



# Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)

Networking Event

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

**Vienna, Austria**

# Agenda



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<b>9:30-10:30</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening</b>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Project Space</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<b>DSPF: Preparing Future Projects</b>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>DSPF: Implementing Strategic Projects</b>
<b>14:00-14:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>14:15-15:15</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions on Sustainability and Youth</b>
<b>15:15-15:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:30-16:30</b>	<b>Civil Society Participation in the EU Macro Regions</b>

# The DSPF team

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# Technical info

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- **Twitter wall:** #dspfevent
- **ppt**
- **Q & A**

# Welcome and Opening

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**Claudia Singer**

Priority Area Coordinator 10 – Institutional Capacity & Cooperation



# Welcome and Opening

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**Ulrike Sedlmayr**

Priority Area 9 – People & Skills



# Welcome and Opening

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**Rudolf Schicker**

Danube Strategy Point (DSP) Coordinator



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# DANUBE STRATEGY POINT

a Secretariat for the Danube Region



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# EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION (EUSDR)

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The Danube is the **second longest European river, the longest river of the European Union and the most international river of the world.** The river **Danube's catchment area covers 19 countries.**

The **Danube Region area covered by the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)** stretches from the Black Forest (Germany) to the Black Sea (Romania-Ukraine-Moldova).



**14 Countries**

9 EU-Members States

5 non EU-Member States

**115 Mio. Inhabitants**

# EUSDR – History at a glance

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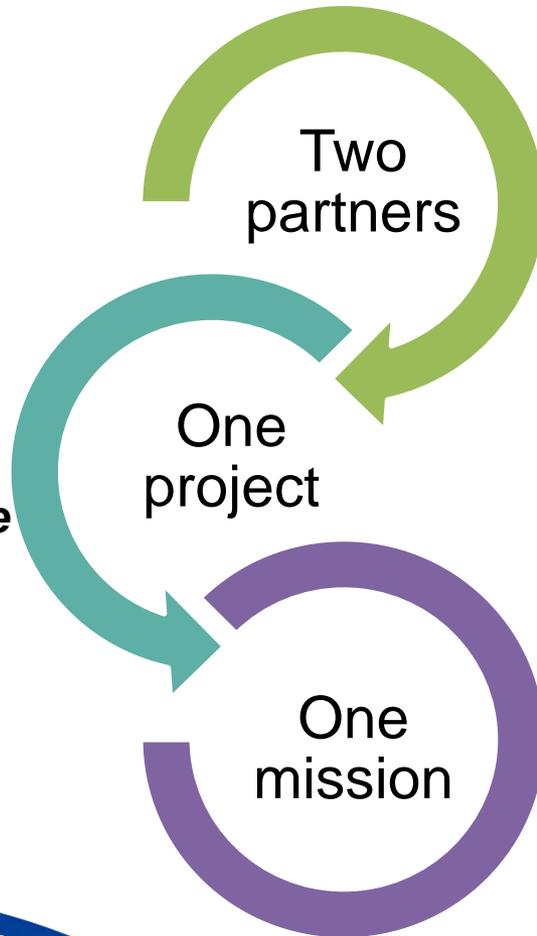
2008	AUT & ROM Prime Minister send letter to President of Commission Barroso to implement a Strategy for the Danube Region
2011	European Council endorses the Action Plan Twinned coordinating bodies for each of the 12 Priority Areas were established
2015	Danube Strategy Point in Brussels started its work
2017	DSP stops its activities
2018	Call for “DSP new” – Danube Transnational Programme / Monitoring Committee (DTP-MC) and NCs take their decision: AUT (CoV) and ROM (MRDPA) host “DSP new” (09/18 – 12/21)



# WHO WE ARE

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***Danube Strategy Point*** is funded by the ***Danube Transnational Programme (DTP)***



- City of Vienna (**AT**)
- Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (**RO**)

**The Danube Strategy Point (DSP) is the supportive body for all stakeholders involved in the EUSDR.**

# DANUBE STRATEGY POINT

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## a project financed by Danube Transnational Programme

### Partnership

- **City of Vienna** (Lead Partner)
- **Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration** (partner)
- *EUSDR Presidency may join the partnership for the duration of its mandate to organize the Annual Forum*
  - 2019 – RO National Coordinator – already on board
  - 2020 – HR National Coordinator – tbc
  - 2021 – tdb

**Duration** : 40 months (Sept 2018 – Dec 2021)

**Budget** 3,686,766.01 (85% ERDF, 15% co-financing of the partner institutions)



# DANUBE STRATEGY POINT (DSP) MISSION STATEMENT

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The EUSDR has proved a successful way of improving the *integration and coherent development of the Danube Region*. The role of the EUSDR is to *promote regional and social cohesion* with respect to the cultural diversity of the Danube Region.

