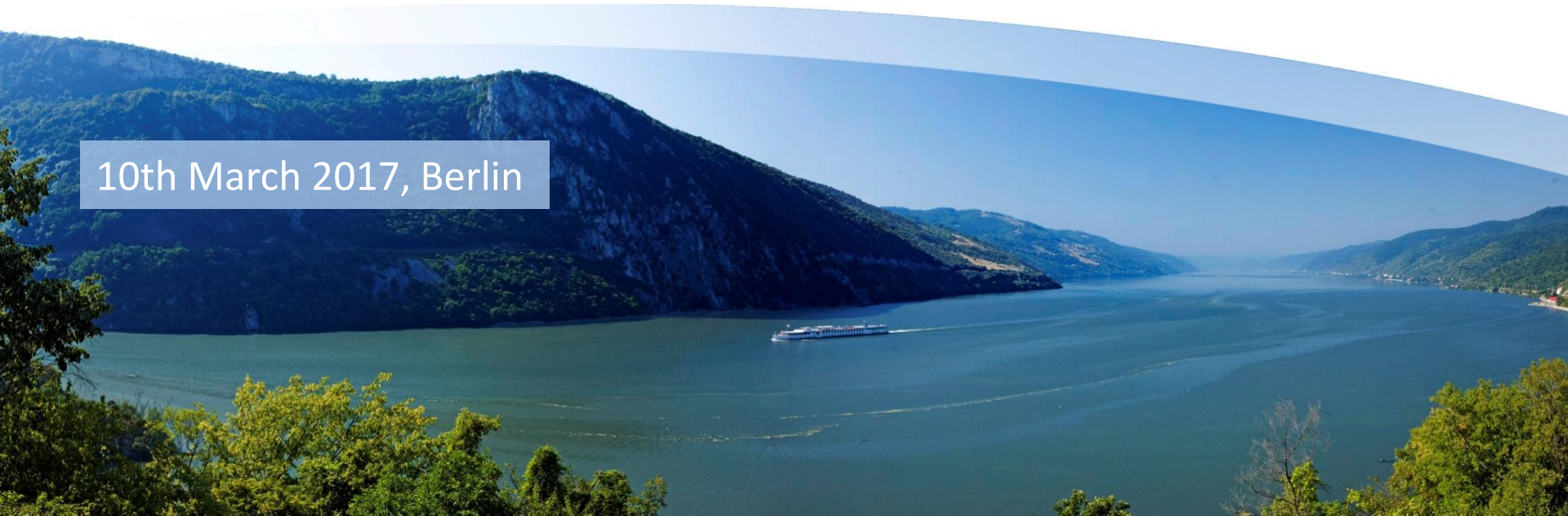


# Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)

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## Pilot Initiatives

1. Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects (TAF-DRP)



2. START – Danube Region Project Fund



3. Danube Financing Dialogue (DFD)



4. EuroAccess Danube Region



# EuroAccess

Danube Region

Online Search Tool for EU-Funds in the Danube Region  
An initiative of PAC10

[www.danube-euroaccess.eu](http://www.danube-euroaccess.eu)

EU projects, together it's easy.



[www.eurovienna.at](http://www.eurovienna.at)



# 1. What is the Danube Strategic Project Fund?

- A new facility aiming at supporting the **implementation of transnational strategic projects** aligned with the **objectives of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)**
- Has specific added value at the interfaces between **cohesion and enlargement/ neighbourhood policy**
- Is co-financed by the **European Commission: 97%** and the **City of Vienna 3%**



# 1. What is the Danube Strategic Project Fund?

- Lasts from **01.09.2016 – 31.08.2019** (36 months)
- primarily focuses on **innovative pre-mature projects** which could not be funded so far
- provides support **for projects and initiatives which do not fit into another program** or funding scheme



# 1. What is the Danube Strategic Project Fund?

- Have a **strategic dimension**, especially in view of Enlargement and Neighbourhood policies;
- Include **cross-cutting** and/or **horizontal measures** covering several Priority Areas of the Strategy;
- Have connections and/or spill-over effects in the territory covered by **the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region**

# 1. What is the Danube Strategic Project Fund?

- Follow a **multi-level governance approach**;
- Support the establishment of **economic and social cooperation**;
- **Foster integration** and reconciliation of Danube countries, with a particular focus on the role of **young people**



# 1. What is the Danube Strategic Project Fund?

- **National, regional and local authorities;**
- **SMEs or start-ups;**
- **Academies and Universities** (in particular applied research and development units);
- **Associations and social partners.**





## Financial Support to DSPF projects?

- Min **€ 70.000, 00** - Max **€ 100.000,00** / project
- **DSPF Co-financing** rate between **50%** and **90%**
- **Total Budget** of the DSPF: Max. **€ 969.000,00**



## Duration of DSPF

- Approx. **10-12** projects will be supported
- **12** months duration

## 2. Involved bodies and their Role

- **Managing Authority**
- **Implementing Body**
- **Project Managers**
- **Advisory Board**
- **DSPF Jury**



### Managing Authority:

**EUSDR Priority Area Coordinator 10/City of Vienna**

In close cooperation with EC-DG Regio

### Implementing Body:

**EuroVienna** – affiliated entity to PAC 10 Vienna

- Will conduct a **formal check** of received applications (on technical eligibility criteria)
- Will act as **contracting body** to the Lead Partners of the selected DSPF project

## Advisory Board

The AB is composed of experts **strongly involved in the macro region EUSDR and/or in the process of enlargement and neighbourhood policies.**

The AB has the following main responsibilities:

- Making recommendations for **selection criteria for DSPF projects** to be considered by the Jury
- Making **recommendations for setting up the DSPF selection Jury**
- Making **recommendations of forwarding a limited number of DSPF project applications** to the Jury (pre-assessment)



## DSPF Jury

The members of the Jury are composed by EC-DG Regio, PAC 10 and experts nominated by the Advisory Board. The jury makes final decision on the **DSPF projects** that will receive funding through the initiative.

