

Funding opportunities in the Danube Transnational Programme

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A stream of cooperation

- Programme overview and budget
- Programme priorities and specific objectives
- Indicative examples of supported actions
- Link with the EUSDR
- Call provisions
- Hints for developing a successful project

2007-2013: ETC I (INTERREG IV)

SOUTH-EAST EUROPE Transnational Programme



2014-2020: ETC II (INTERREG V)

DANUBE Transnational Programme



Programme budget

Budget lines	Amount in EUR
ERDF	202,095,405.00
IPA	19,829,192.00
Total EU support	221,924,597.00
National co-financing	41,065,242.00
Total Programme budget	262,989,839.00
ENI (to be confirmed)	5,000,000.00+?

- Contribute to a higher degree of territorial cohesion
- Act as policy driver towards positive change
- Develop policy frameworks, tools, services and concrete pilot investments



Priority Axis 1

Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

Specific objective 1.1

Improve framework conditions for innovation

Specific objective 1.2

Increase competences for business and social innovation



Priority Axis 2

Environment and culture responsible Danube region

Specific objective 2.1

Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention

Specific objective 2.2

Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

Specific objective 2.3

Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors

Specific objective 2.4

Improve preparedness for environmental risk management



Priority Axis 3

Better connected and energy responsible Danube region

Specific objective 3.1

Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas

Specific objective 3.2

Improve energy security and energy efficiency



Priority Axis 4

Well governed Danube region

Specific objective 4.1

Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

Specific objective 4.2

Support to the governance and implementation of the EUSDR



Environment and culture responsible Danube region

SO 2.1: Strengthen **joint and integrated approaches** to further **develop and implement River Basin Management Plans** in the Partner States in line with the overall Danube River Basin Management Plan in order to **improve transnational water management and flood risk prevention** contributing to the sustainable provision of ecosystem services.

EUSDR link: PA4, PA5

14,773,734.00 EUR

SO 2.4: Establish and develop a **more effective governance system** for environmental protection addressing emergency situations and improve the **preparedness of public authorities and civil protection organisations** contributing to the **reduction of risks and impact** on ecosystem services, biodiversity and human health.

EUSDR link: PA5

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Indicative examples of supported actions

- **Development of common orientations, frameworks and strategies** in fields of transnational relevance where early policy development is needed (i.e. in fields which until now have not been touched by significant projects in the previous programming periods)
- **Preparation of transnational investments** (infrastructure, equipment) to be subsequently financed through other sources
- **Pilot activities** including small-scale fixed investments (of testing or demonstration nature)

Indicative examples of supported actions

- **Development and practical implementation of transnational tools and services** (e.g. analytical tools, management tools, technical tools, software tools, monitoring tools)
- **Development and practical implementation of training and capacity building** (e.g. training seminars and courses, study visits, peer reviews)
- **Accompanying information, dissemination, capitalisation and publicity measures** to inform stakeholders and/or the general public about project activities and outcomes

- Same geographical coverage
- EUSDR is one of the strategic framework of the DTP
- All Programme SO contribute to the EUSDR PA
- Not all EUSDR PA can be supported by the DTP



Financial framework:

- Based on reimbursement of 85% of validated costs
- Remaining 15% to be co-financed at national level (own co-financing, state co-financing or other sources)
- Activity and costs reported on a 6 month basis
- Reimbursement after approval of related progress report (ca. 10-12 months from incurred payment)

Project duration:

- First call: max 30 months
- In general: max 36 months

First call for proposal:

- 2-step approach (Expression of Interest – Application Form)
- Budget available: 76 MEUR of ERDF and 7.5 MEUR of IPA
- 1st step launched on 23.09.2015 and closed on 03.11.2015
- 2nd step only for pre-selected proposals starting April 2016
- Starting of the projects foreseen for end of 2016

Second call for proposal:

- Foreseen for the end of 2016

2 step approach: requested information

First step (Expression of Interest):

- Intervention logic
- Strategic framework (methodology, partnership, transnationality, sustainability, etc.)
- Short overview of the activities/amounts/timeframe
- List of partners

Second step (Application Form):

- Intervention logic in details
- Strategic framework in details
- Detailed description of the activities/timeframe and links with outputs
- Detailed budget
- Details of each partner

Eligibility of partners:

- Public bodies
- Bodies governed by public law
- Private non profit bodies
- Private for profit bodies (excluding IPA PPs and LP)
- International organisations
- EGTC

coming from the DTP programme area!

Type of partners

	Type of Partner	Location	Does it have a separated budget?	ERDF/IPA budget lines
Directly Financed Partners	LEAD PARTNER	Only EU part of the Programme area	Yes	All
	ERDF PARTNER	Only EU part of the Programme area	Yes	All
	IPA PARTNER	Only Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia	Yes	All
Indirectly financed partners	Associated Strategic Partners (ASPs)	- EU countries - Non-EU countries of Programme Area	No (part of a "sponsoring" ERDF PARTNER budget)	ERDF - Only TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION

- At least **3 financing partners** from **3 different countries** of the programme area
- **Lead Partner from EU Member State** of Programme area
- Project partnership to be comprised in strategic manner and well adapted to its purpose
- No. PPs possible to replace / withdraw between *first* and *second* step
 - LP cannot be changed!
 - 2 PPs in case partnerships up to 10 (financing) PPs,
 - 3 PPs - partnerships up to 15 (financing) PPs
 - 4 PPs - partnerships with more than 15 (financing) PPs

Eligibility of costs:

- Staff costs (real costs or flat rate of 20% of direct costs)
- Office and administrative expenditure (15% of staff costs)
- Travel and accommodation
- External expertise and service
- Equipment
- Infrastructure and works

Ineligible costs: purchase of land and existing buildings, refundable VAT, in kind contribution, second hand equipment, etc.

