

EUSDR WATER QUALITY PRIORITY AREA OVERVIEW OF CURRENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ON TRANSNATIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT



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Alignment of funding-brochure available

1. Alignment of funding document for priorities PA4, June 2014;
2. Collecting information on funding possibilities since 2013;
3. Disseminating information on project funding with DTP;
4. Project generation, networking.



The Priority Area 4, being the first of all priority areas of EUSDR adopted a list of intervention areas, where the top priority topics for EUSDR PA4 were identified that can help all programmers and administrations for the sake of alignment of funding.

Key question

**Funding is
available**

BUT



WHERE DO WE FIND IT?

Usually no specific heading for water



Different possibilities



Western Balkans
Investment Framework

WBIF

Eastern Partnership	Southern Neighbourhood
Neighbourhood-Wide Cooperation	Cross Border Cooperation



European Bank
for Reconstruction and Development



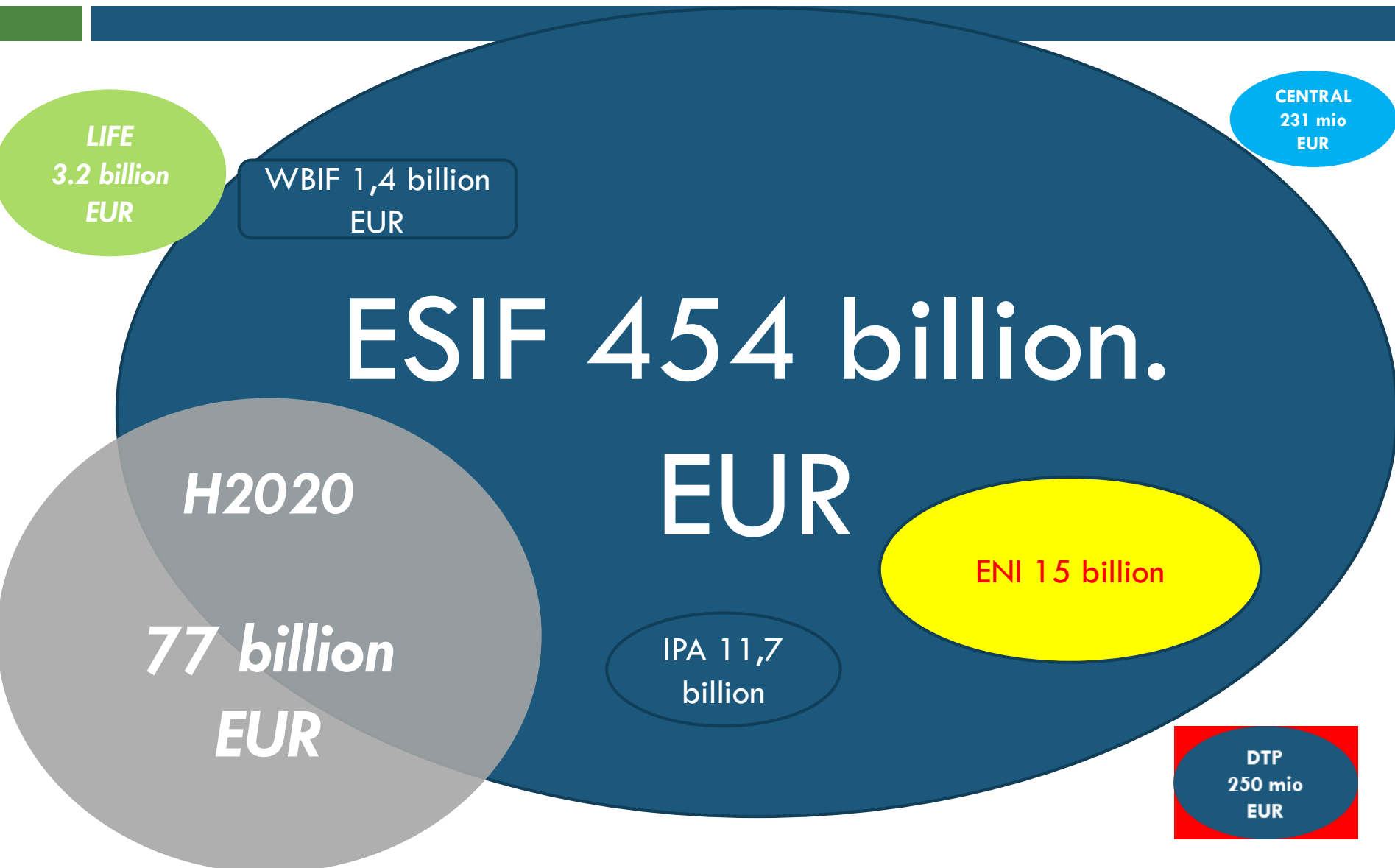
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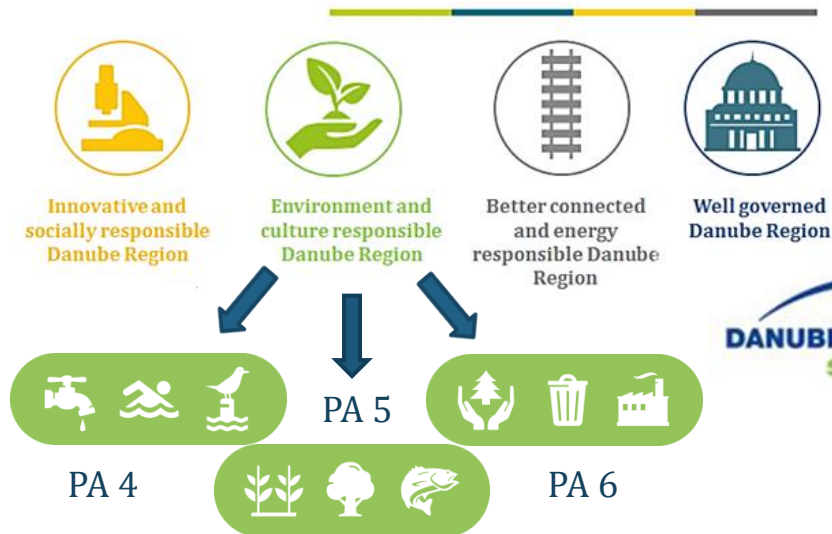
2014-2020:



