

Cross-border healthcare

Activities in 2024

February 2024: Expert Round Table on cross-border emergency healthcare

April 2024: Study Visit at Healthacross MED Gmünd

June 2024: Event on cross-border healthcare needs RO-HU for designing future CBC programmes

Next steps

- Support for cross-border healthcare mapping
e.g.: on-going projects; strategies/roadmaps/action plans; bi-lateral agreements etc.
- Inputs/suggestions for events/activities and learning needs
e.g.: strategic project webinars, workshops/expert round tables, bi-lateral exchange, policy learning events etc.

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

Activities in cooperation with Bosnian EUSDR Presidency in 2025

Proposal:

Joint event of Bosnian and Herzegovinian 2025 EUSDR Presidency and the Republic of Croatia.

Stronger together: activities in the Danube region to adapt to climate change, fight against flood and fire hazards and cooperation in cross-border health emergencies.

When: Spring 2025

Where: Mostar (tbc)

Discussion/Brain-storming:

What can be contribute to this event?

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

Strategic Project Webinars

- ☞ Information on suitable funding for specific policies & measures by programmes & experts
- ☞ Information on current relevant policies, developments, activities, strategies in a specific policy area
- ☞ Themes of past webinars:
 - Civil society funding
 - Youth participation
 - Cross-border public services
 - Digitalisation in cities & municipalities
- ☞ Open for suggestions for future strategic project webinars!



Network of ESF+ Managing Authorities in the Danube Region

11th Meeting of the Network of ESF+ Managing Authorities

Split (HR) | 24-25 September 2024

Results:

- Kick-off of cooperation with IPA programmes dealing with social affairs, labour market & education (MD, ME, RS)
- Identifying joint policies for cooperation
Examples:
 - Vocational training; skills & qualification of young people
 - Operationalising green skills
 - Qualification & labour market inclusion
 - Quality in education
- Exploring measures for transnational cooperation in the ESF+ and potentials for policy exchange and project-level cooperation



ACTION 4: To support better coordination of funding

Activities of the network in 2025

Online Meeting

When: Beginning of 2025 (tbc)

Focus: Youth & skills; transnational cooperation; funding post-2027

12th Meeting of the Network of ESF+ Managing Authorities

Where/When: Bratislava (SK)/(Vienna) | dates to be confirmed

Connecting the PA10 Steering Group members with the members of the ESF+ Managing Authorities Network members?

More information on the Network of ESF Managing Authorities of the Danube Region:

<https://capacitycooperation.danube-region.eu/partnerships-danube-strategy-institutional-capacity/esf-network-danube-region/>



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

Danube Participation Day

Danube Participation Day 2025

Setting the framework for the Danube Participation Day

Co-designing the DPD:
EUSDR PCY/DCSF/LDA Mostar/PAC10
PA10 Steering Group & D-LAP

DPD back to back with EUSDR Annual Forum



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

Smart Communities



Objective/Vision

Vibrant (rural) communities with high quality of life based on community-centred change aiming at retaining and attracting talent, boosting economic development and job opportunities, providing high-quality public services, improving mobility, strengthening environmental protection, and preserve and boost cultural life.



Project

Smart Era (funded by Horizon Europe)



Method

Smart Innovation Packages (SIPs): a framework addressing rural challenges with interconnected technological and non-technological solutions.



Cross-macro-regional cooperation

We set up a cooperation network between all 4 macro-regional strategies in order to strengthen smart territorial development throughout all 4 macro-regions.

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Activities of the network in 2025



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Call for Follower Regions



In autumn 2025, the SMART ERA project will launch a call for 'Follower Regions'. The call will provide small-scale funding to implement individual Smart Innovation Packages to boost rural development.

Capacity building & info meeting for follower regions call



Cross-macro-regional event for smart rural/territorial development in Sarajevo in the first half of 2025.

Aim:

- We aim at bringing together different stakeholders from all 4 macro-regions to exchange on smart/community-based rural development;
- We want to raise awareness of and provide information on the SMART ERA follower regions call