



# The EU Strategy for the Danube Region



# Macro-regional strategies

**Objective:** organise cooperation between countries or territories by mobilising local and regional actors to align policies and funding and to identify common issues, solutions and actions.

## Calendar:

**2009:** EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

**2011:** EU Strategy for the Danube Region

**2013:** EC Report on the evaluation of added value

**2014:** EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

**2015 (June):** EU Strategy for the Alpine Region



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## Territorial coverage of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

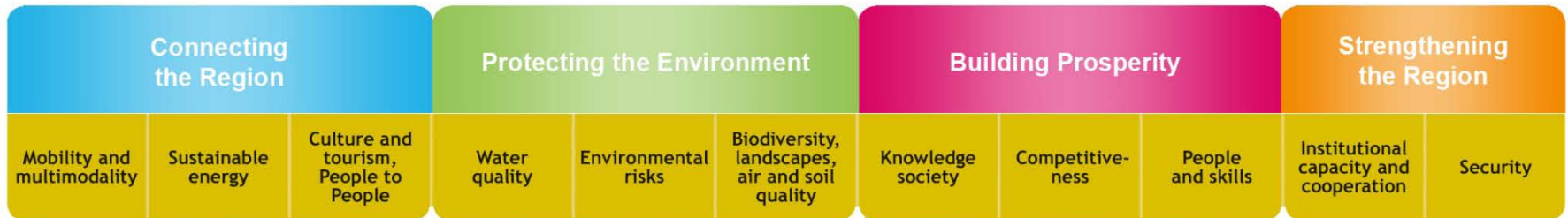


# Why a macro-regional strategy in the Danube?

- A number of issues in the Danube Region requires working together, across borders and national interests
- Political commitment needs to be translated into action
- Actions need to be coordinated and carried out together

*The strategy addresses these various topics through  
4 pillars  
11 priority areas,  
and of course actions and projects*

## THE FOUR PILLARS



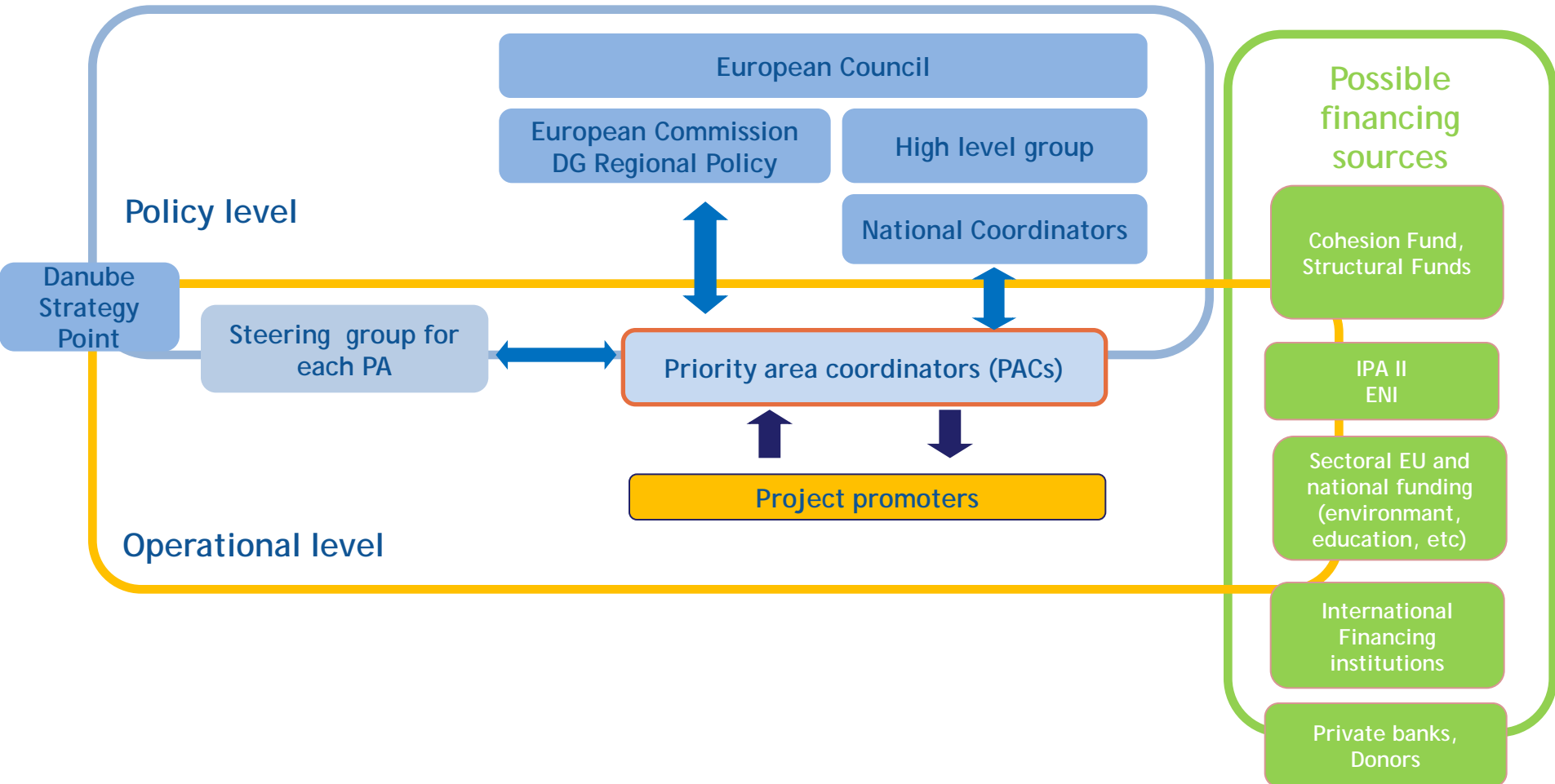
**11 priority areas, coordinated by a priority area coordinator**