Assessment:

Eligibility check

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements leads to rejection

Quality check

- *Strategic assessment*
 - Extent of contribution to achievement of programme objectives
- *Operational assessment*
 - Viability, feasibility, as well as value for money

DTP support interventions with transnational character and result-oriented approach

- Deliver concrete and measurable outputs and results, in response to well identified transnational challenges affecting the programme area
- Transnational relevance of the topic / theme
- Integrated territorial approach
- Deliver durable outputs and results (target group and ownership)
- Quality partnership of the project
- Efficient in terms of mobilised resources

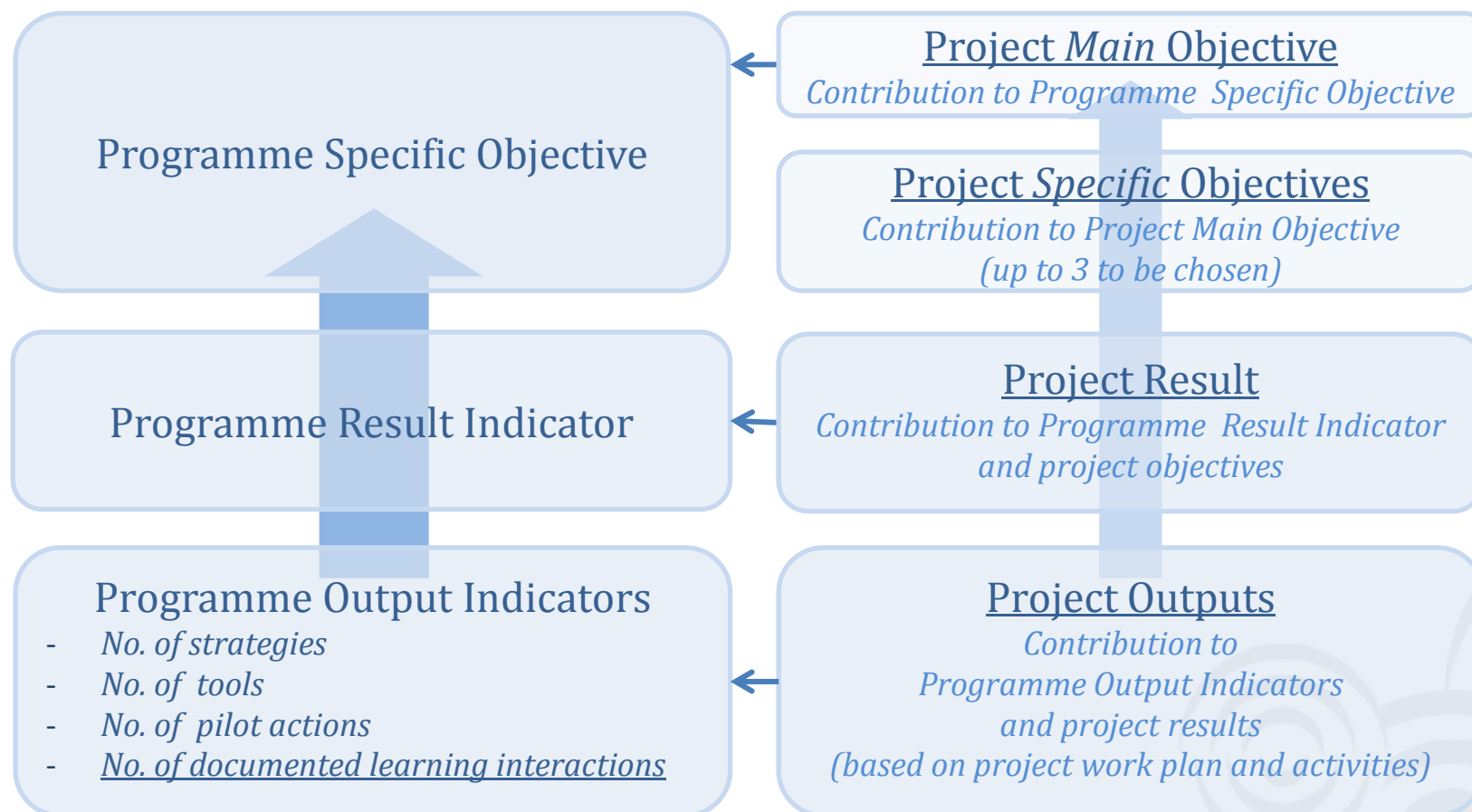
Result-orientation → intervention logic

How the change is to be achieved

Built upon:

- Status quo analysis
- The change to be achieved
- The objectives
- The actions, outputs, stakeholders and target groups
- The results and durability

pre-condition for a project to be funded under DTP



Expected projects:

- Result oriented approach
- Clear and coherent intervention logic
- Link of the project intervention logic to the programme one
- Involvement of the relevant stakeholders in the partnership (multilevel governance)
- Experienced applicant
- Clear understanding and strong contribution to the selected Specific Objective
- Clear contribution to a EUSDR PA and its related targets/actions

- Idea first, financing instrument after
- Always keep an eye on the result-oriented approach and focus on the change
- Base your work on a solid understanding of DTP core-documents
- Link your project to clear needs / challenges of the Danube Region and to strategies such as EUSDR and EU2020
- Build a consistent project intervention logic matching the programme intervention logic
- Choose “the” right partnership for achieving your objectives and transnational impact
- Have a look around: capitalise previous work, build synergies with on-going initiatives, avoid overlaps with other SOs or further funding instruments

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