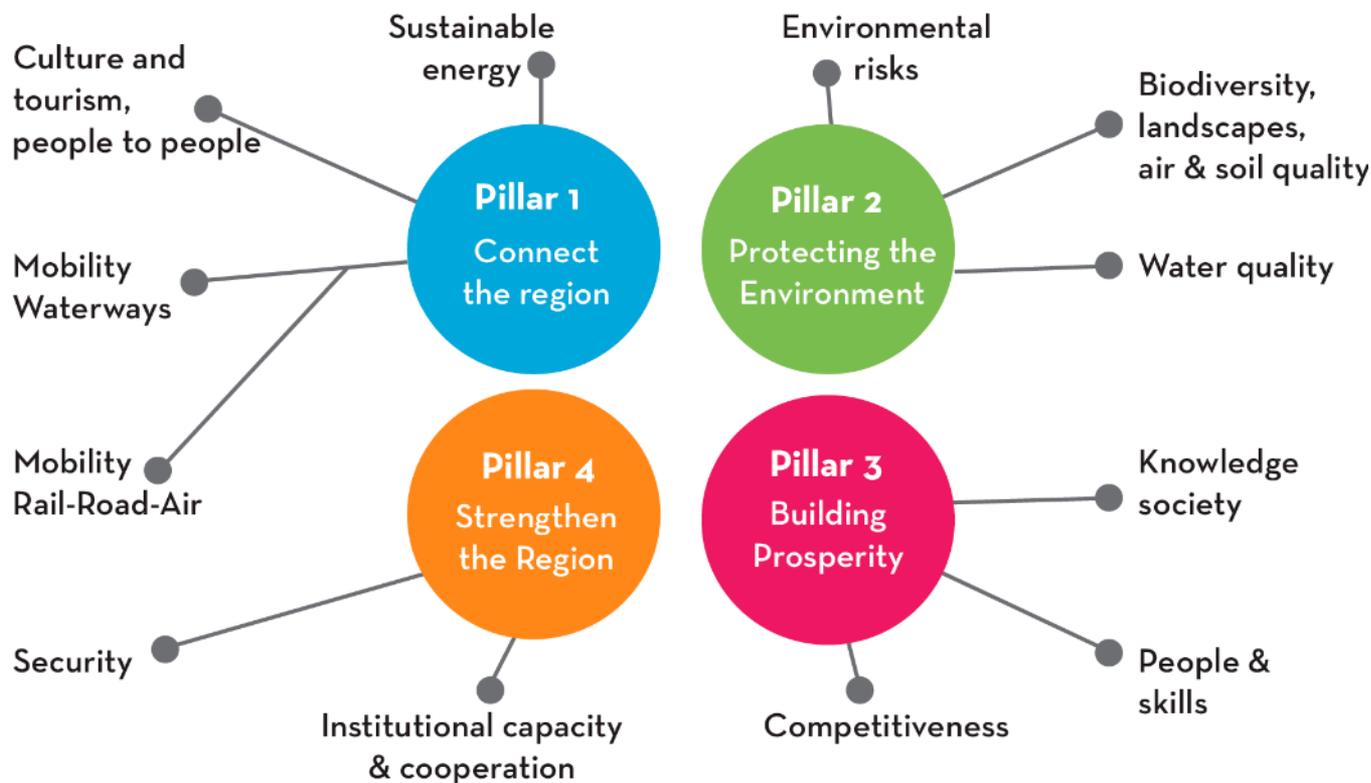
The ***Danube Strategy Point (DSP)*** is the ***supportive body*** for all stakeholders involved in the Strategy. It will ***encourage cooperation*** between stakeholders and other actors (funding facilities, administration, civil society, local / regional / national authorities), make the ***Strategy visible*** for as many people as possible and document the ***added value*** of the strategy for countries and people.

The DSP will – in close cooperation with National Coordinators (NCs), Priority Area Coordinators (PACs), the Presidency and DG REGIO – stimulate the process of evaluation of EUSDR and – according to the results of the evaluation – make ***proposals for adapting the Strategy's Action Plan*** and its structure to make the EUSDR fit for the forthcoming Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).



# PILLARS AND PRIORITY AREAS OF EUSDR

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# WHAT WE DO

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**SUPPORT** for  
EUSDR  
stakeholders  
(Presidency, NCs,  
PACs)

**COORDINATION**  
between EUSDR  
stakeholders and  
financing / funding  
instruments

Internal and  
external  
**COMMUNICATION**

**CAPACITY  
BUILDING** towards  
PACs and non-EU  
countries

**MONITORING** and  
**EVALUATION** of  
the Strategy

# WHAT WE DO – IN DETAIL

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- **Internal and external communication:** trying to fill in the missing gap in
  - ✓ Low visibility to the public, missing narrative and success stories
  - ✓ Missing communication strategy, communication tools, online, target groups, info-material in DR languages, Annual forum.
  - ✓ Communication among PACs, NCs, Presidencies, Stakeholders
- **Support for EUSDR stakeholders** (Presidency, NCs, PACs, DG REGIO)
  - ✓ Collecting, facilitating and streamlining Information throughout PAs
  - ✓ Looking for Synergies among EUSDR and also with other macro-regional Strategies
- **Coordination between EUSDR stakeholders and financing / funding instruments**
  - ✓ Addressing the Institutions, funding bodies and other players, synergies in promoting, funding and developing the DR



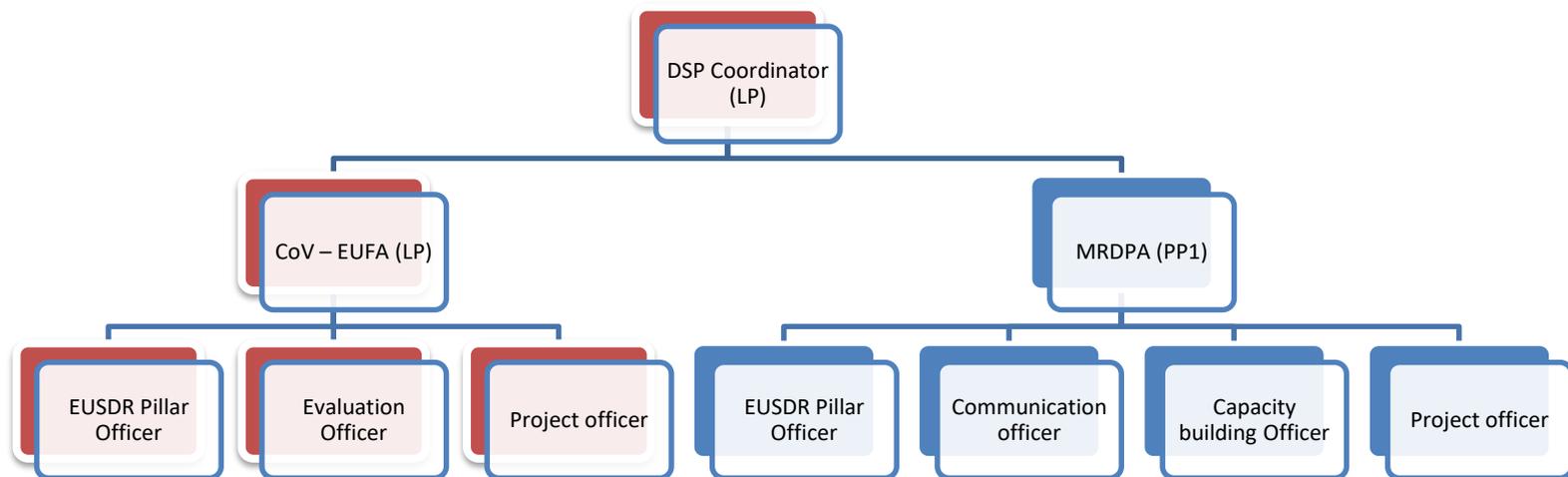
# WHAT WE DO – IN DETAIL

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- **Capacity building towards PACs and non-EU countries**
  - ✓ Encourage internal cooperation between PACs, NCs, Presidencies and other key players
  - ✓ Streamlining the activities for closer cooperation
  - ✓ Integration of actors from non-EU members, internal capacity building tools, stakeholder seminars, etc.
  