Financial Volume



Priorities



Links to EUSDR Pillar II

2nd SMF Call: possibly in 2019

3rd Call –2018–early 2019

- **Ca. 18,9 M EUR for DTP Priority 2** Environment & Culture (out of total 60 M EUR)



- Funding sources: ERDF / IPA / ENI
- **85%** EU funding rate
- Eligible partners: Public / International / Private*;
- Typical project: 1,5 - 3 M EUR with duration of 30-36 months (regular project)
- Ca. 10% of submitted proposals selected for financing

DTP 3rd Call coming soon

Areas of intervention



INNOVATION

Improve framework conditions for innovation
Increase competences for business and social innovation



ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE

Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention
Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural resources
Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors
Improve preparedness for environmental risk management



TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

Support environmentally friendly and safe transport systems, as well as balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas
Improve energy security and energy efficiency



GOVERNANCE*

Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges
Support the governance and implementation of the EUSDR

***Opening of SO 4.1 is subject to the approval of the programme budget reallocation by the EC.**

Elements of the call

- ▶ Open call (with some focused elements for certain Specific Objectives)
- ▶ Two-step application process (simplified Expression of Interest and full Application Form)

Applicant support

- ▶ Thematic events
- ▶ Info Days
- ▶ Coaching and support of proposals invited to develop a full Application Form

Four **thematic events** addressing topics relevant to PAs will be held:

- ▶ Innovation – Stuttgart (DE), December 2018
- ▶ Environment – Prague (CZ), December 2018
- ▶ Accessibility – Bucharest (RO), December 2018
- ▶ Governance – Bratislava (SK), January 2019

National Info days will be organised by National Contact points.

The launch of the 3rd Call is expected soon!

For further details and the latest news, please check the DTP website regularly!

www.interreg-danube.eu



Funds and financing

- ▶ Available budget: approx. **60M EUR** (ERDF, IPA, and ENI funds)
- ▶ **85%** co-financing rate
- ▶ No pre-financing

Eligible applicants and partnership requirements

- ▶ **Public bodies/bodies governed by public law, including EGTCs**
- ▶ **International organisations**
- ▶ **Private bodies**

Lead Partners have to be located in an EU Member State of the Programme Area

Private profit-making organisations cannot apply as Lead Partners

Private profit-making organisations from non-EU countries of the programme area are not eligible

The minimum requirement for a project partnership is the involvement of at least three financing partners from three different countries.

