sent for pre-assessment to DSPF Advisory Board
- Decision of Advisory Board is expected in mid-May 2017
- They are expected to choose around 15 applications

Priority Area 4 sent 4 projects:

- **Danube Hazard** – hazardous substances
- **Water Agent of the Danube Region** – drinking water and wastewater treatment
- **Cooplunds** – water management
- **Woptions** – wastewater collection and treatment



Thank you for your attention

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