



# 4<sup>th</sup> Danube Financing Dialogue

## Session 3 - Challenges and opportunities of financing investment projects in the Danube Region

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# EU Strategy for the Danube region

**Adopted in 2011**

**14 countries (Member states: AT, BG, HR, CZ, HU, DE,RO, SK, SI; Candidate and potential candidate countries: RS, BIH, ME; Neighbourhood Countries: UA, MD)**

**11 priority areas within 4 pillars:**

- 1 Connect the region**
- 2 Protecting the environment**
- 3 Strengthening the region**
- 4 Building prosperity**

**The Strategy is bringing results: new strong results oriented projects have been developed**

**More info: [www.danube-region.eu](http://www.danube-region.eu),**

*Implementation report 2013*

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



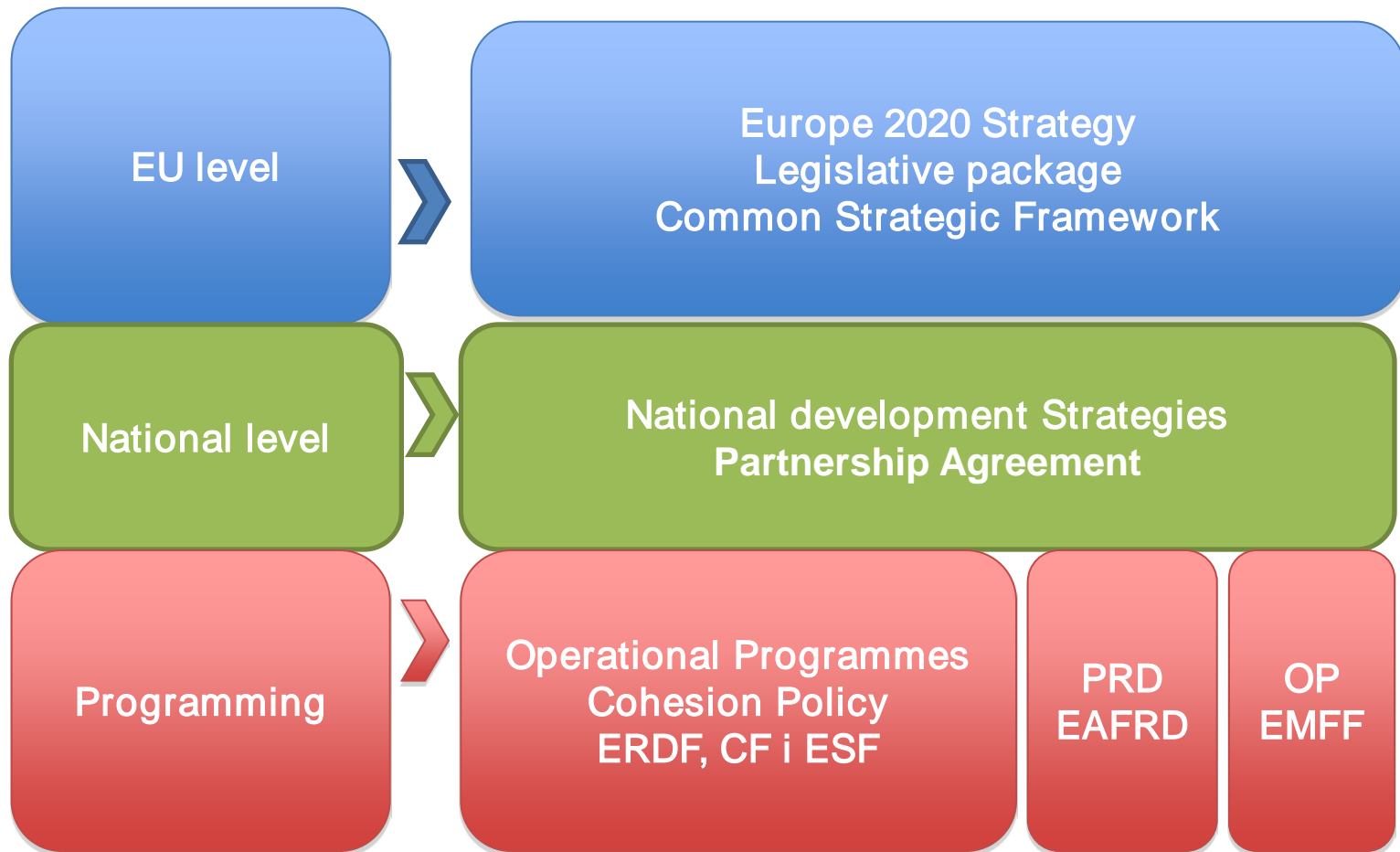
# European Structural and Investment funds 2014-2020

