



PAC-Support: Priority Area 10

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Project Summary

The PA10 project pursues three objectives: enhance coordination between stakeholders, facilitate project development and support policy development. Stakeholders such as civil society, public administrations and funding institutions are coordinated in different frameworks such as the framework for better investment in institutional capacities that addresses both ESIF and international and regional donors (e.g. World Bank, GIZ) for better alignment of funds to the EUSDR. The project also links civil society with public administration through the EUSDR Participation Days and provides a platform for capacity-building with the Bled Strategic Forum Framework that establishes exchange between public administrations and academia and encourages the youth to engage in cooperation. Project promoters receive support for project development through the project consultation concept that provides both comprehensive consultation for strategic projects of PA 10 and project consultation in cooperation with Interreg-programmes to improve their project design. PA10 also develops guidelines and provides guidance for the strategic project D-CAHT that fosters cooperation between civil society and local administration. Furthermore, young entrepreneurs shall be encouraged to develop projects across the Danube Region through the Framework for Civic Engagement. Finally, the project seeks to provide strategic guidance. This relates to the White Book on Civil Society that promotes participatory governance approaches, to the White Book on sound public management that provides an overview of good practices of local and regions public administration and to the policy paper on metropolitan regions pointing out areas for cross-border cooperation between cities and municipalities. As a result, the combination of measures related to policy development, coordination of stakeholders and project development shall lead to a more effective coordination of PA10 and implementation of the EUSDR.

Work Packages

Work Package 1: Management, Publicity and Communication of the PA

Summary Description of WP 1

The activities of WP 1 shall ensure the sound financial management, strategic guidance and communication of PA 10.

The organisation of Steering Group Meetings, the drafting of progress reports and regular internal coordination meetings of PA 10 are part of the daily management. These crucial activities shall guarantee a coordinated approach for the strategic implementation of PA 10 with the member of the Steering Group and within the Priority Coordination and the on-going financing and measurement of progress of PAC 10.

Activities in regard to communication and publicity such as up-dating the website and social media channels, the production of print material, the drafting of regular newsletters of presentations at relevant conferences and events shall enhance the visibility of PA 10 and its activities. Enhancing visibility broadens the network of potential cooperation partners, facilitates further project



development as well as improving the embedding of PA 10 in relevant networks and policy instruments.

WP 1 further includes the participation in events of the EUSDR governance such as PAC Meetings, meetings and seminars organised by the DSP or the EUSDR Annual Forum to assess and discuss progress, concrete opportunities and challenges of the EUSDR as well as to further develop targets and actions.

Work Package 2: Policy Development of the PA

Summary Description of WP 2

WP 2 addresses the lack of know-how and overview regarding good practices for both capacity-building in public administration and approaches of Multi-Level-Governance that involve civil society.

PA 10 aims at providing strategic guidance related to approaches for the involvement of civil society in public governance, good practices for sound public administration and areas of cooperation for metropolitan regions for stakeholders from public administration and civil society.

PA 10 therefore takes part in a drafting group with representatives from civil society, academia and Macro-regional Strategies (MRS) to jointly develop a White Book on Civil Society in 2017.

Based on an overview of good practices (exposé) on sound local and regional public administration and a conference that brings together representatives from public administration and organisations active in the field of institutional capacity building, PA 10 develops a White Book on sound public management.

WP 2 also includes the drafting of a policy paper on metropolitan region. The policy paper will be based on a study that assesses good practices of functional metropolitan regions in Europe as well as on the inputs from stakeholders in the area of (cross-border) regional development (e.g. CoR, CEMR, cities and municipalities in border regions).

Outputs WP 2

- White Book for sound public administration
- Policy Paper on Metropolitan Regions

Work Package 3: Cooperation and Coordination of the PA

Summary Description of WP 3

WP 3 aims at providing platforms for exchange of information and networking for better cooperation and coordination of the implementation of PA 10's targets. The outputs and activities of WP 3 seek to enhance know-how on capacity-building in public administration through exchanging good-practices and opportunities for cooperation. WP3 also provides a platform that links civil society and public administration and a platform that addresses the alignment of available funds with EUSDR targets. Last but not least, WP 3 addresses the need to stronger empowerment of the youth in the Danube Region to enhance cooperation. Thus, PA 10 seeks to establish a framework for better investment in institutional capacities that links two activities: establishing a network for investment in institutional capacity that includes ESIF in the Danube Region and the Donors' Conference that addresses



international and regional organisations (World Bank, GIZ) in order to better coordinate their funding with special regard to the non-EU countries of the Danube Region.

The Participation Day Framework serves as a platform that links civil society and local/regional public administration as well as local governments to enhance joint cooperation as well as the implementation of participatory governance approaches in the Danube Region. It also serves as a platform to present the White Book on Civil Society and to assess opportunities for its implementation. The framework links stakeholders from all over the Danube Region and can be further applied at national or regional level as national hearings.

The objective of the Bled Strategic Forum Framework is to increase know-how for public administration and facilitate cooperation. Hence, the framework will be implemented with two basic activities: the Bled Strategic Forum that facilitates exchange good practices to current challenges and the Young Danube Experts' Forum that serves as a platform for young experts to explore opportunities for cooperation.

Outputs WP 3:

- Framework for investment in institutional capacity
- EUSDR Participation Day Framework
- Bled Strategic Forum Framework

Work Package 4: EUSDR strategic Projects and other Projects of the PA

Summary Description of WP 4

WP 4 seeks to enhance project development related to institutional capacities and cooperation in the Danube Region. Therefore, the outputs refer to the support of strategic projects as well as to providing access to information and consultation.

The preparation of the strategic project D-CAHT shall facilitate the formation of the project partnership and project development. At the same time, PA 10 will draft up-to-date policy guidelines on the protection of victim's rights related to trafficking in human beings (THB) that will be published in order to facilitate further project development outside of the partnership.

The Project Consultation framework provides comprehensive project consultation for strategic projects as well as to other projects related to institutional capacity-building. In regard to strategic projects, PA 10 seeks to accompany the project development and implantation and ensures compliance with the targets of the EUSDR/PA 10. Complementary to the project consultations provided by the transnational programmes and National Contact Points, PA 10 aims at providing consultation targeted to PA 10-projects in cooperation with the Managing Authorities of the Interreg programmes. Last but not least, WP 4 contains a framework on enhancing civic engagement that aims at empowering young entrepreneurs and start-ups. The framework aims at better coordination and cultural exchange of young entrepreneurs to facilitate cooperation and development.

Outputs WP 4:

- Project on Fighting Human Trafficking (D-CAHT)
- Project Consultation Framework
- Framework on enhancing civic engagement