



**PROJECT IDEA DESCRIPTION FORM**  
**EUSDR. PILLAR 2. PRIORITY AREAS 4, 5, 6**

<b>1. Project title (long title and acronym, if any)</b>
<b>Promoting Startegic Partnership Enabling Cooperation in the Tisza River Basin, ProTisza</b>
<b>2. Main Priority Area and Action under Pillar 2 to which the project idea is to be submitted to</b>
PA 4.02 To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level
<b>3. Other Priority Areas and Actions the project is contributing to (please mention only the Priority Area no. and title of Action)</b>
PA 2.17 - To provide local authorities, businesses and citizens in the Danube Region consultative support with issues relating to mitigation of climate change and energy efficiency; PA 4.12 - To strengthen general awareness and facilitate exchange of good practice in integrated water management issues in the Danube Basin among decision-makers at all levels and among the population of the Region; PA 5.01 - To develop and adopt one single overarching floods management plan at basin level or a set of flood risk management plans coordinated at the level of the international river basin; PA 5.07 - Anticipate regional and local impacts of climate change through research; PA 5.08 - To develop spatial planning and construction activities in the context of climate change and increased threats of floods; PA 6.01 - To contribute to the 2050 EU vision and 2020 EU target for biodiversit; PA 6.09 - To prepare and implement transnational spatial planning and development policies for functional geographical areas (river basins, mountain ranges etc.); PA 10.04 - To ensure sufficient information flow and exchange at all levels; PA 10.07 - To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and to ensure better coordination of funding;
<b>A - Project description</b>
<b>4. Project relevance (Please outline the relevance and necessity from a macro-regional perspective. How does the project contribute to the implementation of the EUSDR? Maximum 1000 characters without spaces)</b>
The Steering Group of the Priority Area 4 "To restore and maintain the quality of waters" under EU Strategy for the Danube Region, composed of nominated governmental representatives from the Danube Region countries, has pre-examined the PROTISZA project and concluded that it contributes to achieve the targets and goals of the relevant actions in Priority Area 4 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The project is fully in line with the criteria identified by the EUSDR Action Plan. In addition to PA4 Action 2 it contributes to the implementation of several other actions under PA2,4,5,6 and 9. Supporting the implementation of the recently adopted Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan is the primary objective of the project. The project will have a direct positive effect on five EUSDR countries. Downstream countries will also benefit on the longer run and the project is expcted to have a positive spillover effect on other sub-basins of EUSDR countries.
<b>5. Project general and specific objectives (maximum 400 characters without spaces)</b>
The project will (i) facilitate and strengthen institutional and technical cooperation between the five Tisza countries, ii) support implementation of the ITRMP, WFD, FD and other relevant initiatives and EU legislation, iii) support development of documents for future tendering procedures and (iv) increase absorption capacities for using EU available funding opportunities.
<b>6. Proposed project activities and their location(s) (list main and sub-activities. maximum 800 characters without spaces)</b>
The project activities take place in the five Tisza countries based on the application form of the proposal submitted to the SEE Programme. Activities are divided into five interconnected work packages: 1. Project Management 2. Communication, Stakeholder Involvement and Networking 3. Tisza River Platform 4. Knowledge Exchange and Synthesis 5. Pilot Projects. Specific activities include: Elaboration of 3 transboundary pilot studies based on the needs of the countries, midterm roadmap for the establishment of an EGTC, preparing a project proposal for the second Tisza River Survey, analyses on adaptable water management across the TRB, considering climate change effects and their impacts on water quantity and quality, Action Plan for future investments, workshops and trainings, etc.
<b>7. Expected results and outcomes (Please use measurable indicators, where available. Maximum 400 characters without spaces)</b>
Strengthened capacities between countries for the implementation of transnational co-operation projects, supported implementation of the ITRMP and other relevant initiatives, Improved integrated water management, prepared studies, proposals, recommendations, Action Plan, EGTC roadmap, adopted common methodology for pilots, priorities regional activities for futur tenders, workshops, trainings
<b>8. Target groups (Who is affected by the project results, who will use the project results? Maximum 500 characters without spaces)</b>
Water authorities and research institutes, relevant Ministries, spatial planning institutes, universities, NGO-s. In addition Work Package 2 of the project provides a forum for all stakeholders, prepares a communication and stakeholder engagement strategy and plan and, as a horizontal work package, ensures the propoer dissemination of all project results to stakeholders and the public (events, website, brochures, DVDs, presentations in EU/international fora, electronic newsletter).
<b>9. Project timeframe (foreseen starting and ending date in mm/yy. If not available mention the duration in number of months)</b>
01.07.2012 - 31.06.2014

<b>B- 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.) ICPDR Tisza Group activities, including the recently finalized TRBMP; TICAD - Tisza Catchment Area Development, SEE Programme project currently under implementation by a consortium lead by VATI (HU); Water CoRe - Water scarcity and droughts; coordinated actions in European regions, Interreg IVC project under implementation, lead by Ministry of Environment, Energy, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Hessen (DE),
12. Relevant international/EU directives and national legislation the project addresses (if relevant please list, e.g. Water Framework Directive, EU Biodiversity Strategy) Water Framework Directive, Flood Directive, UNECE Helsinki Convention, Danube River Protection Convention, Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan, CEMAT
<b>C - Project Budget and Founding</b>
13. Approximate total project budget (in EUR) 2,551,262.82 EUR
14. Potential sources of funding (if appropriate, indicate funding programme and specific call, as well as the amount of own sources available) South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme (SEE Programme), 4th Call
<b>D - Partnership and Contact</b>
15. Proposed Lead Partner (Responsible institution/body) The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe
16. Contact details of responsible person (Letter of Recommendation shall be sent to) Technical issues: Jovanka Ignjatovic, Senior Expert, Water Management Topic Area Leader - jignjatovic@rec.org; General issues (e.g. Letter of Recommendation): Peter Kiss-Parciu, Coordinator for EU Affairs - pkiss-parciu@rec.org
17. Project Partners (Name and country, Status committed to be involved / already involved) All partners have committed themselves to be involved in the project. Project Partners are: VÁTI Hungarian Non profit Ltd. for Regional Development and Town Planning; VITUKI Environmental and Water Management Research Institute Non-profit Ltd. (HU); Middle-Tisza District Environment and Water Directorate (HU); NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION 'APELE ROMÂNE'; (RO) Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Geography (RO); Water Research Institute Bratislava (SK); Institute of urban and spatial planning URBION (SK); Institute for the Development of Water Resources "Jaroslav Černi"(RS); Public Water Management Company "Vode Vojvodine" (RS); PE Urban and Spatial Planning Institute of Vojvodina (RS); Zakarpattya Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian Ecological League (UK). Associated Strategic Partners are: Ministry of Rural Development (HU), Ministry of Environment and Forests (RO), Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism (RO), Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (SK), Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management (RS). Observers are: Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic; Municipality of Szolnok Town of County Rank (HU); International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR); Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine; Programme Region for the Catchment Area of the River Tisza (HU)
18. Project Partner wanted (please specify type and country / region of partners you are looking for) the partnership has been finalized
<b>E - Closing remarks</b>
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.) further details can be communicated via e-mail upon request