

Interreg Programme
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**“From a region of barriers to a region of
flows”**

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Programme area



1 Programme area



Link with the EUSDR

Same geographical coverage

Policy framework vs. funding instrument

EUSDR is one of the strategic frameworks of the DRP

DRP is one of the financing instruments of the EUSDR

All DRP SOs contribute to the EUSDR PAs / Action Plan

Not all EUSDR PA can be supported by the DRP



What is financed?

DRP supports **joint cooperation projects** which:

- **Develop institutional capacity**, ensuring knowledge sharing / transfer
- Support the development of a **common framework for policy implementation** in various fields
- Support **policy harmonisation** in various fields
- Develop **innovative solutions to common problems**
- Pave the way to new investments
- **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



Transnational cooperation

transnational dimension:

- **project topic, addressed challenge and contributing project activities** have transnational, broader territorial and/or thematic character and relevance

transnational impact:

- based on the planned **activities and outputs** the **impact of the project** can be considered **relevant on transnational scale** and not only on local level in different parts of the region

A collection of different local actions of PPs under one „umbrella” is not yet transnational



What activities are financed?

- **improving policies and institutional capacities** (e.g. joint strategies, action plans, policy & sectoral dialogs, networks, trainings)
- **developing solutions** (e.g. tools, methods, processes, services, database) that are **also pilot tested** within the project
- **pilot actions** (testing demonstrating viability and applicability of solutions)
- **Information, communication, dissemination activities** (supporting the thematic activities)
- **transnational small-scale investments** (no major infrastructure)

reasonable mix of activities with clear thematic focus



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Programme

2021-2027

Priorities and Specific Objectives

A smarter Danube Region

Enhancing
innovation
and technology transfer

Developing
skills for smart specialisation,
industrial transition
and entrepreneurship

A greener, low-carbon Danube Region

Promoting
renewable energy

Promoting
climate change adaptation
and disaster management

Improving
water and sediment quality

Protecting and preserving
the biodiversity in ecological
corridors and eco-regions

A more social Danube Region

Accessible,
inclusive and effective
labour markets

Accessible
and inclusive
quality services in education,
training and lifelong learning

Socio-economic development
through heritage, culture and
tourism

A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region

Increased institutional
capacities for territorial and
macro-regional governance



Specific objective 1.1

Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Specific objective 1.2

Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

DRP Project Officer: **Katalin Kovács-Kasza**

Priority 1

A smarter Danube Region





Specific objective 2.1

Promoting renewable energy in accordance with directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainable criteria set out therein

DRP Project Officer: **Horst Schindler**

Specific objective 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

DRP Project Officer: **Gusztáv Csomor**

Priority 2

A greener, low carbon Europe



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SO 2.1 Support greening the energy and transport sectors in the Danube Region by enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources

Focus 1: Increasing the share of renewable energy in the Danube Region

Focus 2: Decreasing carbon intensity in the power and transport sectors

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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



Specific objective 2.3

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

Specific objective 2.4

Protecting and preserving the biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions of transnational relevance in the Danube Region

DRP Project Officer: **Gusztáv Csomor**

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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

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Specific objective 3.1

Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets

Specific objective 3.2

Accessible and inclusive quality services in education,
training and lifelong learning

DRP Project Officer: **Stephen Halligan**

Specific objective 3.3

Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in
economic development, social inclusion and social
innovation

DRP Project Officer: **Natalia Liholot**

Priority 3

A more social Danube Region





Specific objective 4.2

Increased institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance

DRP Project Officer: Johannes Gabriel

Priority 4

A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region





Priority & SOs budget allocations

Priority	Specific Objective	Interreg funds allocation
1	1.1	18,745,255.50
	1.2	18,745,255.50
	TOTAL	37,490,511.00
2	2.1	17,389,677.11
	2.2	20,048,543.58
	2.3	15,262,583.99
	2.4	16,360,661.30
	TOTAL	69,061,466.00
3	3.1	15,390,841.20
	3.2	15,390,841.20
	3.3	20,521,121.60
	TOTAL	51,302,804.00
4	4.1	27,452,677.74
	EUSDR	13,810,929.26
	TOTAL	41,263,607.00
GRAND TOTAL		199,118,388.00

**Maximum EU contribution
80%**

**Usual project budget size:
1-3M EUR**



Budget issues

No advance payment of Interreg funds contribution!!!

Project partners need sufficient cash-flow capacities!!!

Reimbursed on periodically reported and validated PP's cost-basis!!!



Partnership

- „**INTERREG funds**” – **equal participation of non-EU partners**
- **at least 3 directly financing partners from 3 DRP countries**
 - at least 1 partner from EU Member States
 - Competitive projects to be based on much broader partnerships
- **involvement of relevant PPs from DRP non-EU Member States**
 - part of quality assessment
- **applicants from non-EU Member States can also be lead applicants**
- **lead partner & project partners only from DRP area**



Private bodies

(e.g. chambers of commerce, trade unions, NGO-s, private enterprises)

**International
organisations**

**WHO CAN
APPLY?**

**Local, regional, national
public bodies**

**Bodies governed by
public law**

Private enterprises cannot be lead partners



Associated Strategic Partner

**Added value
for the partnership**

**From EU countries &
Non-EU countries of DR**

No budget
*(travel and accommodation costs of ASP
sponsored from other PP's budget)*

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DRP 2nd Call for Proposals

Planned launch of 2nd Call:

September 2023

Estimated project start:

Beginning of 2025

Planned submission deadline :

January 2024

Project duration:

36 months



- **DRP INTERREG Programme – website**

www.interreg-danube.eu/dtp-archive/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027

- **Linkedin group** for partner search
- **Network of National Contact Points**
- **MA/JS** – to be consulted