



Danube Programme 2021 – 2027

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A stream of cooperation

- Same geographical coverage as EUSDR
- EU Member States + Pre-accession Countries + Neighbouring Countries



- All DTP SOs contribute to the EUSDR PAs / Action Plan
 - Not all EUSDR PA can be supported by the DP

What is supported

- Addressing challenges & needs relevant on transnational scale
- Strengthen cooperation of key stakeholders to:
 - improve policies and institutional capacities
 - harmonising management processes
 - elaborating and pilot testing joint solutions
- Territorially integrated, cross-sectorial approaches

What is **NOT** supported

- Pre-dominant focus on infrastructure
- Pre-dominant focus on research and data collection without translating into applied solutions /policy strategies, plans
- Pre-dominant focus on technical solution without uptake by target users

DP 2021-27 thematic scope



PRIORITY 1:
A smarter Danube Region



PRIORITY 2:
A greener, low-carbon
Danube Region



PRIORITY 3:
A more social
Danube Region



PRIORITY 4:
A better cooperation governance
in the Danube Region



PRIORITY 1:

A smarter Danube Region

Through innovation, digitisation, economic transformation and support to small and medium-sized businesses.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. 1. Enhancing innovation and technology transfer in Danube region.
1. 2. Development of skills for advancing smart specialisation strategies, industrial transformation and transition towards industry 4.0, including cross-sectoral collaborations.





PRIORITY 2:

A greener, low-carbon Danube Region

Implementing the Paris Agreement and investing in energy transition, renewables and the fight against climate change.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

2. 1. Support greening the energy and transport sectors in the Danube Region by enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources.
2. 2. Promoting climate change adaptation capacities in the Danube Region and disaster management on transnational level in relation to environmental risks (taking into account ecosystem-based approaches).
2. 3. Sustainable, integrated, transnational water and sediment management in the Danube River Basin ensuring good quality and quantity of waters and sediment balance.
2. 4. Protecting and preserving the biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions of transnational relevance in the Danube Region.



SO 2.2 Promoting climate change adaptation capacities in the Danube Region and disaster management on transnational level in relation to environmental risks (taking into account ecosystem-based approaches)

Focus 1: Harmonised capacities and data availability in DR scale CC forecasting and vulnerability assessment to support policy making and awareness raising

Focus 2: Coordinated disaster prevention, preparedness and response activities on environmental risks, on floods, droughts, or accidental pollution of rivers on transnational river(-basin) scale and CC related other disasters (wildfires, heat waves)

Focus 3: Strengthen preparedness and adaptive capacity of society (including also disaster management organisations, volunteer rescue teams), economy and nature to cope with impacts of CC and establish climate services to foster resilience

S02.2 CC adaptation and disaster management – type of actions

- Harmonised CC modelling, forecasting and vulnerability assessment on DRB scale, ensuring application at policy and operational level
- Integration of research results into CC adaptation and improving skills and competences for policy makers and stakeholders
- Coordinated efforts to prevent flood risks, drought, including application of nature-based solutions
- Harmonised planning, monitoring alert systems, inventories, improving operational cooperation, capacities of emergency response bodies to combat flood, drought, accidental pollution of transboundary rivers and CC related other disasters
- Regional level CC, environmental risks related disaster preparedness activities and standardised minimum requirements for disaster responders

SO 2.3 Sustainable, integrated, transnational water and sediment management in the Danube River Basin ensuring good quality and quantity of waters and sediment balance

Focus 1: Capacities for prevention and mitigation of water pollution or for restoration of good quality of transnational water bodies

Focus 2: Harmonising management practises between water management and other key sectors to improve quality and quantity of water and sediment in transnational river systems, taking into consideration potential impacts of CC

Focus 3: Transnational coordination of water supply management, especially in relation to basin-wide importance of groundwater bodies

S02.3 Sustainable water & sediment management – type of actions

- Harmonised data availability, monitoring, modelling systems for transnational water management
- Strengthening capacities to prevent and mitigate water pollution or restore good quality of water
- Improving sediment balance and related morphodynamics
- Potentials of floodplain reconnection to improve water quality
- Monitoring, modelling of transboundary groundwater systems
- Measures ensuring balanced use of water, regarding CC impacts
- Measures in connection to CC induced low water periods on transnational rivers of DRB (sediment, navigation, HPP)

Common features of „water projects”

- „Soft” type of measures are supported (harmonised, joint strategies, plans, solutions developed and tested in pilot actions, capacity building)
- No major infrastructures financed
- Reasonable mix of activities with clear thematic focus
- Focus on main transboundary river(-basin)s of the DRB (water management, flood management, accidental pollution, etc.)
- Territorially integrated, cross-sectoral approaches
- Taking into consideration potential negative effects of CC



PRIORITY 3: A more social Danube Region

Delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights and supporting quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equal access to healthcare.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

3. 1. Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets.
3. 2. Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning.
3. 3. Socio-economic development through heritage, culture and tourism.





PRIORITY 4:

A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region

By supporting locally-led development
strategies and sustainable urban
development across the Danube region.



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

4. 1. Increased institutional capacities for
territorial and macro-regional governance.

Programme Budget

ca. 20% less than of DTP 2014-20

Fund	Budget
Total programme budget (ERDF + IPA + NDICI)	Ca. 213,100,000 €



Co-financing rate: 80%

1st Call for Proposals

- 2-step procedure
- Launch of the first step: spring 2022
- Launch of 2nd step: not before late 2022
- Final approval not before mid-2023

- DTP website:
 - general information,
 - (draft-) Danube Programme document
 - Call for Proposals announcement,
- DP events (e.g thematic webinars)
- DTP National Contact Points
- National events (e.g. national info days)
- DTP Project Officer (e.g. bilateral consultations)
- EUSDR PAs

<https://www.interreg-danube.eu/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027>

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