

Status and Perspectives of the Danube Local Actors Platform

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PA10 approach to civil society involvement

- Principles of **subsidiarity**, **transparency** and **participation**
- Policies should take place *where people live*
- Measures should be tailor-made (place-based approach)
- Civil society involvement is crucial with regards to
 - Project & policy development
 - Transparency, participation, legitimacy
 - Enlargement and ENP
 - Expertise
 - Institutional memory & capacity/governance
 - Strengthening democratic structures in transformation countries
 - Establishing a „macro-regional public sphere“

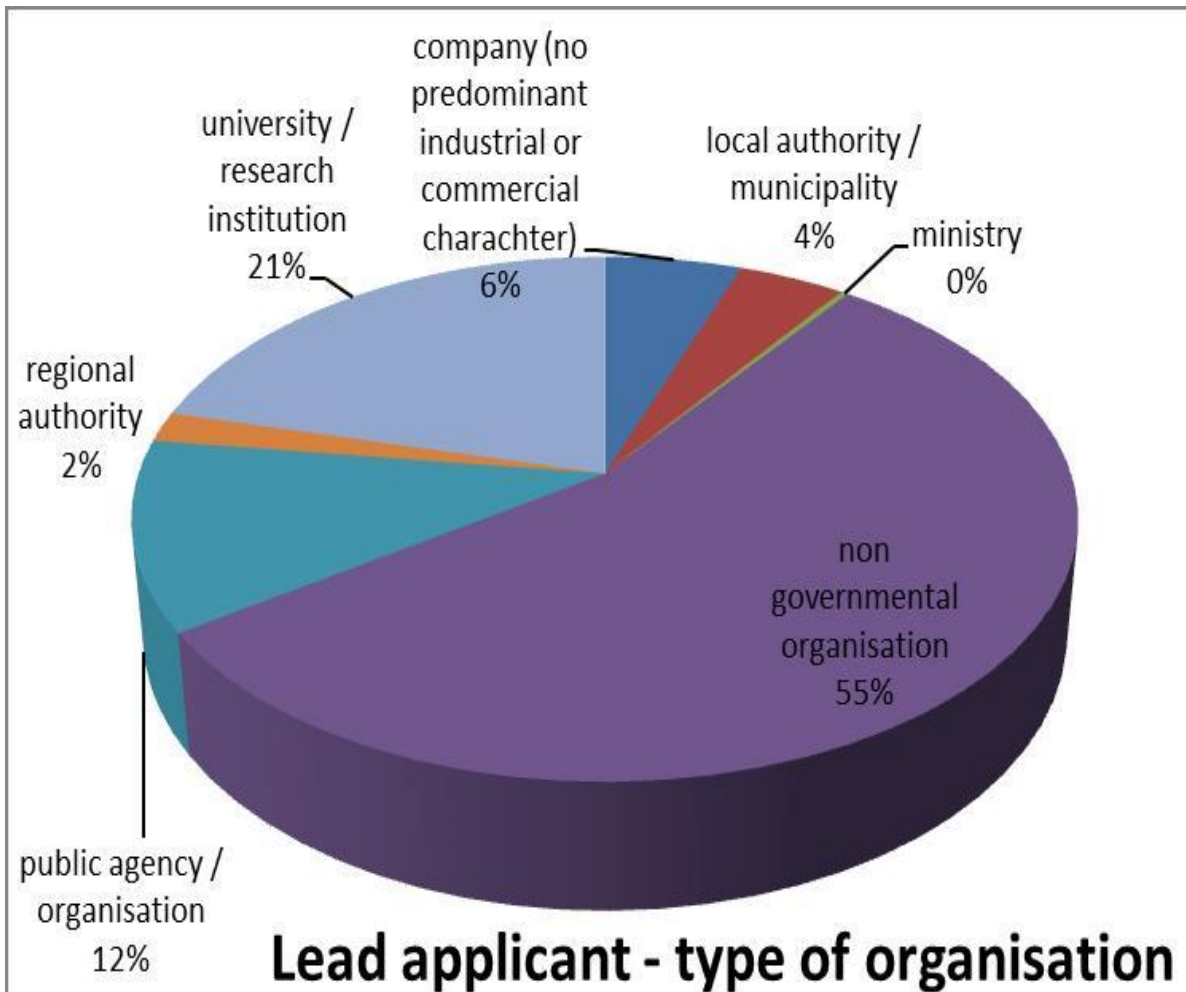
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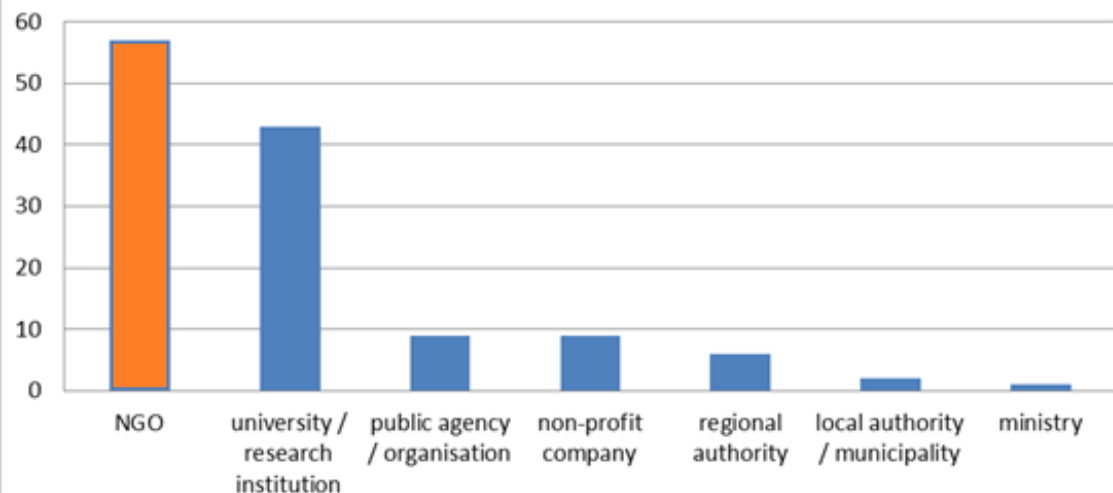
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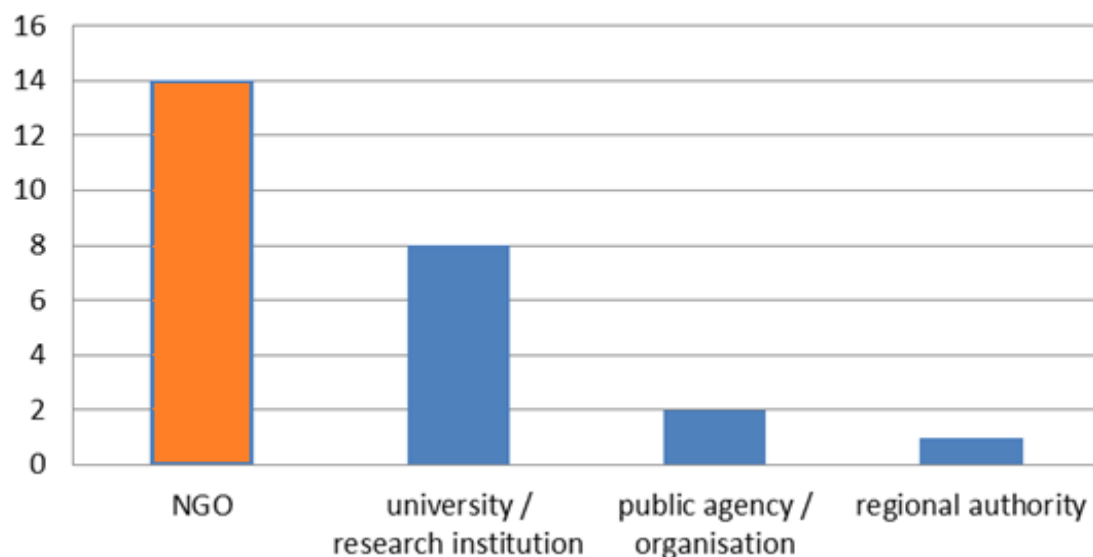


