



## PROJECT DATA SHEET

EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION. PILLAR 2. PRIORITY AREAS 4, 5, 6

### A - Project Status

**1. Project title (long title and acronym, if any)**

Cross-border Water Supply Development in the Pannon-Fertő Region - Phase 3.

**2. Main Priority Area and Action under Pillar 2 to which the project idea is to be submitted to**

PA 4.13 To promote measures aimed at reducing knowledge deficits, developing and transferring tools, methods and guidelines concerning the safeguarding of drinking water supply

**3. Other Priority Areas and Actions under Pillar 2 the project is contributing to (please select three at maximum). In case the project addresses also other Priority Areas, please list them in field 19.**

PA 4.11 To promote measures to limit water abstraction

PA 4.02 To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level

**4. Current Project Phase**

Project in preparation (e.g. project proposal, feasibility study)

## B - Project description

5. Project relevance (Please outline the relevance and necessity from a macro-regional perspective. What are the benefits of the project for the implementation of the EUSDR?)

The project aims at the cross-border connection of the water supply systems of Central and Northern Burgenland (AT) and the region of Sopron (HU) in order to improve the quality of drinking water, to preserve the water resources in a sustainable way and to decrease energy use, by shortening pumping distances. The predecessor project aiming at investment preparation and planning is under implementation co-financed by the AT-HU ETC Programme. The proposed project's main goal is to establish the infrastructure of the cross-border water supply system, enabling the transfer of drinking water between the involved regions. The project contributes to a strengthened cross-border cooperation and exchange of information between the involved institutions, to an increasingly safe water supply and an improved water quality, which goals are in line with Priority 4 of the EUSDR.

6. Project general and specific objectives

General objective: to develop water supply in the Pannon-Fertő region through the cross-border connection of the water supply systems of Central and Northern Burgenland and the Sopron region. Specific objectives: increasing operational safety of water supply, protecting water supplies of overdevelopment, lowering energy use, minimisation of disadvantageous impacts on the environment.

7. Proposed project activities and their location(s). (Please list main and sub-activities). The most part of the project, its activities and its related impacts should be located in the Danube Region.

Project activities:

- tendering and public procurement procedures;
- realisation of the infrastructure of the cross-border water supply system;
- water treatment testing (6 months).

The location of all project activities is the Pannon-Fertő region within the Austrian-Hungarian border region, particularly Central and Northern Burgenland in Austria and the region of the Municipality of Sopron in Hungary.

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| 8. Expected results and outcomes (Please use measurable indicators, where available.)  |
| <p>The main result: the realised infrastructure of the cross-border water supply system. The joint water supply system will result in a better quality drinking water, and in the long term preservation of the water resources. Further results: the consumption peaks of the summer season will be manageable, the consumption of energy will be lowered due to the shortened pumping distances.</p>   |
| 9. Target groups (Who is affected by the project results, who will use the project results?)   |
| <p>The primary target groups of the project are the local inhabitants of the project area (Central and Northern Burgenland in Austria and the Sopron region in Hungary). The Austrian-Hungarian border region is an area of intensive tourism with annually 1 million guest-nights, thus the tourists of the project area can be considered the other main target group. Further stakeholders: authorities, companies involved in planning, implementation and project management.</p>   |
| 10. Project timeframe (foreseen starting and ending date in mm/yy. If not available mention the duration in number of months)  |
| 06/13-06/15  |
| <b>C - Links to other Programmes/Policies</b>  |
| 11. Link with other projects or actions already undertaken (if relevant please list the project title, acronym, name of Lead Partner, status of the project: financed, under implementation, closed, planned to be submitted, etc.)  |
| <p>Predecessor projects:<br/> Phase 1: preparation of a feasibility study aiming at solving the water supply problems of the project area with a joint approach (status: project closed).<br/> Phase 2: realisation of the project entitled „Cross-border Water Supply Development in the Pannon-Fertő Region” within the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Austria - Hungary 2007-2013 (acronym: Aqua Burgenland-Sopron; Lead Partner: Water Association Of Northern Burgenland; project budget: 5.820.322,50 €; status: financed, under implementation) aiming at investment preparation measures (planning, engineering services, construction permit).<br/> Other projects:<br/> Diagnostic Analysis of the Hegykő-Fertőszentmiklós Water Base (project ID: KEOP-2.2.3/A/09-2010-0001; status: project closed).</p> |
| 12. Relevant international/EU directives and national legislation the project addresses (e.g. Water Framework Directive, EU Biodiversity Strategy). Also connections to relevant international organisations (e.g. ICPDR, WWF, Carpathian Convention) should be mentioned here.  |
| <p>The proposed project is in line with the following purposes of the EU Water Framework Directive:<br/> - promoting sustainable water use based on a long-term protection of available water resources;<br/> - to provide sufficient supply of good quality water as needed for sustainable, balanced and equitable water use.</p> <p>The aims of the project are also in accordance with the 2.3. Priority (Improve the management of natural resources) of the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Austria - Hungary 2007-2013, and with the regional development plans of the regions concerned.</p>  |

### D - Project Budget and Funding

#### 13. Approximate total project budget (in EUR)

Total budget: 86.000.000 EUR (HU Budget: 54.000.000 EUR; AT Budget: 32.000.000 EUR.)

#### 14. Potential sources of funding (if appropriate, indicate funding programme and specific call, as well as the amount of own sources available)

In Hungary there is a relevant EU Funding Programme: "Improving the Quality of Drinking Water" (KEOP - 1.3.0/09-11), the necessary own resources of 10 % are available.

In Austria the financial resources necessary to implement the infrastructural measures are available in 15% at federal level and in 10% at state level. The Austrian Project Partners have initiated negotiations with the EIB in order to finance the remaining part of the proposed project with a bank credit.

### E - Partnership and Contact

#### 15. (Proposed) Lead Partner (Responsible institution/body)

Municipality of Sopron

#### 16. Contact details of responsible person (Letter of Recommendation shall be sent to)

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#### 17. Project Partners (Name and country, Status committed to be involved / already involved)

Water Association Of Northern Burgenland (Austria, already involved);

Sopron Waterworks (Hungary, already involved);

Water Association Of Central Burgenland (Austria, already involved).

#### 18. Project Partner wanted (please specify type and country / region of partners you are looking for)

Not relevant.

**F - Closing remarks**

19. Any other information considered relevant (e.g. information on predecessor project, resubmissions and reasons for rejection, status of project development, information on project meetings, public relations, involvement of policy making bodies etc.)

In accordance with point 11. Phase 2 of the project (aiming at investment preparation and planning) is under implementation. Phase 2 is co-financed by the EU within the Cross-border Cooperation Programme Austria - Hungary 2007-2013.

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