

EuroAccess Danube Region

So far, there is no central online information point on EU funding in the Danube Region, and potential beneficiaries are often not aware that their project idea would be eligible for funding. In this context, a new database will be launched at the beginning of 2016: *EuroAccess Danube Region*. This initiative of PA10 of the EUSDR is funded by the European Commission until the end of 2016.

The database *EuroAccess Danube Region* lists current calls for proposals under the most relevant EU-programmes concerning the Danube Region. These programmes cover seven very different topics, which correspond to the priorities of the European Union in the funding period 2014-2020, namely: *environment & climate change, science & research, education & youth & culture, health & sports, employment & social policies, infrastructure & transport, and lastly, energy.*

The screenshot shows the EuroAccess Danube Region website. At the top, there are icons for various EU funding areas: Environment & Climate Change, Science & Research, Education & Youth & Culture, Employment & Social Policies, Infrastructure & Transport, and Energy. Below these is a search bar and navigation tabs for 'Search for Funds', 'News', and 'Links'. The 'Search for Funds' tab is active, showing a 'Find Your Fund:' section with filters for Applicant, Provenance/Applicant, Funding Area, Thematic Focus, Type of Funding, and Keyword. To the right, a table lists funding opportunities with columns for the program name, description, and dates. A red circular stamp with the text 'ONLINE from May 2016' is overlaid on the right side of the page.

How does it work?

By using the online-tool, users can search for an appropriate call for proposals for their project idea. The search-tool is built in view of the needs of potential applicants. Any organization developing a project can enter search criteria corresponding to their project idea, such as thematic focus, funding area, or the applicant's type of organization. According to these criteria, the database delivers a list of adequate EU-programmes and information on calls for proposals.

What kind of information?

A detailed description of the programme helps potential applicants to match it with their project ideas. Submission requirements are pointed out as well, especially deadlines for submission and eligibility criteria of project proposals. Furthermore, the user gets detailed information on the available funding, such as the funding amount, funding rate and the max./min. project size if applicable. EuroAccess Danube Region also provides links and contact points wherever available. For National Operational Programmes, EuroAccess Danube Region links users to the relevant national websites. A short abstract of the programme shall be available on the website.

Stay informed!

Through a regular screening of EU-funds, the data contained in the database is always up-to-date. Moreover, on a regular base an optional newsletter provides information on the opening of new calls for proposals about relevant topics, as defined by the users themselves.