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Danube Strategy in 2014-2020

- Robust integrated cooperation framework
- Improve effectiveness and impact of EU policies
- Utilize all available programs and instruments
- Set of common challenges structured according to sectors
- Process driven by PACs (international) and NCPs (national and regional)
- Three principles:
 - i. better coordination of existing policies and funds,
 - ii. better use of existing institutions, and
 - iii. better implementation of existing legislation

Embedding the Strategy in the Operational Programs 2014-2020



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The Operational Programs are characterized by:

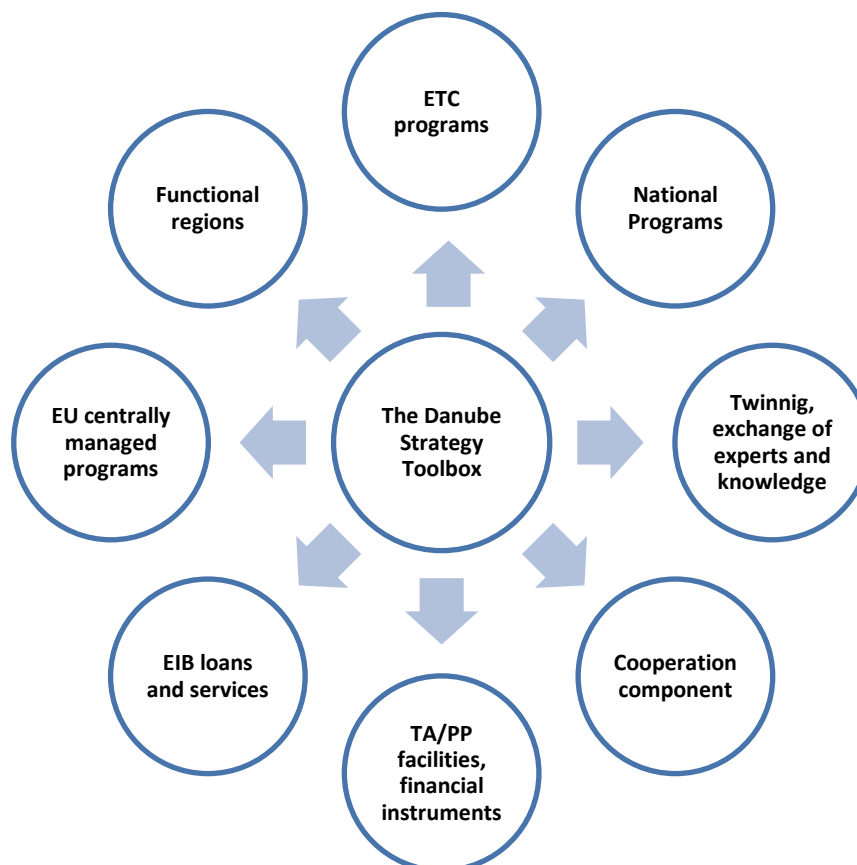
1. More FOCUS – 11 thematic objectives

- **Research & innovation**
- Information and communication technologies (ICT)
- Competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (smes)
- **Shift towards a low-carbon economy**
- **CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & RISK PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE EFFICIENCY**
- Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
- Employment & supporting labour mobility
- Social inclusion & combating poverty
- Education, skills & lifelong learning
- Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

2. but also more FLEXIBILITY

- Less programs
- Harmonized set of rules
- **Various implementation instruments and tools to help you finance and implement your project**

How to implement DRS projects: the Danube Strategy Toolbox



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Tools

1. ETC – Transnational Cooperation Programs
 - **Danube Transnational Cooperation Program**
 - 14 countries (EU, non-EU), Danube Strategy geography
 - Est. 200 MEUR; 85% co-financing (+ national?)
 - Programming is still ongoing in OP Programming Committee
 - Danube Strategy support mechanism discussed
 - Approval expected in end of 2014
 - First call expected in early 2015
 - Similar conditions to SEE program
 - **CENTRAL Program**
 - Continuation of previous programme
 - Similar budget and conditions
2. European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) – Cross-border Cooperation Programs
 - Bilateral or smaller multilateral cooperation programs
 - EU, non-EU (**Instrument for Pre-Accession** (IPA) IPA, European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI) countries)
 - Programming of OPs still ongoing; approval is in progress
 - Danube Strategy objectives, projects taken into account
 - Budget varies according to border length, country allocation, etc. (in HU 20-160 MEUR est.)
 - Thematic Objectives have been selected
 - 85% co-financing + national co-financing (?)
 - Cross-border impact!
3. Sustainable Growth and Jobs Programs (EU national programs)
 - Sectorial OPs (Environment, Energy, Economic Development) and Regional OPs
 - Danube Strategy approach, objectives and projects taken into account
 - Identify priorities where there is need for cooperation
 - Possibility to implement cooperation projects between countries and programs:
 - Cooperation tools (joint platforms, European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation - EGTC, etc.)
 - Territorial flexibility rules (finance outside program area)
 - Specific calls for tender (strategic projects, geographical/thematic limitation, etc.)
 - Functional regions are more important than administrative borders → good news for international river basins!
4. Other programs and instruments
 - IPA
 - ENI
 - EU centrally managed programs (LIFE+, Horizon2020)
 - Other ETC programs
 - Financial Engineering Instruments
 - TA/PP facilities
 - EIB instruments, pre- and co-financing, advisory services
 - Etc.