- The main objective of the policy regarding the use ESI funds is to bring Croatia to sustainable development and balanced economic growth
- To achieve this goal Croatia will be using following ESI funds:
  - Cohesion Policy
    - European Fund for Regional Development (ERDF)
    - European Social Fund (ESF)
    - Cohesion Fund (CF)
  - Common Agriculture Policy
    - European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development (EARDF)
  - Common Fishery Policy
    - European Maritime and Fishery Fund (EMFF)



# EU Programming Framework 2014-2020

## ESI Funds



# Programming process of ESI funds in Croatia 2014-2020

- National programming process started in April 2012
- Croatia Partnership Agreement adopted by EC 30.10.2014.
- 2 Croatian Operational Programmes adopted by EC December 2014
  - Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion 2014 - 2020
  - Operational Programme Efficient Human Resources 2014-2020

# ESI FUNDS IN CROATIA 2014-2020 ALLOCATIONS

ESI 2014.-2020.	EU EUR	CRO Co-financing EUR	Total EUR
1. European Fund for Regional Development	4.321.499.588	762.617.633	5.084.117.221
2. Cohesion Fund	2.559.545.971	451.684.602	3.011.230.573
3. European Social Fund	1.516.033.073	255.856.932	1.705.712.861
4. European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development	2.026.225.500	357.000.000	2.383.225.500
5. European Maritime and Fishery Fund	252.643.138	100.033.514	352.676.652
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.675.944.270</b>	<b>1.927.192.681</b>	<b>12.536.962.807</b>

# Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion 2014. - 2020.

<u>Thematic Objective</u>	Financial Allocations (EUR)
1. Strengthening the Economy through Application of Research and Innovation	664.792.165
2. Strengthening the Economy through Application of Research and Innovation	318.952.676
3. Business Competitiveness	970.000.000
4. Promoting Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources	531.810.805
5. Climate Change and Risk Management	245.396.147
6. Environmental Protection and Sustainability of Resources	1.987.360.608
7. Connectivity and Mobility	1.310.205.755
8. Social Inclusion and Health	376.500.000
9. Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning	259.914.791
10. Technical Assistance	216.112.612
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.881.045.559</b>



# European Territorial Cooperation in Croatia 2014-2020

- Allocation for Croatia : 127,8 M EUR
- Cross-border cooperation with member states:
  - Croatia – Hungary
  - Croatia – Slovenia
  - Croatia – Italy
- Cross border cooperation with IPA countries:
  - Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro
  - Croatia – Serbia
- Transnational Programmes:
  - Central Europe
  - Danube Programme
  - Mediterranean Programme
  - Adriatic-Ionian Programme



# Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020

- Six new EU regulations came into live on December 2013, defining the conditions for investing EUR 325,15 billion to support a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe.
- Among these was Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 relating to the European Regional Development Fund and the European Territorial Cooperation Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013. These are the regulations setting the rules for the three new programmes succeeding South East Europe programme in the next seven years: ADRION, Balkan-Mediterranean, and Danube.
- The **Danube Transnational Programme** (2014-2020) is built around **four thematic priority axes**:
  - Innovative and socially responsible Danube region;
  - Environment and culture responsible Danube region;
  - Better connected and energy responsible Danube region;
  - Well-governed Danube region.



# Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020

- The programme will invest from the **273 million EUR in total and 238,9 million** from **ERDF** for transnational projects in the Danube basin territory
- Eligible partners will, therefore, come from 9 EU countries - **Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany** (only *Baden-Württemberg and Bayern*), **Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia**; and 5 non-EU countries - **Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, part of Ukraine**.
- The Danube Transnational programme launched early 2015 a provisional partner search tool, which applicants can use until the programmes website is developed.
- Guidance on the eligible transnational activities and expected outputs can be found in the **latest version of the operational programme text**
- The final version will be the one endorsed by the European Commission, which is envisaged to happen in September 2015.
- First calls for proposals October 2015



# Thank you for your attention

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