- **Monitoring and evaluation of the Strategy**
  - ✓ Challenge: adjustment of the EUSDR 2020+ and the revision of the 2011 Action Plan
  - ✓ Establishing of reporting and monitoring system
  - ✓ Monitoring concept in close cooperation with PACs
  - ✓ Concept as guideline for Annual report
  - ✓ Evaluation Concept, evaluation as strategic tool for MMF 2020+



# DANUBE STRATEGY POINT - OFFICES -



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# DANUBE STRATEGY POINT

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# DANUBE STRATEGY POINTS STAFF

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## **Where we are - Status of Implementation – November 2018**

- Contracting, Staffing completed
- Approaching EUSDR actors
- Preparing first NC/PAC Meeting
- Draft Communication Strategy
- Structure for Summary of PACs proposals for the Revision of the Action Plan
- Website a jour
- EUSDR Calendar

## **What to expect from us - Activities planned to start 2018**

- Evaluation – questions for external evaluators, procurement process
  - Summarizing PACs proposals for the Revision of the Action Plan
  - ESPON monitoring
  - Monitoring and Annual EUSDR Report
  - Capacity Building Questionnaire
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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

## QUESTIONS?

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# Welcome and Opening

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Facility Point Plus



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EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

National Coordinator Romania



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Austria



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Jaroslava Szüdi

Priority Area 7 – Knowledge Society





# Priority Area 7 - Knowledge Society

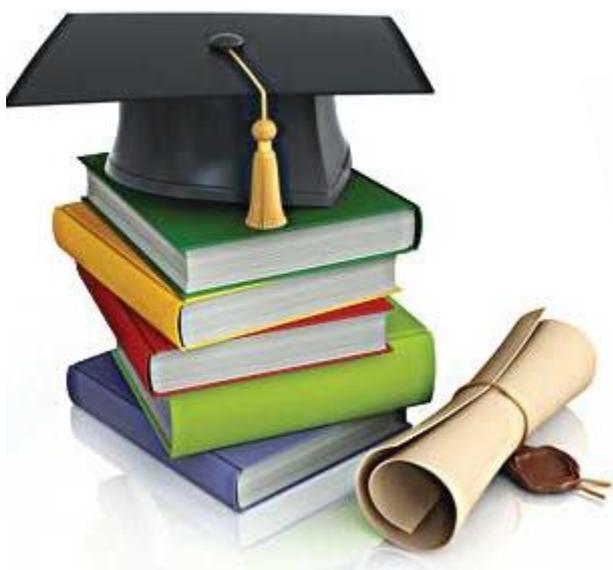
## EU Strategy for the Danube Region

31 October 2018

Vienna, DSPF Networking Event

# EUSDR PA7 – Knowledge society

## EDUCATION



- global education
- practical education
- brain circulation vs. brain drain

## RESEARCH & INNOVATION



- research participation
- research infrastructures
- innovative start-ups and spin-offs
- technology transfer

## ICT



- internet for all
- e-learning programmes & courses
- open access
- open science

# PA7 - Set of targets



To increase the effectiveness of investment in R&I.

To increase the **number of co-publications in the region.**

To develop **RIS3 in all** Danube countries (or their regions).

To support **academic mobility** within the region.

To increase the **number of patent applications.**



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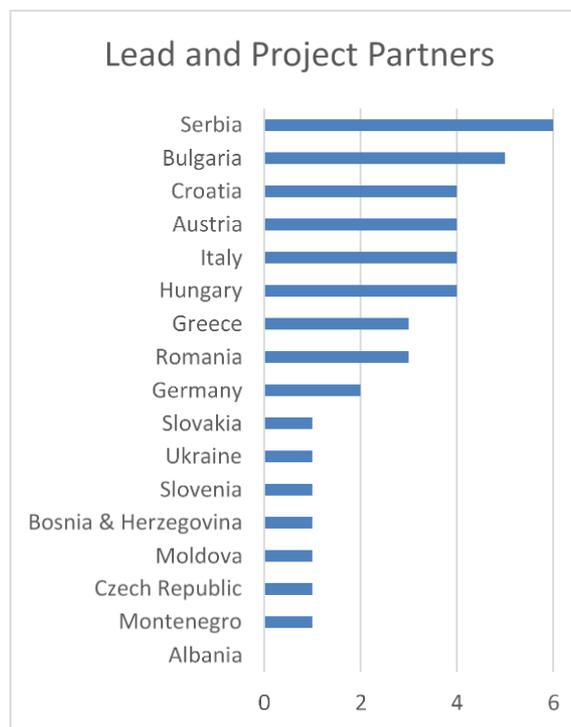
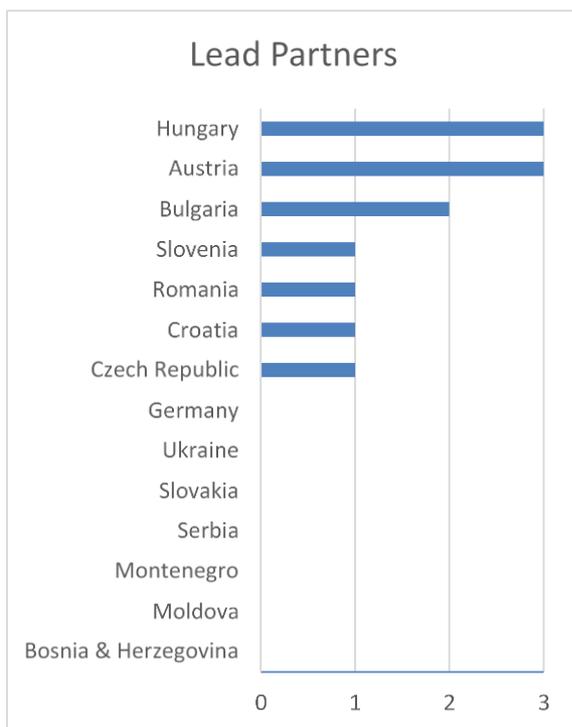
## Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)

- **transnational projects** aligned with the objectives of the **EUSDR**
  - Type A: “Development of a future strategic project”
  - Type B: “Implementation of an entire strategic project”
- Added value at the interfaces between **cohesion & enlargement/neighborhood policy**
- Special focus on **youth projects**
- Financing:
  - European Commission: 97%
  - City of Vienna 3%