## 3. Application and Selection Process

### Application Procedure

- (1) PACs and their Steering Groups invite potential DSPF applicants to submit project proposals.
- (2) Applicants submit their application to the PAC
- (3) Applications received by the PACs are forwarded to the IB for formal check

## 3. Application and Selection Process

### Selection Procedure

- (4) Formal check by the IB (completeness of the application, compliance with technical eligibility criteria)
- (5) Pre-assessment by the Advisory Board (AB) members -> list of 15 best projects
- (6) Refinement of best applications / Elaboration of detailed project concept and budget plan with IB (for the 15 best projects)
- (7) Selection by the Jury among the 15 best projects – final decision





## 4. Draft Timeline of the initiative

Activity	Timeframe
Setting up the application & selection procedure	<b>End of Oct. 2016</b>
Communication to PACs and SGs	<b>Mid Nov. 2016</b>
Application phase	<b>End of Nov. 2016 – Feb. 2017</b>
<u>Assessment of applications - 1st step:</u> (formal check, pre-assessment by Advisory Board)	<b>Feb. – May 2017</b>
<u>Refinement of best applications – 2nd step:</u> (more detailed project descriptions & project budget plan)	<b>May – August 2017</b>
Project selection by DSPF Jury	<b>August/Sept. 2017</b>
Project Implementation	<b>Oct. 2017 – August 2018 (Dec. 2018)</b>

## 5. Applications delivered via PACs

PA	Submission date	Number of total applications	No of applications approved by PAC & SGs as relevant for PA and EUSDR & Formal Check conducted	documentation template sent	Comment
PA1a	n.a.	0	0	NO	no applications received from PA1a
PA1b	24.02.2017	1	1	YES	ok
PA02	03.03.2017	2	2	YES	documentation very short, but ok
PA03	02.03.2017	12	5	YES	assessment template sent on 07.03.2017 --> best of 5
PA04	03.03.2017	4	4	YES	
PA05	02.03.2017	1	1	YES	ok
PA06	02.03.2017	3	3	YES	
PA07	03.03.2017	6	4	YES	2 proposals rejected (1 not really addressed to PA07, 1 to much focus on EUSAIR) = 6
PA08	03.03.2017	3	3	YES	Template requested on 03.03.2017, received on 07.03.2017
PA09	03.03.2017	14	8	YES	4 best applications, another 4 good applications, 6 not relevant applications
PA10	06.03.2017	9	5	YES	best of 5
PA11	02.03.2017	1	1	YES	
<b>Total</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	

## 6. Applications delivered via PAC 10

Application No. (No.-PA)	Project Acronym	Project Title	Priorities of PA /EUSDR / DSPF addressed	Country LP	Country PP1	Country PP2	Country PP3	PA 10 Recommendations (PAC)
01-PA10	DeProNelm	The strengthening of new possibilities for improvement of public service regarding self-employment of the youth and fostering new models for local financing of youth self-employment in the Balkan Danube Region	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 09 - People and Skills PA 07 - Knowledge Society	Croatia	Croatia	Bosnia and Herzegovina		NO
02-PA10	GoWTF	Go With The Flow: Gamification of Learning about EUSDR	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 07 - Knowledge Society PA 09 - People and Skills	Slovenia	Serbia	Slovakia		YES
03-PA10	SECCo 2	Youth for cross-border partnership and cohesion of EUSDR and EUSAIR	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b>	Hungary	Germany	Italy	Serbia	YES
04-PA10	DRD	Danube Regional Dialogues	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 1A - Mobility / Waterways PA 09 - People and Skills	Austria	Serbia	Romania		YES
05-PA10	To DANEP	Towards a Danube EU Platform	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 02 - Energy	Slovakia	Serbia	Montenegro	Moldova	NO
06-PA10	EUSDR Umwelt	Fostering European Neighbourhood Countries' involvement in the EUSDR through increasing institutional capacity of Ukraine and Moldova	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 03 - Culture and Tourism PA 04 - Water Quality	Ukraine	Moldova	Austria		YES
07-PA10	LSI ANI	Local self-government integrity assurance network initialization	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b>	Serbia	Austria	Serbia	Montenegro	NO
08-PA10	CFMEEDR	The Constitution and Financing of Municipalities in the Eastern European Danube Region	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 08 - Competitiveness	Austria	Croatia	Bulgaria		YES
09-PA10	CB 4 PM&QM	Project Management approach to the capacity building of territorial communities	<b>PA 10 - Institutional Capacity and Cooperation</b> PA 09 - People and Skills	Ukraine	Slovakia			NO

## 6. Applications delivered via PAC 10

- 9 Applications
- Lead partners from 7 countries
- Partners from all 14 countries (1 non EUSDR-country; no CZ-partner)
- PAC 10 prioritized 5 projects and SG adopted by written procedure:

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(Croatia prioritized also project 01-PA10)

## 7. Next Steps of Assessment

- Implementing Body (IB) makes the formal check and prepares for
- pre-assessment by Advisory Board, prop. 19<sup>th</sup> week 2017

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