



# Introduction of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and the Hungarian Presidency in 2017

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# Macro-regional strategies of the EU

- 3 NOs of EU communication in relation of macro strategies
  - NO new institutes,
  - NO new acts
  - NO new funding sources
- Objectives should be embedded into existing legal frameworks, programmes and financing tools (EU level, regional, national, pre-accessing)
- Multi level governance should foster the cooperation between stakeholders from different levels without the creation of new decision making bodies.



# Danube Region Strategy



The Hungarian Presidency of the  
EU Strategy for the Danube Region



## 9 EU Member States

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Germany (Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria)
- Hungary
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia

## 3 Accession Countries

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Serbia

## 2 Neighbourhood Countries

- Moldova
- Ukraine (4 districts)

- Hungarian EU Presidency in 2011
- 2<sup>nd</sup> macro-regional strategy of the EU
- Hungarian EUSDR rotating Presidency in 2017





- 14 countries
- 100 million inhabitants
- 1/5 of the EU territory

# Harmonization of territorial developments under 4 pillars and 12 priority areas

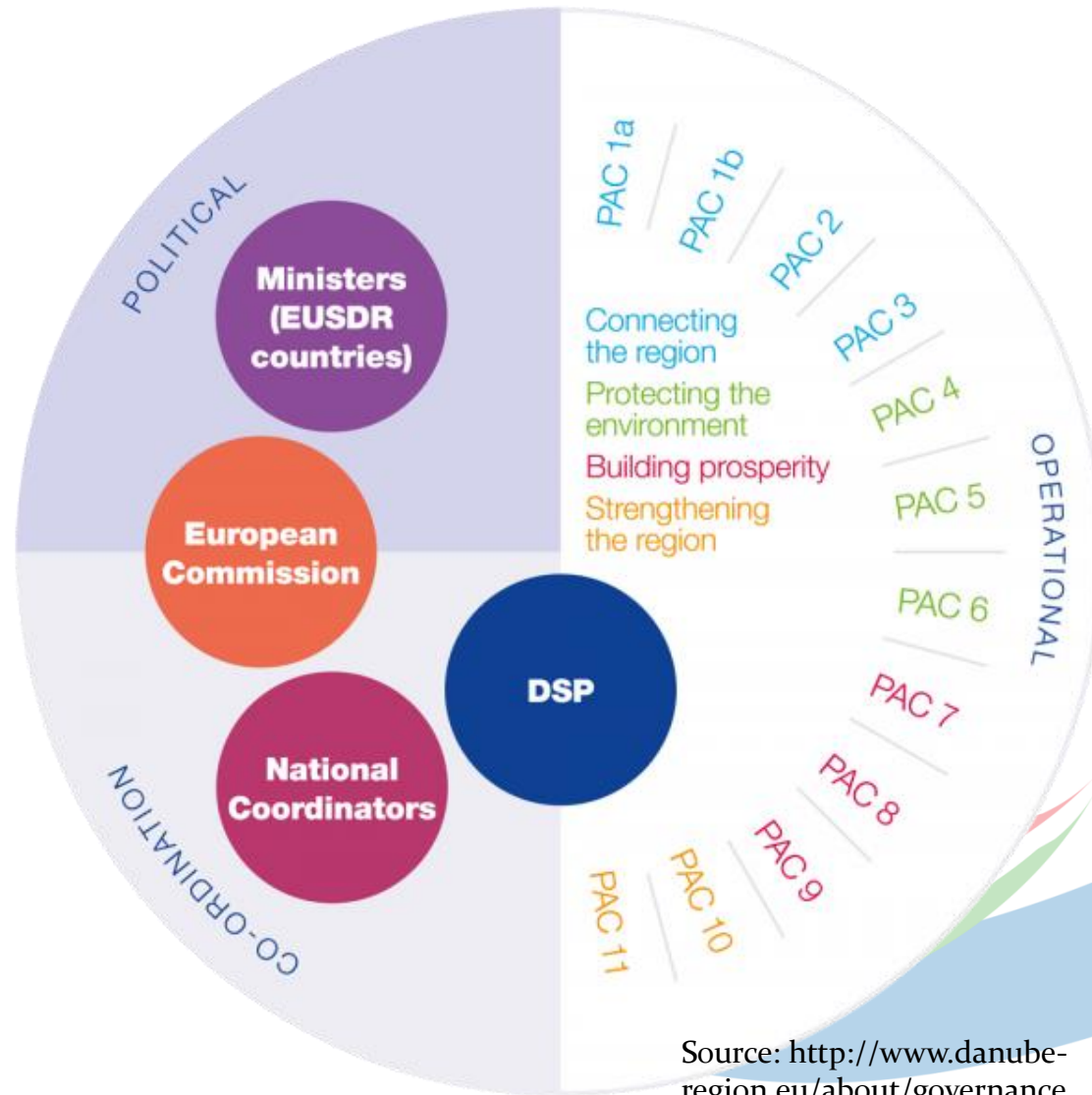


Connecting the Danube Region			Building Prosperity in the Danube Region		
PA 1/a	To improve mobility and multimodality - Inland waterways	Austria and Romania	PA 7	Knowledge society	Serbia and Slovakia
PA 1/b	To improve mobility and multimodality - Road, rail and air links	Serbia and Slovenia			
PA 2	Sustainable energy	Czech Republic and Hungary			
PA 3	Culture and Tourisms	Bulgaria and Romania			
			PA 8	Competitiveness	Baden-Württemberg and Croatia
			PA 9	People and Skills	Austria and Moldova

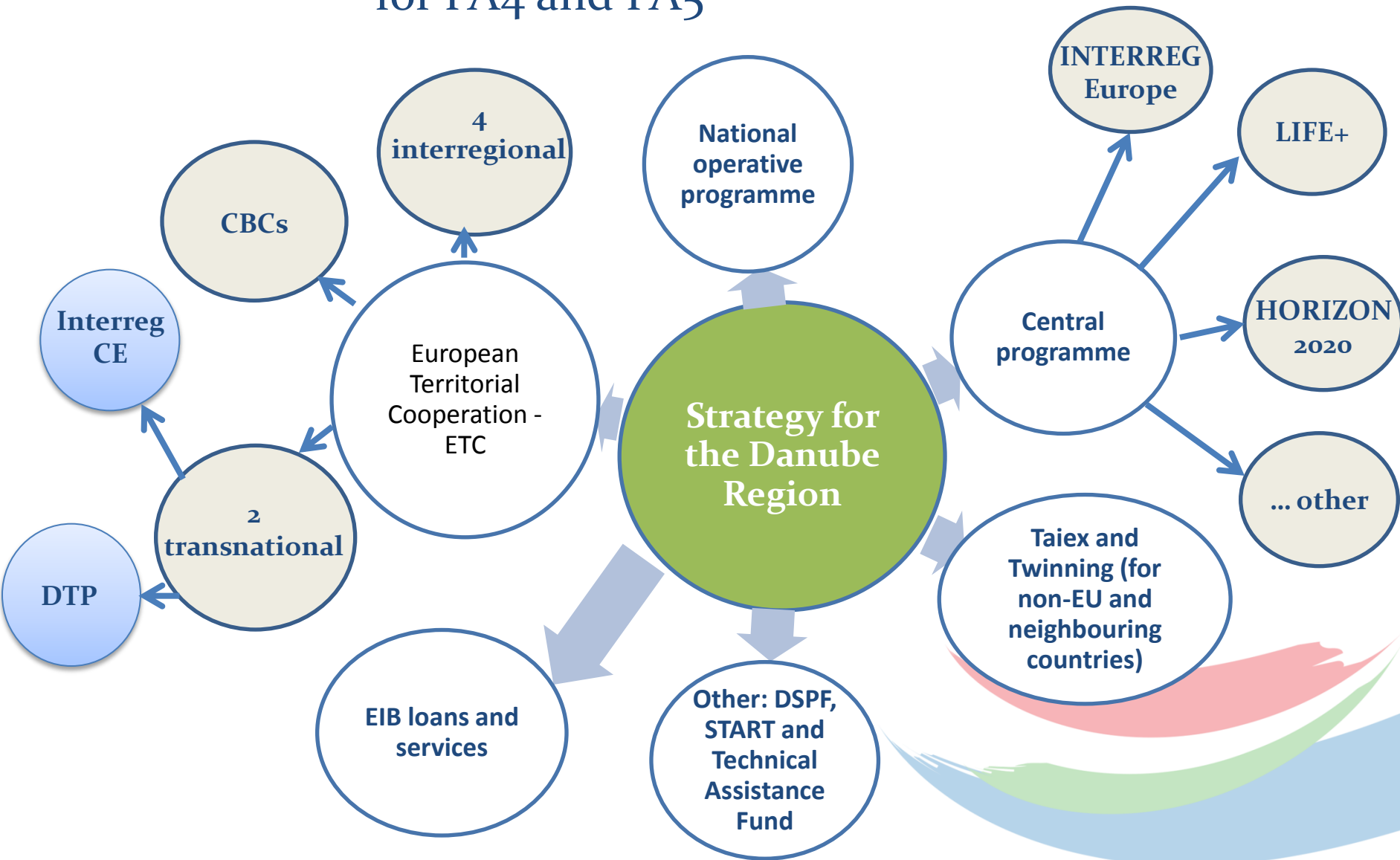
Protecting the Environment			Strengthening the Danube Region		
PA 4	Water quality 	Hungary and Slovakia	PA 10	Institutional capacity and cooperation	Austria and Slovenia
PA 5	Environmental Risks 	Hungary and Romania			
PA 6	Biodiversity	Germany and Croatia	PA 11	Security	Bulgaria and Germany