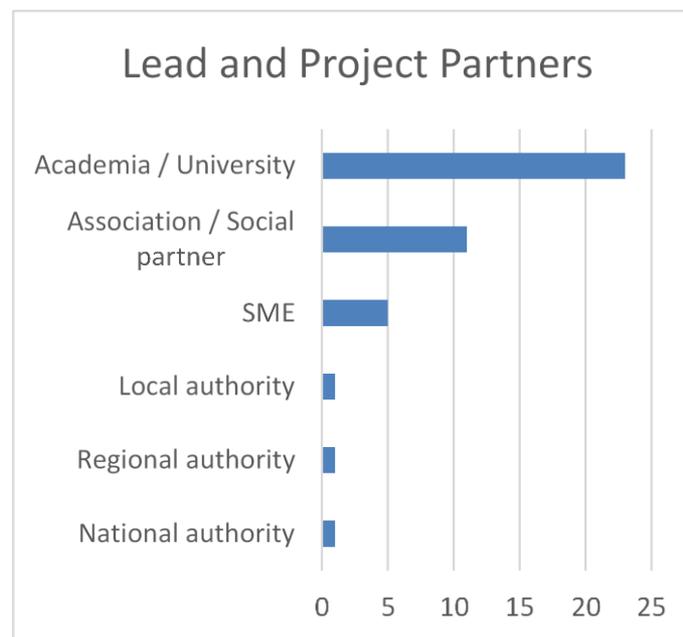
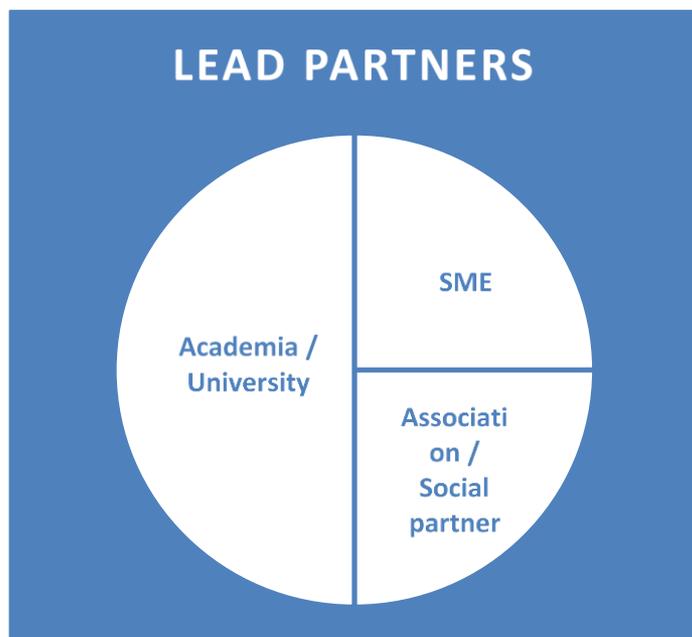


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- 56 applications received - 12 projects were selected
- 42 organizations benefit
- **Countries of origin:**



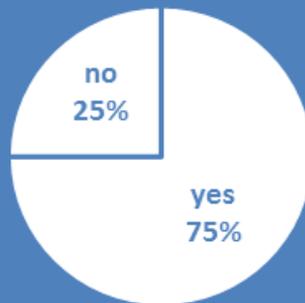
- **Type of organisations:**



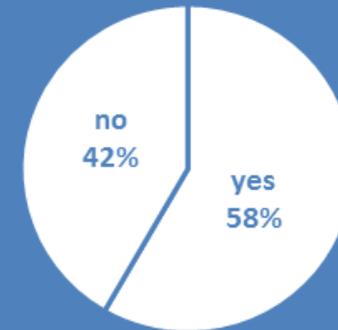
## 12 DSPF projects:

- Preparatory projects: 6
- Other projects: 6

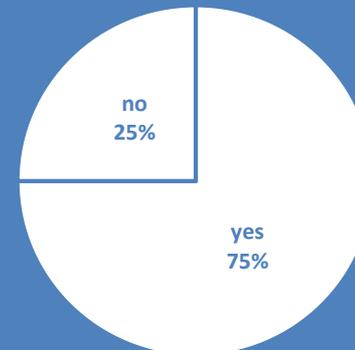
### EU ACCESSION & NEIGHBORHOOD



### EUSAIR INVOLVEMENT



### YOUTH FOCUS

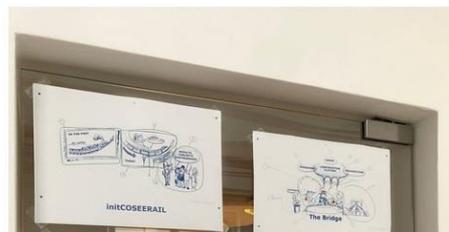
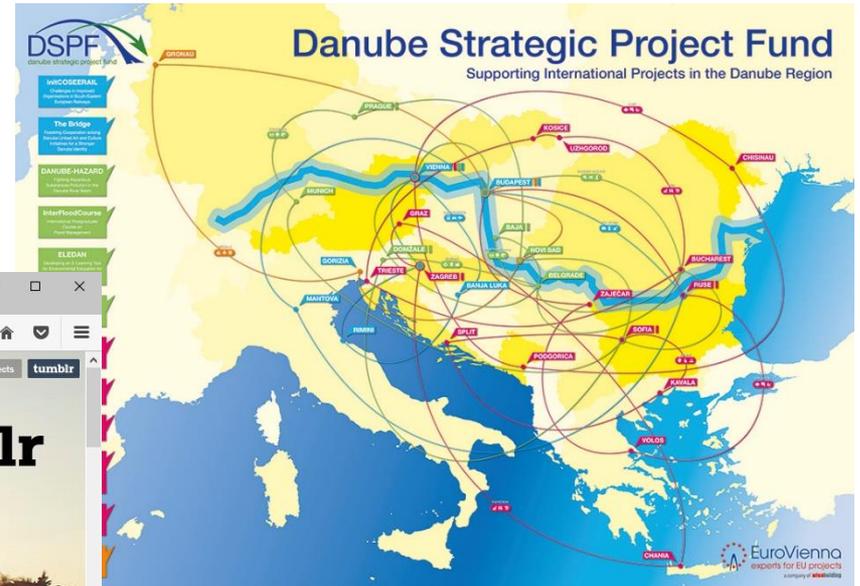
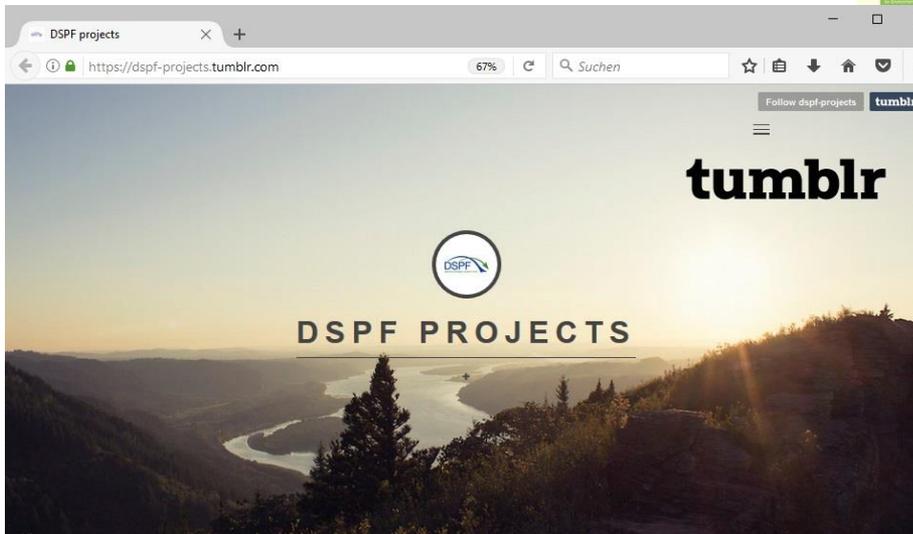