EUSDR- Pilot Project START (I)

Project partner organisations (incl. LP)



Lead Partner organisations



**EUSDR-
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Basis for civil society involvement in the EUSDR



- **EU principles** (i.a. art. 11 TEU)
- Multi-level Governance
- **Action Plan** of the EUSDR (12/2010): civil society as key topic of PA10
 - Involvement of EESC and EP
 - Improving the information exchange on all levels
- **EC communication** on EUSDR Governance (07/2014): Proposal for a „a strong involvement of civil society and consultative networks or platforms in the project activities, taking in consideration the importance of partners in ensuring good quality projects“
- **EP-Study** (01/2015) „New Role of Macro-Regions in European Territorial Cooperation“: Civil society actors are included throughout the Strategy, in stakeholder seminars, SGs or the Annual Forum, and are addressed in particular in the Priority Area 10 on “Institutional Capacity”.

Recent developments

- June 2015
 - Meeting with EESC, contribution on EUSDR in ECOSOC
- September 2015
 - PA10 to coordinate Working Group within ARGE Donauländer
 - 2 Conferences on Human Trafficking with EC representation/PA11
- October 2015
 - EEAS project civil society and EUSDR, final meeting in Odesa
 - National Hearing in Novi Sad
 - 2nd Participation Day of the EUSDR
 - Civil Society involvement as horizontal topic of EU Enlargement Strategy, 25 Years Interreg, simplification of ESIF

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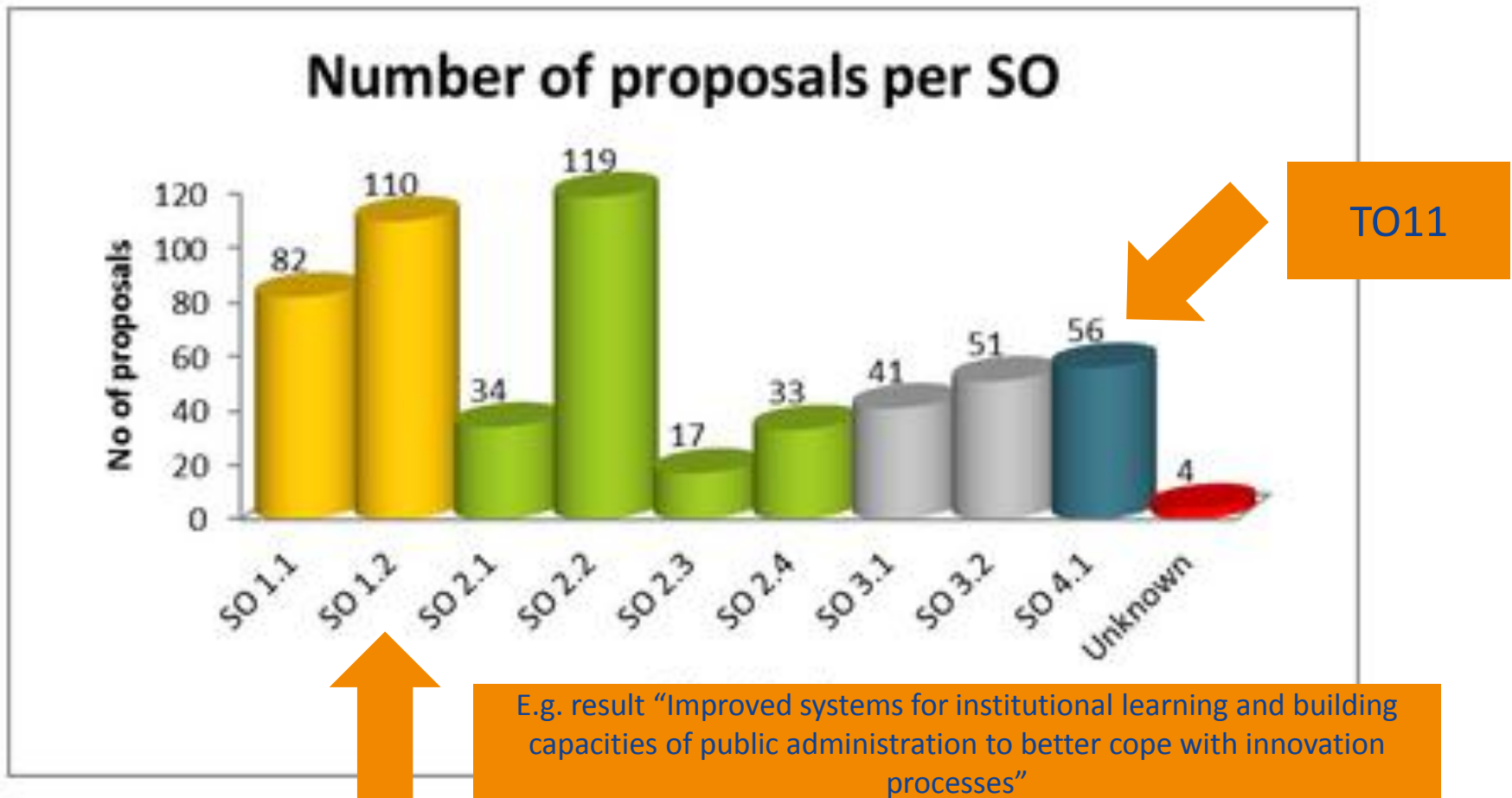
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- 27 November: GAC Urban Agenda → Meeting in Luxembourg, CoDCR/UPDR contributed to public consultation procedure
- Conference „Future of Cities“ in Ljubljana, presentation of the Smart City concept Vienna and EUSDR by PA10
- CoDCR meeting in Ulm
- Urban/regional workshop within AF in Ulm, including PA10 Project development (e.g. CCR or B-CAP), with DG Regio, ARGE Donauländer, CoDCR, PAC2
- PA10 participates in Task Force for Roma Integration of Eurocities and respective initiatives by DG EMPL, joint project development with GIZ Stuttgart
- Challenge to make UPDR work

