



# Danube Transnational Programme: future prospects of MRS





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# **Current relationship DTP-EUSDR**



- Same geographic area
- > Financing instrument
- EUSDR is one of the strategic frameworks of the DTP
- All Programme SO contribute to the EUSDR PAs
- > Time-bound











- Same geographic area
- Policy framework
- DTP is one of the financing instruments of the EUSDR
- Not all topics of EUSDR PAs can be supported by the DTP
- > No deadline

# **Current relationship DTP-EUSDR**

#### **DTP** content related situation

- Programme objectives, results and outputs to be achieved by 2023
- Achievements related only to programme performance
- Financial consequences in case of non/lower achievements

#### **DTP** structure related situation

- Programme "owned" by participating countries (with authorities responsible for management of EU funds)
- Management and legal responsibility is provided by a Managing Authority and an international Joint Secretariat that ensure independence, competence and neutrality

# **Current relationship DTP-EUSDR**

#### **DTP alignment to EUSDR**

- All projects by default support EUSDR PAs
- Additional justification of EUSDR support requested in the AF

### Direct financial support to the EUSDR through

- Financing activities of the Priority Area Coordinators
- A seed money facility benefitting directly the EUSDR
- Financing activities of the Danube Strategy Point

#### **Constraints**

# Constraints from the programme side

- Regulatory
  - Complex and numerous EU regulations to apply
  - Lack of flexibility
- Financial
  - Inadequate amount allocated to the programme (unequal share of ERDF, IPA, ENI)
  - Insufficient amount allocated to TA in managing complex frameworks

# **Future possibilities**

## Potential discussion points for future programme

- Detachment of ETC programmes from CPR-ERDF (mainstream) regulatory framework
- ➤ Increase of programme budget
- Programme territorial needs defined together with the strategy stakeholders
- Result oriented approach to be strengthened
- ➤ Flexibility in the programme implementation to adequately comply with the changing territorial needs

# **Future possibilities**

## Potential discussion points from the programme

- ➤ Better structured "embedding" of funds from the programming phase
  - Using TN programmes as funds "multiplier"
  - Foreseeing agreements between different funds according to the EUSDR needs (e.g. EIB, EC-managed funds, mainstream programmes, etc.)
- Improved coordination at national/ministerial level
- Clear and defined roles (avoiding overlapping)
- Harmonisation of different MRS/SBS

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