DTP 3rd Call open thematic priorities

SO 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Water quality management, e.g. integrated policies, strategies, solutions, measures to reduce nutrient and hazardous substance pollution, improving quality of (surface and ground) waters in the Danube and its transnationally relevant (sub-)River Basin(s) - while monitoring is not expected to be in the main focus of such projects ➤ More efficient waste water treatment solutions that can prove transnational impact ; ➤ Integrated ground water resources management (from quality and / or quantity aspect) can also be potential topic, in case the transnational relevance and approach can reasonably be proved by a project. ➤ Managing water resources from quantitative aspects (balanced usage, inter-sectorial coordination and cooperation) having transnational impact on water bodies can also be considered as possible project topic. ➤ Strategic approach in harmonised and coordinated operative flood prevention measures (e.g. inter-sectorial coordination, including hydropower, navigation, etc.) for transnationally relevant river (basins) 	<p>18,988,035.78</p> <p>16,460,009.81 ERDF</p> <p>974,337.27 IPA</p> <p>743,098.00 ENI MD</p> <p>810,590.70 ENI UA</p>
SO 2.2	Open	

DTP 3rd Call procedure



THE 3RD CALL TO BE LAUNCHED SOON!

The opening of SO 4.1 for the Third call is subject to the approval of the programme budget reallocation by the EC.

CALL PROCEDURE

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/calls/calls-for-proposals/third-call-for-proposals>

The Third call will follow a two-step approach.

- In the “First step”, applicants will be requested to submit electronically, through the programme monitoring system (eMS), an Expression of Interest (Eoi), outlining mainly the intervention logic of the proposal and its strategic relevance for the DTP. No additional supporting documents are to be delivered at this stage.
- In the “Second step”, the pre-selected project proposals will be invited to submit an Application Package including a fully developed Application Form (AF), which will contain more in-depth information about the content and it will be the basis for the selection of the project proposals.

DTP upcoming info events

Bucharest (RO), 4 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transport ○ Ecological corridors 	Draft agenda will be available soon	Registration will be open soon
Prague (CZ), 14 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water management - flood prevention and environmental risk ○ Natural and cultural heritage ○ Energy 	Draft agenda will be available soon	Registration will be open soon
Stuttgart (DE), 19 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Innovation 	Draft agenda will be available soon	Registration will be open soon
Bratislava (SK), 15 th January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governance 	Draft agenda will be available soon	Registration will be open soon

Czech Republic	27 November 2018, Prague
Germany	Two info days organised in October
Hungary	27 November 2018, Budapest

National info days

www.interreg-central.eu

New capitalisation call in 2019

An experimental call for proposals will be launched in spring 2019 to capitalise on promising results of the currently funded 85 Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE projects. The nine programme countries agreed in Erfurt on 2 October that the remaining ERDF funds of the programme should help to further roll out existing project results at the regional and local level as well as to improve policy making. The call will also encourage closer coordination with other EU instruments such as Horizon 2020.

Interested organisations will have time until summer 2019 to build their transnational partnerships and plan new activities. These will help to further increase the sustainability of existing results. Content details of the call and exact dates for its launch and closure will be discussed in the next meeting of the programme countries in mid-January 2019.





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European Union | European Regional Development Fund



Fourth call (7 May - 22 June 2018)

The fourth call for project proposals closed on 22 June 2018. [Click through](#) to see an overview of the 170 applications received.

What are the steps after the end of the call?

Checking the eligibility of projects: July – August 2018

Ineligible projects to be informed in October 2018

Carrying out strategic and operational quality assessment: September 2018 - January 2019

Monitoring Committee decision on which applications were approved: March 2019

General characteristics of the Programme

Horizon 2020



- **Thematic objectives to be supported by the programme and its assimilation to the EUSDR priority areas:** Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future: climate action in support of the Paris Agreement; Greening the economy in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- **Available budget per categories to be supported:** 2018: 703,5 m EUR, 2019: 762,95 m EUR, 2020: 643,95 m EUR
- **Expected date of calls, submission dates:** opening: 7 November 2017, deadlines: 27 February, 2018 (1st stage), 4 September, 2018 (2nd stage), 19 February, 2019 (1st stage), 4 September, 2019 (2nd stage)
- **Eligible partners:** participants from Member States, **Associated States**, Third Countries
- **Typical project size (budget) and duration:** budget: varies from topic to topic, duration: varies, most common 3 years
- **Expected oversubscribed based on the experiences:** Average success rate for the whole of Horizon 2020: 11,6%, it varies from programme to programme

RS 725, UA 419, BIH 138

11,8% success
rate (6% Non EU)

- Relevant websites, contacts <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>,
<http://www.h2020.gov.hu/>

