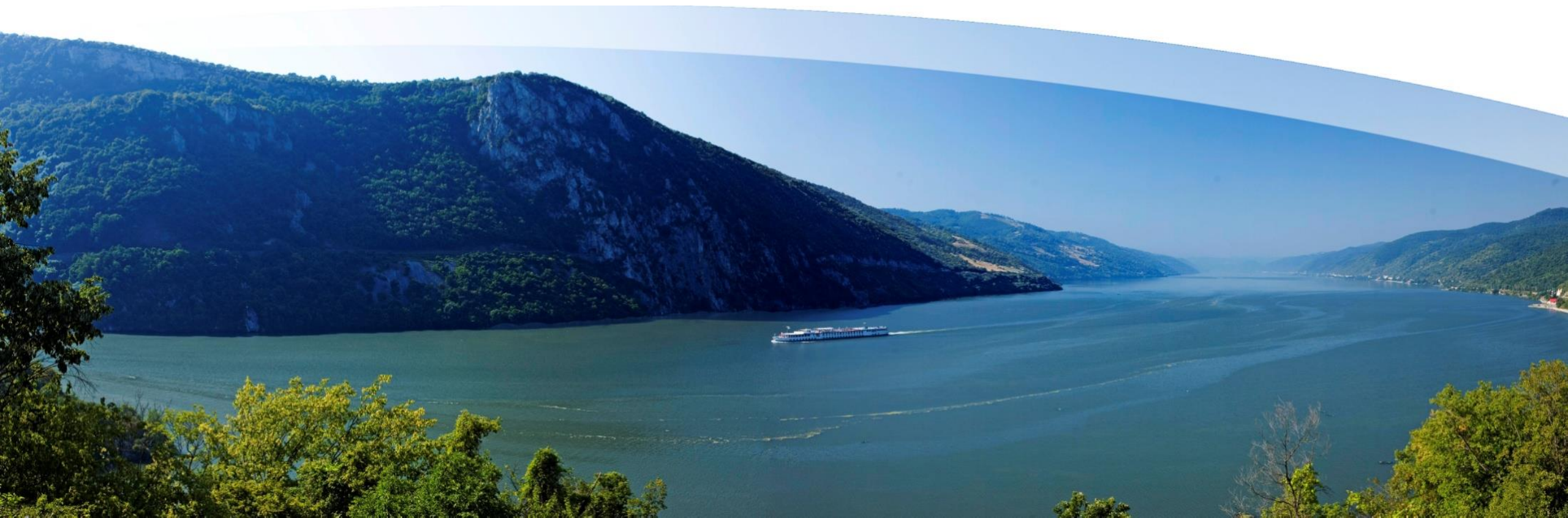




22nd PA 10 Steering Group Meeting

Vienna | 31 May 2022



Network of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region



How are we operating?



Developing a
joint vision



Defining topics for
joint cooperation



Sharing good practices
& developing ideas



Policy Learning in
competence centre for
social innovation (SI Plus)



Exploring modes of
cooperation



Transnational partner
network (incl. Non-
EU member states)

Network of ESF+ Managing Authorities | Joint Topics



Women in the
Labour Market



Digitalisation



Vocational Training



Social
Entrepreneurship



Inclusion of Roma/
Vulnerable Groups



Ageing Population



Life-long Learning



Social Innovation

How can transnational cooperation in the ESF+ contribute to the actions of Priority Area 10?



Social Innovation



ACTION 1: To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services



Inclusion of Roma/
Vulnerable Groups



ACTION 2: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions

ACTION 8: To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

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Digitalisation



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Social
Entrepreneurship



Projects that contribute to institutional capacity building and improvement of public services (addressing local public administrations and the involvement of civil society organisations)



Vocational Training



Life-long Learning



Select topics for good practice exchange/define thematic priorities for implementation



Enhance transnational expertise in the area of social innovation through mutual learning and breaks down research results into practical approaches and tools for practitioners in Social Innovation Plus – Competence Centres (SI PLUS)



Explore and coordinate feasible modes of organising and implementing transnational cooperation/coordination in the ESF+ (e.g. joint text module for Operational Programmes on MRS cooperation; capitalisation measures; coordinated call options etc.



Involve stakeholders from non-EU countries to strengthen mutual learning and social cohesion in the Danube Region

Next steps

10th Meeting of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region
4 – 5 July 2022 | Vienna

Aim

- Updating the state of programming in the national ESF+ Operational Programmes;
- Discussing concrete topics of cooperation;
- Exploring measures to support cooperation in the Danube Region;
- Exchanging on good practice initiatives.

