

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Second Stakeholder Seminar of the Water Quality (PA4) and the Environmental Risks (PA5) Priority Areas

"EUROPEAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR"

CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMMES

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General characteristics of the Programmes



- Each programme differs in its objectives according to the findings of the analisys, but each programme declares its commitment to contribute to the macro-regional strategies, specifically the EUSDR (as previously in the 2007-2013 period). Though it has to be confirmed that no direct mechanisms planned;
- As a consequence of the above, various shares of the specific programmes are dedicated to the categories in question;
- The first Calls are to be launched at the very end of the current or early months of next year. The programmes differ also in their approach of collecting projects. Many plan to launch an open-end system (AT-HU, SI-HU or ENI), periodic Calls (SK-HU, HU-CRO, HU-SRB, HU-RO) and some of them also plan strategic/restricted Calls;
- > Eligible partners are public or public equivalent bodies from the programme areas;
- Monitoring methods (project progress reports; project follow-up reports etc.);
- The typical project size and duration is generally not defined yet (will be specified in the given Calls), but there are already some preliminary decisions (e.g. max support for a flood protection project in the HU-SRB programme is 60% of the PA budget, or in TO6 in the AT-HU programme the ceiling is 2 MEUR);
- Expected success rate is around 40%
- > Further information about the specific programmes6relations are available on the current websites:

<u>www.husk-cbc.eu</u>, <u>www.huro-cbc.eu</u>, <u>www.hu-hr-ipa.com</u>, <u>www.hu-srb-ipa.com</u>, <u>www.huskroua-cbc.net</u>, <u>www.at-hu.net</u>, <u>www.si-hu.eu</u>

Information about the financial reporting/accounting



- > The ratio of financial support is the maximum 85% ERDF with an additional 10-15% government cofinancing (depending on the legal form of the partner);
- > On the Hungarian side the governmental co-financing is ensured in the form of a pre-financing tool, transferred on the beginning of the project and balanced only at the final report. Therefore the co-financing amount is at the partner for the whole project length easing the liquidity pressure a bit;
- > Under some specified circumstances an additional advance (up to 30% of the ERDF support) can be applied for from the HU state budget;
- > Eligible and non-eligible costs are defined on programme level, therefore those have to be checked in the programme specific documents;
- > The necessary self-contribution (if any) has to be financially ensured in the defined rate throughout the whole project implementation. No in-kind contribution qualifies.

Submission procedure in the 2014-2020 period



The programmes currently are in a different, but relatively in a delayed status, therefore the actual details cannot be accurately listed. The specific rules and requirements will be defined in the Calls to be opened in the near future:

- > Submission process (calls, evaluation and decision making process, call ballot-system, expected project commencement date);
- Project proposal preparatory process, available information and documents (guidance manual, info days, consultations etc.);
- > Relevant thematic and formal specifications, expected structure of the proposal;
- Requirements towards the applicant (organizational structure, capital strength, experience in project tendering, magnitude of staff, profitability, etc.);
- > Factors increasing/decreasing the success (partner composition, typical mistakes etc.)
- > Expected/suggested indicators.



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Thank you for the attention!