Upcoming Activities/meetings

- Support strategic project development
- Reinforce cooperation with Eurocities, CoR
- Next meeting of CoDCR on 9-10 February 2016 in Bratislava, with new incentives („Danube Commissioner“)
- Ensure urban dimension within the EUSDR, Bring EU2020/EUSDR/SEE2020 etc. on the ground
- Specific focus on small and medium-sized cities
- Ensure social dimension of the EUSDR, focus on citizens

Danube Programme



TO11 translated into OPs

State	TO11 considered	Fund	Programme	Total Budget	Solely TO11
AT	-				
BG	+	ESF	Good Governance	336 Mio	Yes
		ESF	Human Ressources Development	1,1 Bio	No
CZ	+	ERDF	Integrated Regional Operational Programme (IROP)	5,4 Bio	No
	+	ESF YEI	Employment	2,6 Bio	No
DE	-				
HR	+	ESF YEI	Efficient Human Ressources	1,8 Bio	No
HU	+	ERDF ESF	Central Hungary	927 Mio	No
RO	+	ESF	Administrative Capacity	658 Mio	Yes
SI	+	ERDF ESF CF YEI	Implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy	3,8 Bio	No
SK	+	ESF	Effective Public Administration	335 Mio	Yes

Activities of PA10 in 2016

Dec 2015	February	April	May	June	October	November
AC meeting, D-LAP, Dec 9, Vienna	IPA II workshop, Ljubljana	10th SG meeting, Sarajevo, BiH	Writing Strategic Documents workshop, Ljubljana	Governance Hub Conference, Jun 23-24, Vienna	Audit of IPA Funds workshop, Ljubljana	3rd participation Day, Nov 2-3, Bratislava
	AC meeting, D-CAP, Ljubljana	AC meeting, D-FIP		AC meeting, D-CAP, Vienna		5th Annual Forum of the EUSDR, Nov 3-4, Bratislava
	CoDCR Conference, Feb9-10, Vienna	AC UPDR (spring)	Danube Financing Dialogue, May 23-24, Bratislava			11th SG meeting, Bucharest, Romania (autumn)
				Fundamental Rights Forum, Jun 20-23, Vienna		AC meeting, D-LAP (autumn)