## 12 DSPF projects:

- Strategic impact
- Support economic and social cooperation
- Foster integration and reconciliation of Danube countries
  
- Jan 2018 – Dec 2018
- 70.000 € - 100.000 €

- **Blog**

<https://dspf-projects.tumblr.com/>



# Project space

- 12 DSPF projects

- EuroAccess

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- Excellence in Resti



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Danube Transnational Programme  
Excellence-in-ReSTI

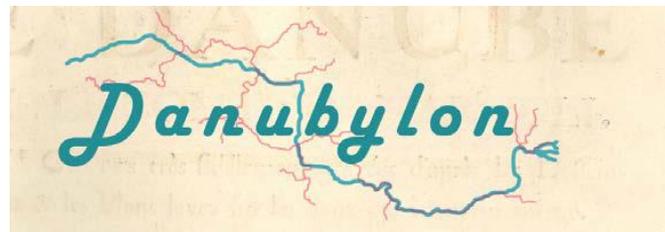
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experts for EU projects

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# Project space

BALTIC SEA REGION  
EUSBSR

DANUBE REGION  
EUSDR

ADRIATIC & IONIAN REGION  
EUSAIR

ALPINE REGION  
EUSALP

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# Project space

- **Excellence in ReSTI**
  - **Increase competences** in the implementation of research, social and technological innovation projects
  - **Increase employability** of young graduates as project managers in these kinds of projects
  - Develop strategies to **improve** research, social and technological innovation **project participation**



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# DSPF: Preparing Future Projects



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## initCOSEERAIL

Challenges in improved organizations in SouthEastern European RAILways – initial research and design for COSEERAIL

- Takeru Shibayama

**Lead Partner:**

Institute of Transportation, University of Technology, Vienna (AT)

**Project Partners:**

Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Zagreb (HR)

LIR Evolution, Banja Luka (BA)

Fin Project srl, Rimini (IT)



# DSPF: Preparing future projects



## The Bridge

The Bridge – Fostering cooperation among Danube-linked Art and Culture Initiatives for a Stronger Danube Identity

- Barna Petrányi

**Lead Partner:**

Kultúrkombinát Ltd., Budapest (HU)

**Project Partners:**

Municipality of Mantova, Mantova (IT)

Club of Friends of Public Park Rusenski Lom, Ruse (BG)



# DSPF: Preparing future projects



## DANUBE HAZARD

### Fighting Hazardous Substances Pollution in the Danube River Basin

- Matthias Zessner

**Lead Partner:**

Institute for Water Quality, Resource and Waste Management, University of Technology, Vienna (AT)

**Project Partners:**

Department of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, University of Technology and Economics, Budapest (HU)

Romanian Waters National Administration, Bucharest (RO)

Institute for Development of Water Resources "Jaroslav Černi", Belgrade (RS)



# DSPF: Preparing future projects



## CONSPIRO

### Breathing Together: Decreasing Air Pollution from Local Heating Systems

- Petr Mares

**Lead Partner:**

SCIENCE IN Ltd., Prague (CZ)

**Project Partners:**

Helmholtz Zentrum München – German Research Center for Environmental Health, Neuherberg (DE)

National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia (BG)

Department of Environmental Engineering and Occupational Safety and Health,

University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad (RS)



# DSPF: Preparing future projects



## RONNI

### Robotic and ICT Technologies for Standard and Special Education

- Snezhana Kostova

#### Lead Partner:

Institute of Robotics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia (BG)

#### Project Partners:

Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology, Kavala (GR)

Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture,  
University of Split, Split (HR)



# DSPF: Preparing future projects



## EEII

### European Early Innovators Initiative

- Jürgen Raizner

#### Lead Partner:

Steinbeis Transfer Management Ltd., Bucharest (RO)

#### Project Partners:

AREA Science Park, Trieste (IT)

Common Regions, Kosice (SK)

Steinbeis Transfer Management, Uzhgorod (UA)





**DSPF: Implementing Strategic Projects**

# DSPF: Implementing strategic projects



## InterFloodCourse

### International Postgraduate Course of Flood Management

- Enikő Anna Tamás

**Lead Partner:**

Institute for Hydraulic Engineering and Water Management,  
National University of Public Service, Baja (HU)

**Project Partners:**

Department of Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering,  
University of Belgrade, Belgrade (RS)



# DSPF: Implementing strategic projects



## ELEDAN

### Developing an E-Learning Tool for Environmental Education for Primary and Secondary School in the Lower Danube Region

- Marta Vahtar

**Lead Partner:**

Institute for Integral Development and Environment, Domžale (SI)

**Project Partners:**

Institute of Biology, Romanian Academy, Bucharest (RO)

Institute for Multidisciplinary Research, University of Belgrade, Belgrade (RS)

Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia (BG)



# DSPF: Implementing strategic projects



## FarmCircle

### Young Farmers: Circles of Circular Economy

- Biljana Kulišić

#### Lead Partner:

Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar, Zagreb (HR)

