

Priority Area 10 ,Institutional Capacity & Cooperation‘

26th Steering Group Meeting

Krems | 24-25 April 2024



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.



Mutual learning activities on accessible & user-centric e-Government/capacity building



Supporting digital transition in regions and municipalities in SEE



Capitalisation activities for smart capacity building in regions and municipalities

Discussion

- Which digitalization objectives do you address in regional policy in your country?
- How can we facilitate capacity building for the digital transition?
- Which institutions/administrative levels could benefit most from macro-regional cooperation?
- What could be first steps to contribute to Priority Area 10's Action1?

Policy Objective 1:

a more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity

(ii) reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities

eGovernment/eGovernance

Programmes	AT	BG	CZ	DE	HU	SI	SK	RO	HR	ME	RS	BH	MD	UA
ERDF		X (2)	X											
ERDF –TaAC			X											
ERDF-ESF					X									
ERDF/CF/ESF						X								
ERDF/CF							X		X					
ERDF-IPA									X (2)	X	X	X		
CBC									X					

ACTION 4: TO SUPPORT BETTER COORDINATION OF FUNDING

Network for ESF+ Managing Authorities in the Danube Region



Developing a
joint vision



Defining topics for
joint cooperation



Sharing good practices
& developing ideas



Exploring modes of
cooperation



Transnational partner
network (incl.
Candidate Countries)

2016**2nd Meeting (Munich)**

- ✓ Establishing cooperation with EUSDR PA 9 „People & Skills“ & PA 10 „Institutional Capacity“
- ✓ Exchanging on common topics & technical implementation of transnational cooperation in ESF

2018**4th Meeting (Bratislava)**

- ✓ Lessons learnt from the transnational Danube Call in ESF Bulgaria (OP Human Resources)
- ✓ Exchange on transnational cooperation in ESF+ 2021-2027 with DG EMP

2020**6th & 7th Meeting (Vienna & Online)**

- ✓ Defining common EUSDR-related topics for ESF+ OPs
- ✓ Exchanging on technical questions in the implementation of TNC
- ✓ Defining next steps for exchange

2015

Joint Statement of Ulm
on Embedding 2014-2020

**1st Meeting of the ESF
Managing Authorities in
the Danube Region**
to coordinate & accompany
the embedding process

2017**3rd Meeting (Vienna)**

- ✓ Transnational Cooperation in ESF OPs 2014-2020 (incl. lessons learned from the Baltic Sea): collaborative project platforms, partner search, support from MAs & EUSDR to project promoters

2019**5th Meeting (Sofia)**

- ✓ Defining joint vision & tasks for EUSDR embedding in programming & implementation phase of ESF+ 2021-2027
- ✓ Drafting provision on EUSDR/ transnational coop. for ESF OPs

2021 - 2023**8th to 10th Meeting (Vienna & Online)**

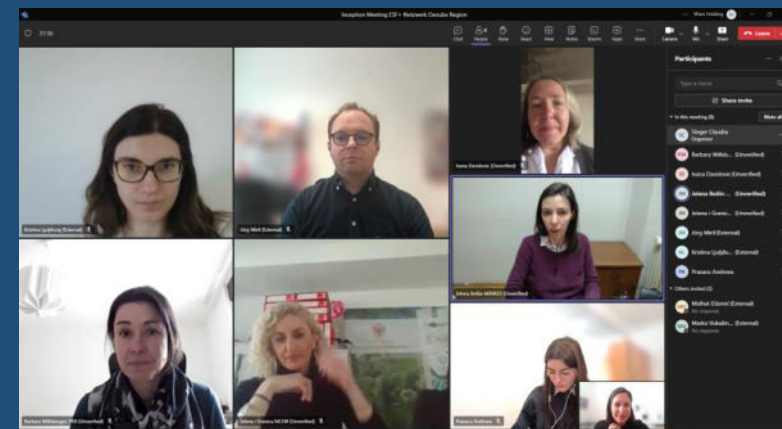
- ✓ Text Module ESF+ OPs
- ✓ Exchange status quo or Programming
- ✓ Topics for transnational cooperation



18 April 2024
Inception Meeting with IPA programme
representatives from ME & RS

May-July 2024
Interviews with IPA/NDICI representatives
from BH, UA, MD

September 2024
Meeting of the Network of ESF+ Managing
Authorities in the Danube Region in Croatia





Topics for Transnational Cooperation



Women in the
Labour Market



Digitalisation



Vocational Training



Social
Entrepreneurship



Inclusion of Roma/
Vulnerable Groups



Ageing Population



Life-long Learning



Social Innovation



- Sharing good practices in policy area such as vocational training, social innovation, social entrepreneurship, labour market inclusion etc.
- Exchange and capitalisation opportunities for projects from different countries
- Exploring options for external partners to cooperate in projects
- Discussion on future of ESF+ post 2027

**ACTION 7:
TO STRENGTHEN THE
INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL
SOCIETY AND LOCAL
ACTORS IN THE DANUBE
REGION**



11th Danube Participation Day

Creating change for successful EU enlargement - How can we work together for a sustainable, resilient, and stable transition in Ukraine and beyond?



