

**Interreg
Danube Region**



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Aktualitások és sikeres pályázatok az INTERREG Duna Régió Programban

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Programme area



Strategic framework



Smart - Priority 1: A more competitive and smarter Danube Region

Specific Objective 1.1 Enhancing innovation and technology transfer +

Specific Objective 1.2 Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship +



Green - Priority 2: A greener, low-carbon Danube Region

Specific Objective 2.1 Greening the energy and transport sectors in the Danube Region by enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources +

Specific Objective 2.2 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster management on transnational level +

Specific Objective 2.3 Sustainable, integrated, transnational water and sediment management in the Danube River Basin +

Specific Objective 2.4 Protecting and preserving the biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions of transnational relevance +



Social - Priority 3: A more social Danube Region

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 +

Specific Objective 3.3 Socio-economic development through heritage, culture and tourism +



Cooperation - Priority 4: A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region

Specific Objective 4.2 Support for the governance of the EUSDR +

Specific Objective 4.1 Support of the EUSDR Priority Area Coordinators (EUSDR PACs) and Danube Strategy Point (DSP) +

State of play

4 calls for proposals so far:

- EUSDR PAC call
 - *13 projects supporting work of EUSDR PACs and DSP)*
- 1st call for proposals for regular projects
 - *60 project selected*
 - *implementation between January 2024 – June 2026*
- SMF call
 - *36 projects selected*
 - *Implementation - September 2024 – August 2025*
- 2nd call for proposals for regular projects
 - *on-going assessment – selection December 2024*

Priority budget allocations

Maximum EU contribution 80%

Usual project budget size:
1-3M EUR

Priority	Interreg funds total	Interreg funds 3 rd call
1	40 439 860	2 491 360
2	72 010 816	16 729 903
3	54 252 154	12 609 279
4	41 263 606	9 177 233
TOTAL	207 966 436	41 007 776

State of play

3rd call for proposals:

- Launch and submission:
 - *Estimated for mid-2025, open for ca. 3-4 months*
- Online application using DRP Jems
- Thematic scope
 - *Depending on the result of 2nd call*
 - *Targeted, thematic restrictions might apply to SOs*

Project preparation for DRP

- Does project topic fit one of DRP specific objectives?
- Does project have transnational dimension and potential impact?
- For defining coherent objectives, work plan and partnership first analyse & define the transnational project target area:
 - main characteristics
 - status quo in specific field - what has been done so far, what is needed to be done?
 - does that need transnational action, cooperation?
 - what competences & expertise needed from which territory?
- Does project and partnership fulfil eligibility requirements?
- Plan measures to ensure durability of results & their transnational leverage effect

What is a transnational project?

Transnational – broad territory of DR

- not limited to few (3-4) countries
- ≠ cross-border
- ≠ local actions under international umbrella

Having transnational dimension:

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

Having 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

What is an ideal partnership?

- Cover transnational project target area countries
 - Involvement of PPs from non-EU DRP-countries (assessment criteria!!!)
 - too small – limited impact vs. too big – potential management problems
- Provide relevant expertise, territorial / thematic competences for project outputs & results
 - integrated territorial approach = effective linkages across relevant sectors & governance levels (vertical cooperation)
- Ensure policy relevance
 - decision makers either as PPs / ASPs,
 - or PPs with capacity to create strong links to relevant policy drivers
- Balanced partnership
 - number of PPs per country
 - distribution of project activities and responsibilities
 - related PP budgets
- PPs with sufficient human, technical and financial capacities

Relevance of intervention logic

- Framework from problem definition through actions to results
- Territorial analyses of target area
 - What is the common challenge and need on transnational level
 - is it in line with challenges and needs of DRP?
- What change the partnership would like to achieve in connection to identified common problem?
 - define related project objectives reflecting this change
 - are those objectives in line with DRP SO?
- Work plan – a tool to achieve those objectives
 - activities, outputs along project SOs
 - can activities, outputs ensure realistic achievement of objectives and results?
 - are activities logically linked in a realistic time plane?
 - are key project „products“ in line with DRP output indicators? = outputs
- Results
 - defining benefits and advantages of activities-outputs
 - fulfilling objectives
 - are in line with DRP indicators

Expected outcomes and impacts of DRP projects

- Outputs and results shall demonstrate durability
 - adaptation, implementation of strategies
 - application of solutions by key stakeholders
 - transferring outputs to other relevant territories and stakeholders
- Long-term, strategic perspective needed
 - considering needs of key stakeholders and institutional context
- Key stakeholders should be actively involved
 - channelling their needs, creating ownership for project outputs
- Follow-up activities
 - handover to policy level, operational actors
 - financing through other initiatives or funds

How to embed EUSDR and align with its goals?

- Close alignment of DRP and EUSDR
 - all DRP priority and SOs directly linked to one or more EUSDR PA
 - projects expected to contribute to and embed EUSDR
- Presentation of concrete project contributions to achievement of EUSDR current targets, PA actions
- Proposal demonstrates embedding of EUSDR in project implementation
 - involving PACs / PA steering groups / working groups – e.g. as ASPs
 - invitation to project meetings
 - participate at EUSDR events; PA meetings, events, etc.

Support for applicants

- DRP Interreg Programme website
 - How to apply
<https://interreg-danube.eu/how-to-apply>
- DRP matchmaking platform for partner search
<https://interreg-danube-region-programme.b2match.io/>
- Network of National Contact Points
- JS: ad-hoc advice on technical/formal issues & one bilateral consultation
- EUSDR PAs

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