The LIFE Programme



- For the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027, the Commission is proposing to **increase funding by almost 60% for LIFE**, the EU programme for the environment and climate action.
- The LIFE programme is among the EU funding programmes for which the Commission is proposing the largest proportional increase, with a budget of €5.45 billion between 2021 and 2027. The Commission **has integrated climate action into all major EU spending programmes**, in particular cohesion policy, regional development, energy, transport, research and innovation, the Common Agricultural Policy as well as the EU's development policy, making the EU budget a driver of sustainability.
- Continued support of the circular economy and climate change mitigation: The new programme will continue to support important EU policy objectives such as the transition to a circular economy, protecting and **improving the quality of the EU's air and water..**
- **IP projects for Danube!!**
- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life.htm>

CBC experiences

- Very good co-financing rates (85%)
- Relatively high success rate (40%- depending on the programme)
- Less competition (compared to H2020)
- Preparation time: 7-36 months
- 6-9 partners

Useful sources

Danube Implementation Facility

- **Seed Money Facility** for project development & implementation
- **EuroAccess:** Online-tool for searching EU funding options
- www.danube-euroaccess.eu

Tied Aid possibilities

Hungary provided the first Tied Aid support to Ukraine in November 2016 (50 mill EUR) More favorable credit construction than on the market (the first Tied Aid construction with 0% and 18,5 year)



International Financing Institutions:

- European Investment Bank
- European Investment Advisory Hub
- EBRD, World Bank, etc.
- National, regional and local sources
- Private investments

Danube Strategy Additionality

Setting up the first **European Territorial Cooperation Area with a Non EU country** with EUSDR help
(Szabolcs county-Kisvárda, Transcarphatia)

Danube-Pannon
region
cooperation with
6 cities (HU-UA-SR)

Assistance in **UA for urban-waste water issues**, Solotvyno salt mine

Danube START: Financing feasibility of UWWT in Beregove, UA

PA4: **WFD, UWWT implementation:**
discussion with SG members, identification of further needs, fill gaps (buffer strips, UWWT small settlements)

PA4 Study trips
UA, SR, BiH, MD

Projects can give significant input to the actions and/or can serve as a pilot activities or good examples relevant in basin wide scale.

EUSDR Strategic projects and linked projects

Achievements in 2018

- JOINTISZA
- DanubeSediment

Next steps –

- JOINTISZA (continuous)
 - SIMONA
 - MEASURES (jointly with PA6)
 - REVITAL₁
 - DANUBEFLOODPLAIN (jointly with PA5)
 - DANUBE HAZARD (DSPF – ICPDR)
 - NORWAY FUND – WATERFOREWER
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- THEMATIC POLE events /CAPITALIZATION

DTP Thematic Pole 4 – Water Management



Composition of the TP	<p>DTP 1st call: CAMARO-D, DanubeSediment, DriDanube, JOINTISZA</p> <p>DTP 2nd call: Simona, Danube Floodplain, Dareffort (Measures)</p> <p>(Other programmes: Framwat, PA7 Project DREAM SK-AT , Sturgeon 2020 DANUBE parksCONNECTED, D.STREAM, GWP Drought)</p>
TP Leader	Mr Balázs Horváth - EUSDR PA4 coordinator
TP Co-leader	Mr Gheorghe Constantin - EUSDR PA5 coordinator
Capitalisation tools/tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing email/contact list of the TP members • sharing information about project partner institutions/organisations for identifying connections • sharing more concrete information about the projects and based on thematic scope, target groups and stakeholders; project activities, deliverables, outputs to identify potential synergies between the projects. • sharing dates of project Kick-off conferences and event calendars for potential participation / contribution / joint organisation • identifying the appropriate form of coordination among projects and PA4 and PA5 (e.g. in connection to SG meetings)


Planned for 2019



- EUSDR PA₄ team will approach all Pole projects to obtain information about project achievements and results in order to share knowledge and to compile a
 - ➔ **PA₄ brochure on the results of the projects** in 2019.
- Foresee to organize joint events with Pole projects, invite all of them to the upcoming EUSDR SG meetings and other capitalization events.
- Macro-regional seminar on water planned for **the week of 15 April 2019** back to back with PA₄ SG

EUSDR tips

New cohesion funding
legislation in pipeline !

- Active participation in OP programming: **Danube projects receive additional points in SK(+2), SR (+1) CBC P.**
 - **Participate at SG meetings, financed for Non EU countries**
 - **Lobby for increased INA/EPI funds**
 - Co-operation in project proposals:
 - **JoinTisza**
 - **DanubeSediment**
 - **Dareffort**
- Implementation of projects
in 2014-2020 financing
period**
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- Search for **financial sources**
 - Provide assistance in **setting up consortiums for proposals**
 - Assist in **sub- basin cooperation**
 - **Promote partner search**

Thank you for your kind attention

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