# Governance of the Danube Region Strategy

- Ministerial declarations representing the commitment of countries for DRS issues.
- National coordinators (14 NC) decision making body
- Steering Groups (SG) as the forum of decisions on each priority area
- Danube Strategy Point (DSP) - supporting coordination and communication from Brussels



# The relevant and available financing instruments for PA4 and PA5



# Results of the DTP 1<sup>st</sup> Call

- All together 576 EOI was submitted for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call
- Quality assessment of 384 projects
- 100 project in the second round
- Finally 54 projects were selected for funding with the participation of 691 project partners and 362 ASPs.
- Specific Objective 2.1 was under-represented in project number (JoinTisza, DanubeSediment, Camaro-D)



# Hungarian National Coordination of EUSDR

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department for Water Diplomacy and Export, Division for Danube Region Strategy  
Organizational tasks, international representation and professional coordination in relation with EUSDR participation
  - Participation in Monitoring Committee of EUSDR related EU financing programmes (DTP, CBCs, national OPs)
  - Supporting of the harmonization of EUSDR with the Danube Transnational Programme
  - Nomination of a Ministerial Commissionaire responsible for the EUSDR (26/06/2014): **Mr. István Joó**





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*'A secure, connected and prospering Danube Region'*



Robert  
Capa  
Contemporary  
Photography  
Center

5 May

'One day of the Danube River'

DANUBE  
DAY



29 June

September



1 - 3 September  
DanubePest Festival

NC / PAC meeting



Civil Day



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'Macro regional strategies beyond 2020'  
seminar

Brussels, May



# Annual Forum

18 - 19 October

- A secure, connected and prospering Danube Region -

### Three approaches:

- Project promotion
- Networking platform
- Neighboring non-EU countries

- Danube Transnational Programme
- Exhibition

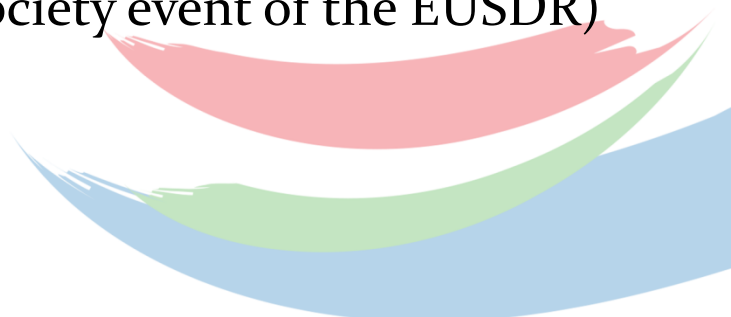
### Thematic focus:

- pre2020 and post2020 division
- three pillars:
  - 1) energy security,
  - 2) Infrastructure development and
  - 3) clean connectivity.
- Financing possibilities



# Presidency Program

How to best transform political commitment into operational policies and measures?

- May 23 - Seminar on the future of macro regional strategies, Brussels
  - May 31 - Seminar on regional energy security, Budapest
  - June 27 - Seminar on regional transportation development
  - September 28-29 - Citizens Day (official civil society event of the EUSDR)
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# ONE DAY OF THE DANUBE

## PHOTO COMPETITION

on the occasion of the Hungarian Presidency  
of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region



**June 27 - July 1**

“One Day of the Danube” Photography

**October 14**

Competition Award ceremony

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# 6TH ANNUAL FORUM



OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Time	Plenary room (1,000 PPs)	WS I (300 PPs)	WS II (120 PPs)	WS III (80 PPs)	WS IV (140 PPs)
09:00-09:30	JRC: Financing Possibilities				
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