**Actions**

**Projects**



## The governance model of the EUSDR



## How can projects and actions be financed?

- Existing Structural and Cohesion Funds (ESIF), IPA II for Western Balkans, ENI for neighbours

In the relevant OPs there are explicit reference to the actions in the framework of the EUSDR

- International Financing Institutions:

European Investment Bank:

<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/all/the-eib-in-the-danube-region.htm>

EBRD, World Bank, etc.

- National, regional and local sources
- Private investments



## Interreg

Cross border cooperation programmes in 2014-2020 in the Region:

14 ERDF cross border programmes – around 1.4 billion Euro

4 IPA cross border programmes - around 260 million Euro

Other IPA-IPA and ENI cross border programmes also available



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Transnational cooperation programmes in 2014- 2020 in the Region:

Danube Transnational Programme: expected first call for proposal in autumn 2015 (topics: innovation, environment, transport, Institutional capacity and cooperation) Budget: 263 M EUR

Central Europe Transnational Programme: expected second call for proposals in the first half of 2016 (topics: innovation, low-carbon strategies, natural and cultural resources or transport) the first was closed on 13 April. Budget: 231 M EUR

<http://www.central2020.eu/>



# Sectoral programmes (I)

HORIZON 2020 research and innovation framework programme.

Many Calls are currently open:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/data/cal/h2020/calls-rss.xml>

ERASMUS+: EU`s programme for Education, Training , Youth , and Sport for 2014-2020. Many Calls are currently open

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm)

# Sectoral programmes (II)

LIFE: EU`s environment programme expected opening of 2015 call: 1 June 2015

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2015/index.htm>

Connecting Europe Facility: to fill missing links in infrastructure. Budget:26.2 billion EUR (11.3 billion MSs eligible for Cohesion Fund)

<http://inea.ec.europa.eu/>



# Sectoral programmes (III)

COSME: EU`s programme for Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs. Budget: 2.3 billion EUR

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/contracts-grants/calls-for-proposals>



# The Danube Implementation Facility

- **START:** Seed Money for project development & implementation  
Next call: Summer 2015
- **Technical Assistance Facility:** Technical assistance by experts for project development Next call: Summer 2015
- **EuroAccess:** Online-tool for searching EU funding options (beginning 2016)

# Thank you for your attention !



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[www.ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/cooperate/danube/index\\_en.cfm](http://www.ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/danube/index_en.cfm)