#### Project Partners:

Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Chania (GR)

Society for Sustainable Development Design, Zagreb (HR)

Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry in Styria, Graz (AT)



# DSPF: Implementing strategic projects



## I-VET

### Inclusive Vocational Education and Training: Career Guidance and Counselling to Support Access to Relevant Education and Training Pathways

**Lead Partner:**

KulturKontakt Austria, Vienna (AT)

**Project Partners:**

Non-governmental Organization "Speranta" Center, Chisinau (MD)

Association of Parents of Children and Youth with Disabilities "Staze", Podgorica (ME)

- Lucia Gavrilita



# DSPF: Implementing strategic projects



## DIY-ACCEL

### Piloting of Danube and Ionian Youth Entrepreneurship Acceleration

- Stavroula Divane

#### Lead Partner:

Business Support Centre for Small and Medium Enterprises, Ruse (BG)

#### Project Partners:

Regional Development Agency Eastern Serbia, Zaječar (RS)

Institute for Bio-Economy and Agri-Technology,  
Center for Research and Technology Hellas, Volos (GR)



# DSPF: Implementing strategic projects



## SECCo2

### Youth for Cross-Border Partnership and Cohesion of EUSDR and EUSAIR

- Enikő Hüse-Nyerges

#### Lead Partner:

Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives, Budapest (HU)

#### Project Partners:

Association of European Border Regions, Gronau (DE)

Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, Gorizia (IT)

Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives Balkans, Novi Sad (RS)