9:00	Opening Session	On-site & Online
9:30	Panel Discussion Reflecting the past for a brighter future: Lessons learned from the pathway towards EU accession	On-site & Online
12:15	Lunch & Danube Participation Agora	On-site
13:30	Danube Participation Day Transition Labs	On-site
15:30	Sharing ideas to navigate transition: Results from the Transition Labs	On-site
16:00	Funders Talks: Boosting development in the Danube Region	On-site
16:45	Closing Session	On-site

Wednesday, 19 June 2024 | 9.00-17.00 CEST

TU the Sky Vienna | Getreidemarkt 9, 1060 Vienna

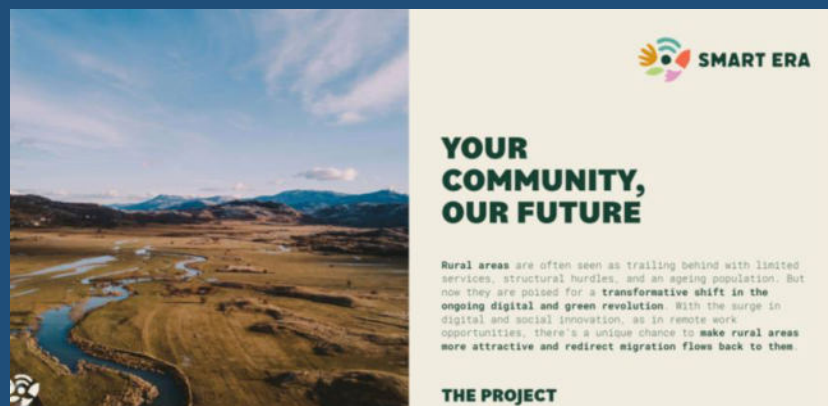
Registration: <https://danubestrategy.eu/events/11th-danube-participation-day#registration>

Discussion

- How can we increase the outreach to civil society organisations and local/regional authorities?
- What are communication measures you will do in your country to promote the Danube Participation Day?
- Do you have any organisational suggestions for the Danube Participation Day?
- What would be thematic or organizational suggestions for the Danube Participation Day 2025?

ACTION 8: TO ENHANCE CAPACITIES OF CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO FACILITATE LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cross-macro-regional network for Smart Communities



<https://smartera-project.eu/>

- 'Smartness assessment' for all 4 macro-regions
- Set-up of a cross-macro-regional network to support Smart Communities approaches
- Pilot regions in the Danube Region:
 - East Herzegovina (BH)
 - Devetaki Plateau (BG)
 - Šmarje-Padna (+EUSAIR) (SI, IT, HR)
- Call for Follower initiatives

Discussion

- Which other initiatives for smart rural development are you aware of?
- What initiatives do you plan or implement in your country that support smart development in the regions?
- Which stakeholders should we address or involve with regards to capacity building for smart rural development and/or advocacy?
- What initiatives do you plan or implement in your country that support smart development in the regions?
- How can we promote more activities in this field?

Rules of Procedure

(4) Meeting Format and Decision Making

- a) The Steering Group meets at least twice a year. Priority Area Coordinators are in charge of convening the meetings of the Steering Group. The meetings shall be organised on-site, online meetings can be organised in exceptional cases. *The organisation of hybrid meetings is optional and depends on the available resources and conditions of the organisers (Priority Area Coordination + hosting organisation) and the venue.*
- b) Electronic exchange and web-based co-ordination shall play a crucial role within the Priority Area Coordinators' and the Steering Group's communication.
- c) Decisions that the Steering Group is entitled by the EUSDR to make will be taken by consensus, which is understood as absence of objection.
- d) Decisions can be made when at least the half of the participating countries attend the Steering Group meeting.
If the Steering Group meeting is organised online or in a hybrid format, the quorum for each decision has to be confirmed at the beginning of the agenda item. The attendance of Steering Group members participating online will be qualified in the minutes accordingly.