<https://capacitycooperation.danube-region.eu/esf-network-danube-region/>

EUSDR Flagship projects



Corner stones of EUSDR Flagship projects

Characteristics (Criteria)

Types of Initiatives

Implementation Status

Characteristics (Criteria)



Connection to EU Danube Strategy



Macro-regional dimension



Multi-level Governance

Types of Initiatives



Project



Process



Network



Platform

Implementation Status



Planning/Preparatory Phase



Implementation



Completed

Proposals for Flagship Projects

Participation Days



The Participation Days provide a platform for representatives from public authorities and civil society organisations to develop ways of cooperation. In doing so, the Participation Days offer a unique opportunity to align projects and initiatives with the Danube Strategy's objectives and actions.



ACTION 6: To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors to enhance well-being for the inhabitants of the Danube Region

Smart Villages (SMART ERA)



The Smart Village approach aims at unlocking the potential of local actors to make their region a more attractive place to live and work. The SMART ERA project proposal takes the approach to the next level through cross-macroregional cooperation by enhancing knowledge exchange and political awareness.



ACTION 8: To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

Danube Youth Network

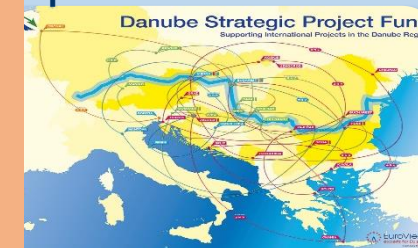


The Danube Youth Network aims at forming a transnational, trans-sectorial, self-organized youth network in the Danube region for participation, creativity and responsibility. The initiative is about strengthening young people's skills for participation and co-creation to address issues in an open space.



ACTION 7: To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region

Danube Strategic Project Fund | START



The Danube Strategic Project Fund as well as START are a funding facility aiming at supporting the implementation of transnational strategic projects aligned with the objective of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). Both funds supported small-scale projects and the preparation of large-scale investments.



ACTION 5: To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)





Danube Participation Day



Activities of the Priority Area 10 Coordination 2023+



Framework conditions

Budget

Call	Maximum budget EU contribution	Maximum budget total
PAC (maximum/ PA/ 6 years)	600 000,00	750 000,00

Project Duration

6 years
(detailed 2-years workplan)

Specific Objectives

- To coordinate Steering Groups and to develop activities for a better involvement of the Steering Group Members in the Priority Areas' activities for implementing the EUSDR Action Plan; providing coordinated support to EUSDR monitoring and evaluation.
- To facilitate the embedding of the EUSDR into EU-funded programmes
- To support policy development and policy initiatives as well as usage of cutting-edge knowledge (EU/ international, as appropriate).
- To enhance coordination between core PA stakeholders and to encourage their involvement in the implementation and updating of the EUSDR
- To facilitate on-going projects and development of future projects for the Priority Area, specifically project generation, partner search and identification of funding opportunities for the Priority Area stakeholders.

Activities

- Coordination of the Steering Group
- Network of ESF+ Managing Authorities in the Danube Region
- Danube Local Actors Platform/Danube Participation Days
- (Young) Bled Strategic Forum
- Additional activities to strengthen the implementation of thematic priorities

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

ACTION 1: To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services

TARGET 1.1: Building capacities for efficient, effective and transparent public administration through e-Government/digitalisation of public services.

TARGET 1.2: Developing policy guidance for co-designing policies at all levels in the Danube Region.

ACTION 2: To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions

TARGET 2: Establishing structures to contribute to the facilitation of cross-border capacity building and cooperation through facilities such as cooperation platforms, knowledge transfer, and project development for cross-border public services.

FUNDING

ACTION 3: To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and Invest EU

TARGET 3: Building capacities on funding possibilities at international, EU, national, regional, and local level and transnational project implementation through regular consultation formats (in synergy with the EuroAccess MacroRegion initiative).

ACTION 4: To support better coordination of funding

TARGET 4: Continue and strengthen the exchange between the EUSDR and funding instruments in the Danube Region on transnational/macro-regional cooperation through network meetings at least once a year.

ACTION 5: To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)

TARGET 5: Developing at least one innovative funding instrument with a particular focus on needs of local actors and civil society.

PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL ACTORS

ACTION 6: To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors to enhance well-being for the inhabitants of the Danube Region

TARGET 6: Encouraging all EUSDR partner countries to involve national, regional and local authorities, as well as civil society organisations and further relevant stakeholders in the communication and implementation of the EUSDR through implementing national/regional Participation Days.

ACTION 7: To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region

TARGET 7.1: Supporting the empowerment of young people for participation in the development of the Danube Region through strategic guidance and the implementation of macro-regional networks.

TARGET 7.2: Building capacities on participatory governance and involvement of civil society and local actors in cooperation with the Danube Local Actors Platform, the Danube Civil Society Forum, and/or further experts and stakeholders.