# Parallel sessions: Sustainability & Youth



# Parallel sessions

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## Recap/Summary

### **Session 1: Towards a Sustainable Danube Region**

Martin Marek

Room: 319

initCOSEERAIL, Danube Hazard,  
InterFloodCourse, CONSPIRO,  
FarmCircle, ELEDAN

### **Session 2: Empowering the Youth**

Claudia Singer

Room: Wappensaal

EEII, SECCo2, The Bridge,  
RONNI, I-VET, DIY-ACCEL





# Civil Society Participation in the EU Macro-Regions



# **PARTICIPATION IN THE DANUBE REGION: NAVIGATION OR FLOATING DOWNSTREAM**



**IVA TARALEZHKOVA, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FORUM – BULGARIA**

## Participation is...

- **EFFORTS**
- **KNOWLEDGE & INFORMATION**
- **RESOURCES**



## Participation is sometimes...

- **TROUBLES**
- **SMEAR CAMPAIGNS**
- **DISCOURAGING**



## But participation is...

- **DEMOCRACY**
- **PUBLIC INTEREST**
- **FREEDOM**



## Efficient participation needs...

- **PERSEVERANCE**
- **EDUCATION & INFORMATION**
- **TIME, PEOPLE, & SUPPORT**



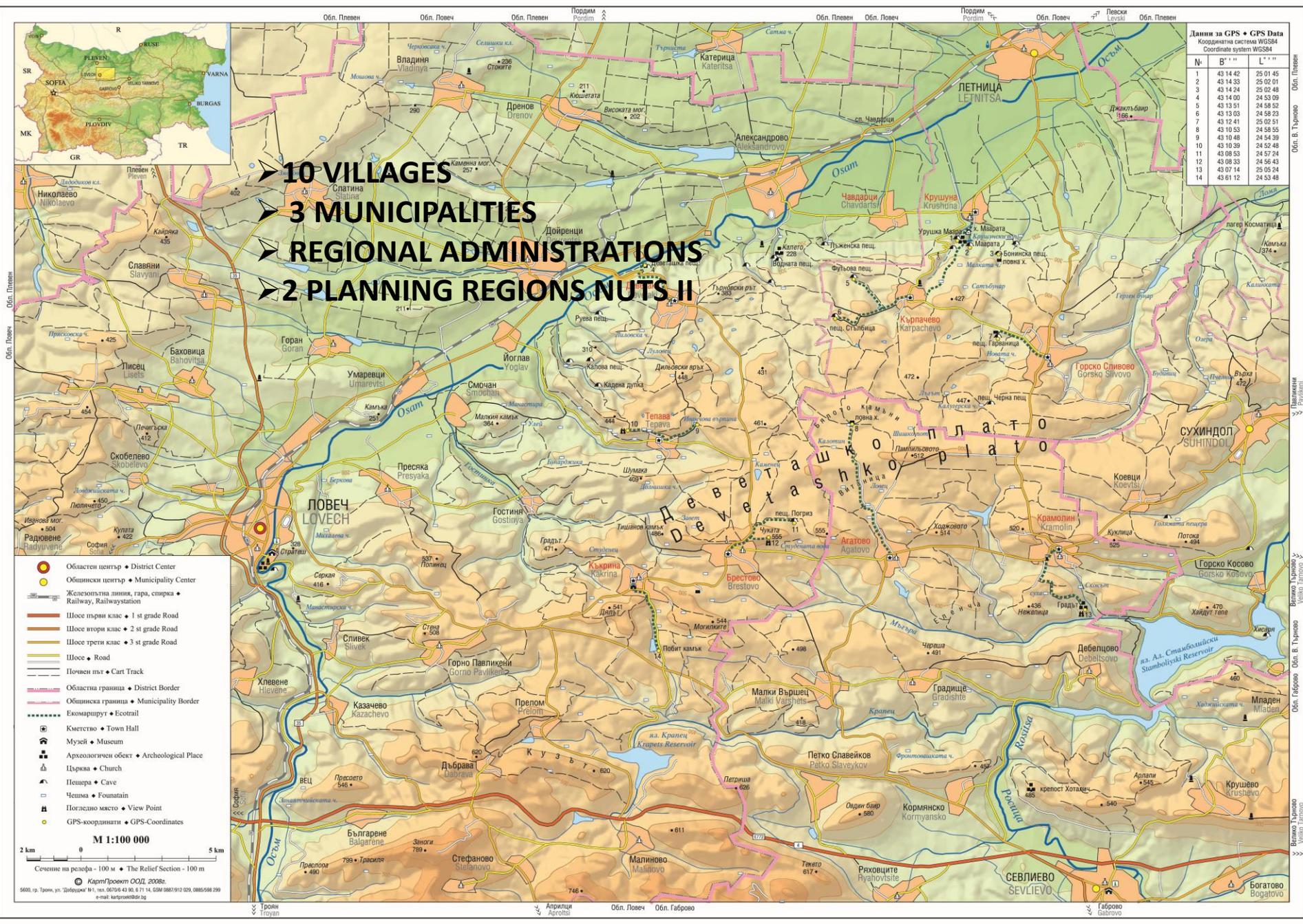
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- Шосе втори клас • 2nd grade Road
- Шосе трети клас • 3rd grade Road
- Шосе • Road
- Почвен път • Cart Track
- Областна граница • District Border
- Общинска граница • Municipality Border
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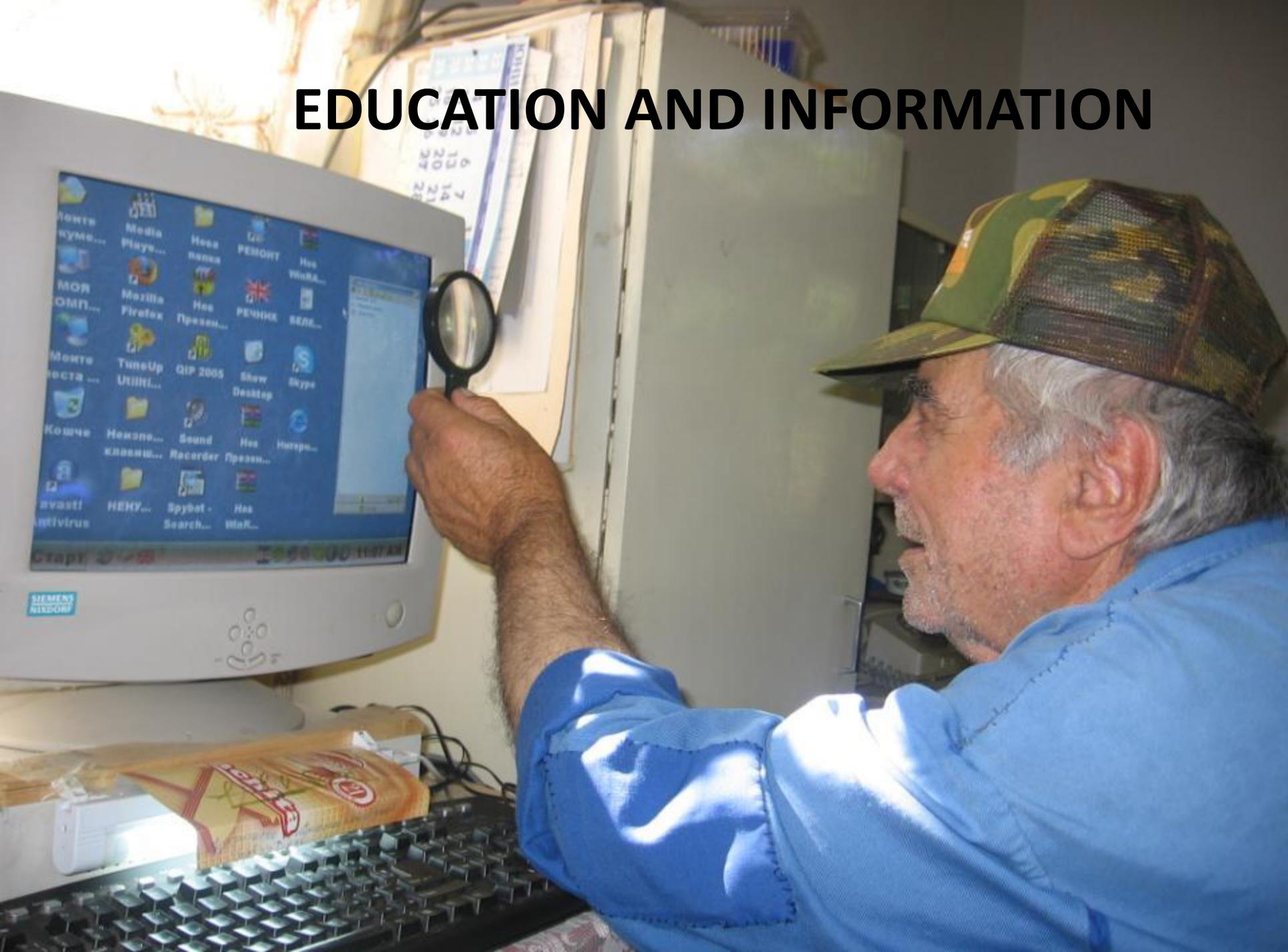




# EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE THE COMMUNITY



# EDUCATION AND INFORMATION





# PEOPLE AND RESOURCES



**TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST...**



**FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE**



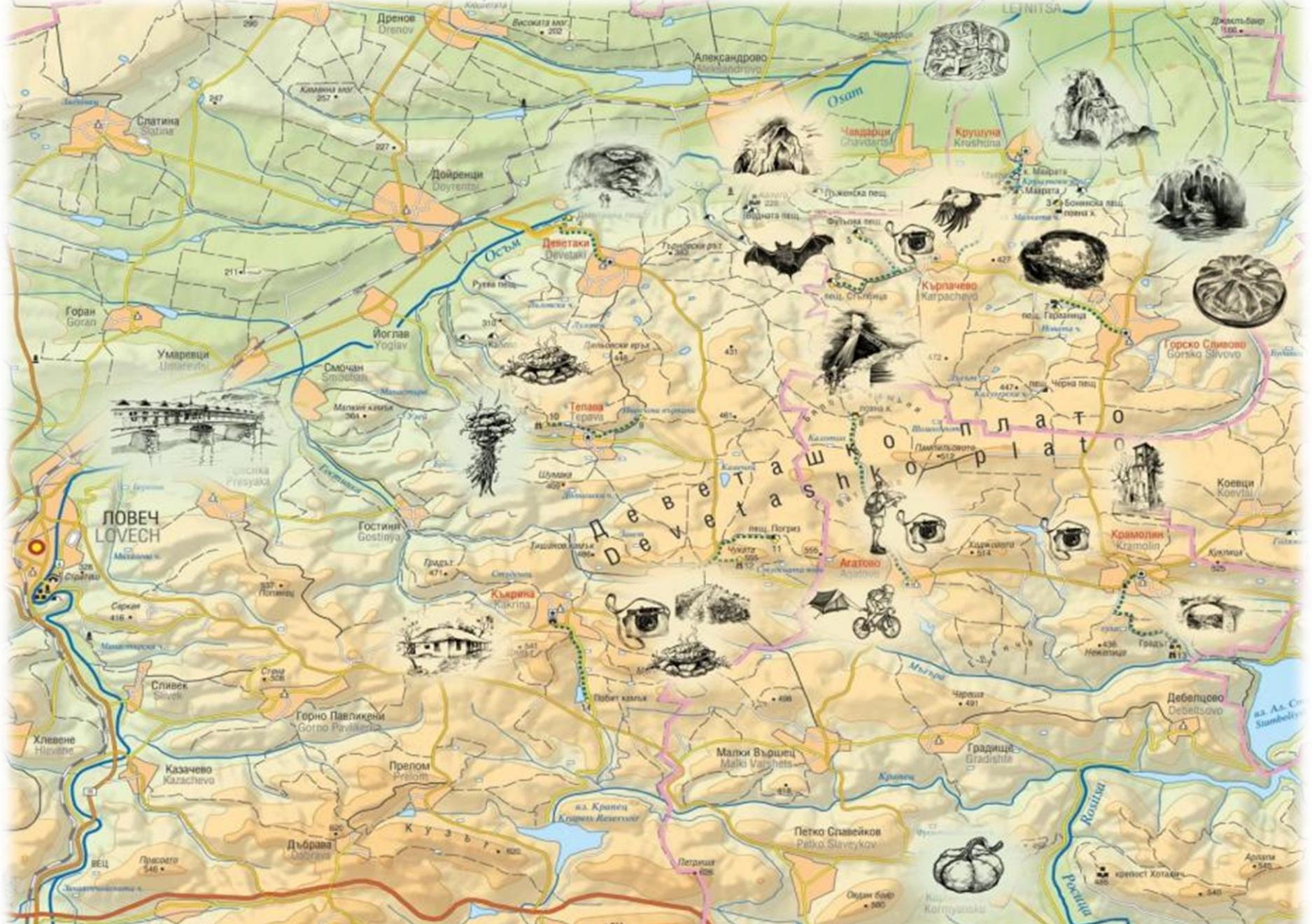


**AND FOR BRINGING  
TOURISTS**

# AND EVEN... VILLAGE JAZZ!

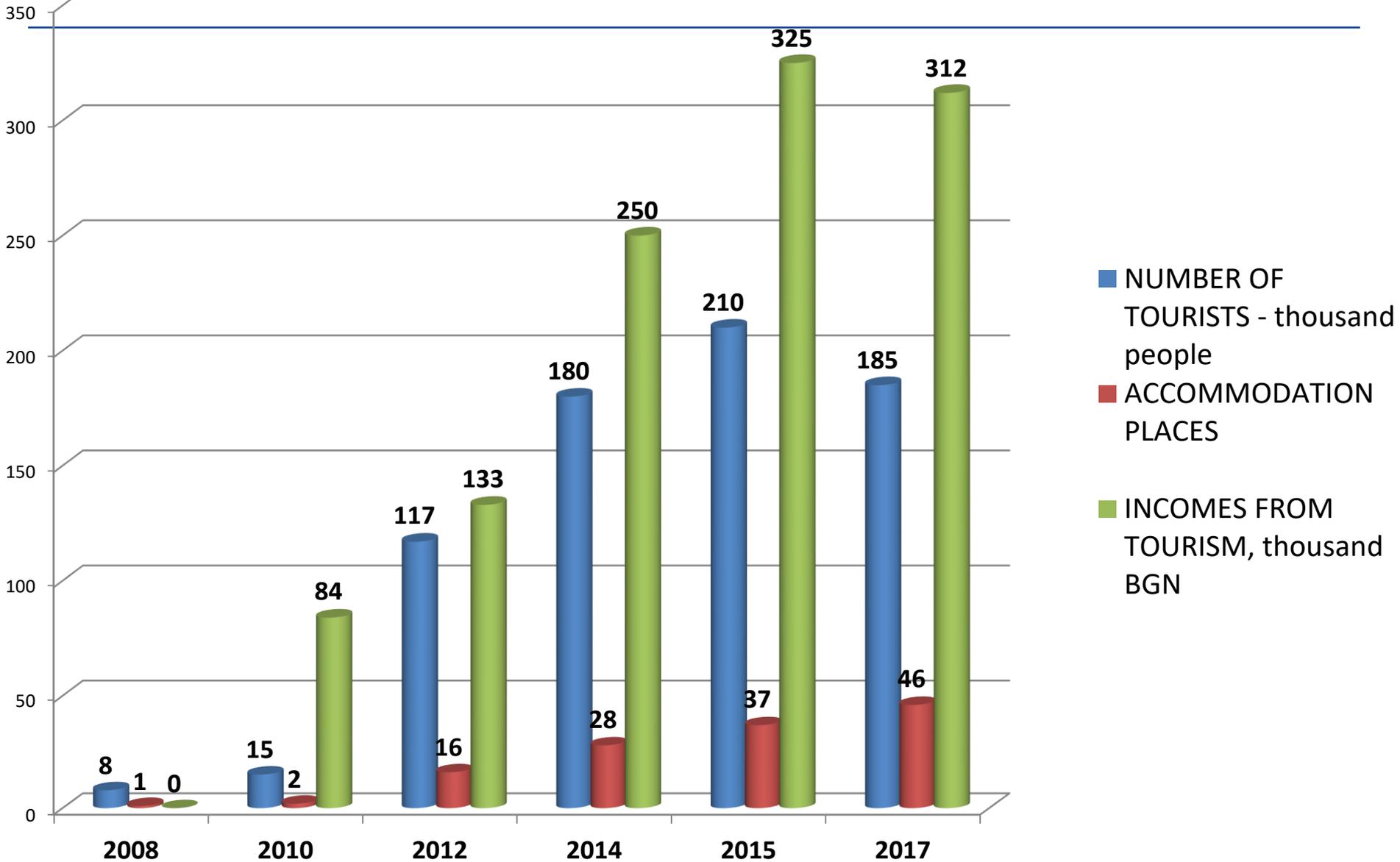
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**PARTICIPATION BROUGHT THESE VILLAGES HERE...**

# ECONOMIC IMPACT: TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION



## This shows that participation is...

- **ESSENTIAL**, THOUGH BURDENSOME
- **REWARDING**, THOUGH OFTEN DISCOURAGING
- **WORTH** THE TIME, THE COMMITMENT AND THE RESOURCES INVESTED
- **NAVIGATION**, NOT FLOATING

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## To conclude, participation needs...

- STRONG PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING
- INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
- (CIVIC) EDUCATION
- POLITICAL WILL
- ACCESSIBLE PROJECT FUNDING



# Q & A

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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