

# Online Meeting of the EUSDR PA 10 D-LAP

Online, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020



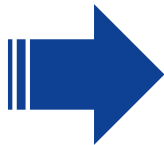
# EMBEDDING EUSDR INTO STRUCTURAL AND COHESION FUNDS



# INTRODUCTION

## Why embedding?

- Great opportunity for the EUSDR in relevant references of the proposal by the COM for a new CPR, ERDF regulations as well as regulations relevant for IPA III and NDICI
  - make the breakthrough needed for delivering what is expected from the EUSDR
  - necessity to include macro-regional priorities – jointly agreed by all participating countries of the EUSDR
  - identify challenges with macro-regional relevance



Upgrading the level of coordination among countries, notably among national/regional authorities responsible for ESIF, IPA and NDICI planning and programming

# THE EMBEDDING STARTED WITH A 4 STEPS PROCESS

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting:** Initial steps  
at **EUSDR EMB-DR  
Task Force Workshop**  
(national level):

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020,  
Vienna**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:** Further  
steps at **EUSDR NCs  
EMB-DR TF Meeting:**  
**20<sup>th</sup> February 2020,  
Brussels** (within ECs  
*First EU Macro-Regional  
Strategies Week*

NC/PAC agreement on the embedding process under the  
HR EUSDR PCY supported by the DSP

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:**  
Presentation and  
Discussion at **PAC  
Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 2020, Zagreb**

Presentation and  
Discussion of the results  
**End of April/Beginning  
of May** at Joint NC/PAC  
meeting in Zagreb

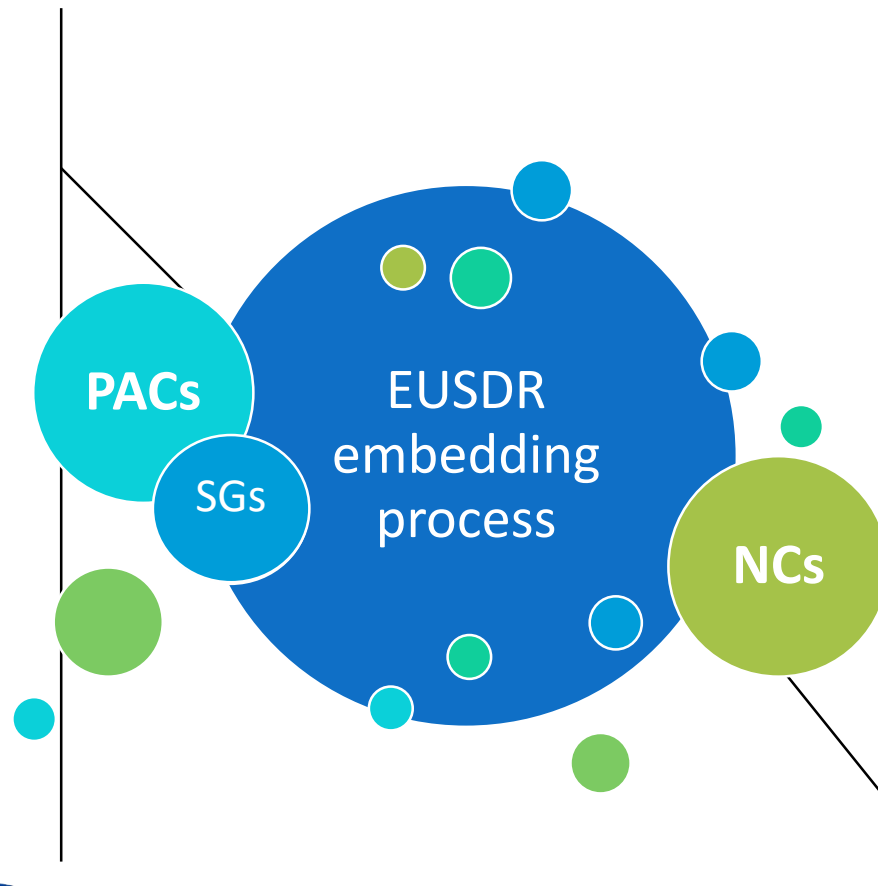
# MAIN FINDINGS

- The revised **EUSDR Action Plan** (with all 85 actions) **would be hard to utilize** in the embedding process. Hence, **strategic topics** of PAs are to be generated based on a **common denominator**.
- Identified strategic topics would be part of the **embedding process at national/regional level** and on the same time, they would also be considered as **fundable topics for the DTP 2<sup>nd</sup> Seed Money Facility (SMF) Call**.
- **Difference must be made** between the **programming and implementing phases** as programming addresses topics and only during the implementing phase projects are to be discussed (later stage).

# PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION I

**PACs** play a key role in identifying and thematically and contextually designing the strategic topics.

→ Swiftly agree on the concise strategic topics within the 2021-2027 planning and programming process, in order to allow a targeted embedding



**NCs** are key actors for the embedding process in each participating country  
→ coordinate with the authorities responsible for the ESI, IPA and NDICI funds  
→ identify areas of cooperation with respective national/regional line ministries



# PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION II

- I. **Based on the new Action Plan, PACs are to propose a shortlist of up to three strategic topics (per PA) to be included in the relevant national/regional operational programmes.**
  - Proposed timing: **4 May 2020**
- II. **The NCs in agreement with the PACs approve the shortlist of strategic topics.**
  - Proposed timing: next NC/PAC meeting (due to current situation to be rescheduled). **The HR EUSDR PCY & DSP are searching for alternative solution – online meeting.**

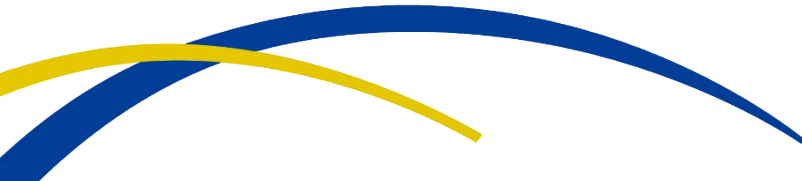
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**III. NCs are asked to convene meetings in their countries as soon as possible with the managing authorities responsible for the strategic planning and programming of the ESI/IPA/NDICI funds and other relevant stakeholders.**

➤ Proposed timing: ongoing process

**IV. Raising awareness on national level through organisation of thematic events**

➤ Proposed timing: ongoing process





# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OF THE HR PCY

## Guidance Paper for Embedding of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) into EU Programmes

March 2020

### 1. Introduction

The relevant references of the proposal by the COM for a new CFR, ERDF regulations as well as regulations relevant for IPA III and NDICI and their implementing regulations, represent a great opportunity for the EUSDR to make the breakthrough needed for delivering what is expected from it. It recognises the necessity to include macro-regional priorities – jointly agreed by all participating countries of the EUSDR – in the ESIF, IPA and NDICI 2021-2027 planning and programming documents from the very beginning, and to identify challenges with macro-regional relevance. This requires a high level of coordination among countries, notably among national/regional authorities, in the NDICI planning and programming.

## Guidance Paper for Embedding of the EUSDR into EU Programmes

**Comprehensive instructions** for the embedding process including: **Annex A: Selection of strategic topics** – a table that has to be filled in providing up to three strategic topics (per PA) and all relevant information requested.

**Comprehensive table** to support PACs in their selection of strategic topics. The table can also be used by NCs approaching the MAs responsible for the strategic planning and programming of the ESIF/IPA/NDICI funds .

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## Sources for content of EU funding instruments

developed in the context of the embedding of the EUSDR into  
seen as a rolling document of the embedding process.

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yn common provisions on the European Regional Develop  
s, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and  
for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal  
Instrument of the European Commission as

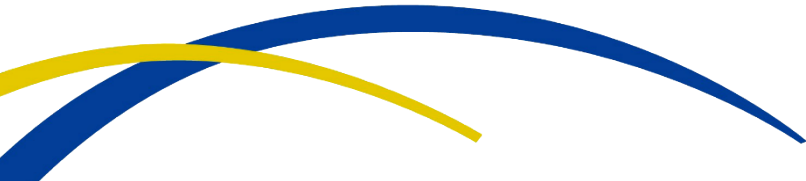
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**Comprehensive summary** to support  
PACs in their selection of strategic  
topics and NCs in approaching the  
MAs.

The underlying document is the CPR  
Proposal of the European Commission  
as of May 2018 (COM(2018) 375 final).

# FINAL REMARKS

- The documents/tools were developed in the context of the embedding of the EUSDR into EU funds and should therefore be seen as rolling documents/tools of the embedding process.
- The whole exercise must be considered and implemented as a dynamic process and will continue until the final drafting and submission of the relevant Partnership Agreement and IPA/NDICI programming framework to the COM. As soon as a final version is available, the documents/tools will be updated and sent out.
- The EUSDR National Coordinators should be considered in every country as indispensable partners during the drafting of relevant Partnership Agreement and IPA/NDICI programmes.





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

**QUESTIONS?**

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