ACTION 8: To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development

TARGET 8.1: Implementing a Network “Empowerment Roma” together with Priority Area 9 (through at least one stakeholder meeting per year)

TARGET 8.2: Implementing a Network on “Fighting Trafficking in Human Beings” together with Priority Area 11 (through at least one stakeholder meeting per year)

Additional activities to strengthen the implementation of thematic priorities

- Thematic prioritisations in accordance with PA 10 Actions & Targets
- Cross-PA dimension
- Cross-MRS dimension

Topics

eGovernment/digitalisation | Cross-border (Public) Services | Smart Villages | Participatory Governance | Innovative Funding | Roma Inclusion | Fighting Trafficking in Human Beings | National Participation Days

Services for Steering Group members & needs assessment



Services for Steering Group members



Communication



Collaboration

Communication

Do you feel that the communication with the PA coordination is sufficient?

How do you rate the access to information on the progress/activities of the PA?

Fully sufficient



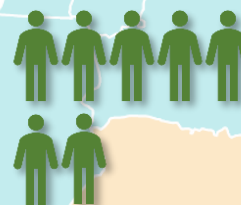
Sufficient



Fairly sufficient



Very good access



Good access



Fair access



PAC mailings

PA 10 Website

PA 10 Newsletter



PA 10 Facebook Page

PA 10 Twitter Account

Communication

Current measures



Steering Group
Meetings



Website
& Social Media



Coffee Table
Talks



Mailings &
Newsletter

Proposed measures



One on one meetings
PAC-SG members



Manual for newbies

Collaboration

Current measures



Steering Group
Meetings



Extended Steering
Group Meetings

Proposed measures



One on one meetings
PAC-SG members



Stakeholder match-
making

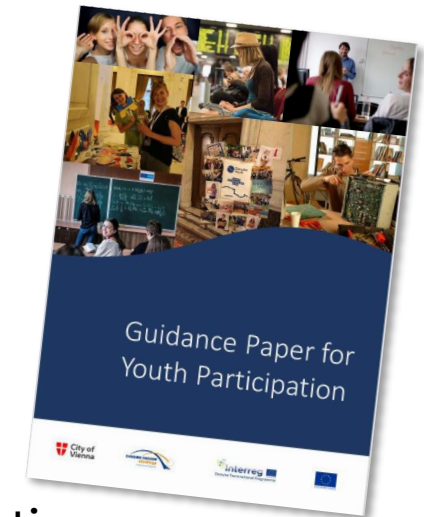


Guidance Paper for Youth Participation



Supporting Youth Participation

- The Guidance paper for Youth Participation was endorsed by the PA 10 Steering Group in February 2021
- Contribution to **ACTION 7: To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region**
 - **TARGET 7.1:** Supporting the empowerment of young people for participation in the development of the Danube Region through strategic guidance and the implementation of macro-regional networks.
- From vision to action(s) – next steps for Priority Area 10
 - Projects/initiatives to strengthen capacity building, communication, cooperation
 - Strengthening youth involvement in cooperation structures of PA 10
 - Supporting youth networks



Digitalisation & Participation



Danube Participation Day 2021 | Results

Open Government & Transparency

- Capacity building for institutional change
- Early Citizens Engagement
- Funding Schemes for Digital Participation

Trust in eGovernment & eParticipation

- Transparent Citizens Engagement
- Secure and transparent data management
- Use of data for eParticipation & eGovernment

Accessibility & Skills

- Trainings (e.g.: digital/media literacy; shaping accessible participatory procedures etc.)
- Legal frameworks
- Involving users in service/process design

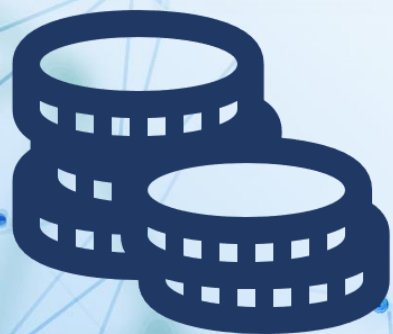
Co-Designing Policies

- Encouraging citizens engagement
- Training for public authorities
- Mutual learning initiatives/Capacity building

**Publication finalised in
summer 2022.**



Danube Participation Day 2021 | Follow-up



**Webinars on funding
& supporting tools**



**Cross-macro-regional
cooperation on
Smart Villages**



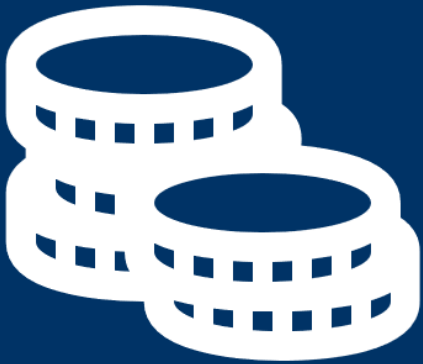
**Local Citizens
Participation**



Funding webinars



Webinar on strategic projects





Developing cooperation processes, investments & gathering data



Funding for joint actions, investments & studies



Networks, databases & good practices

