

Fostering Institutional Capacity and Cooperation for Roma Integration in the
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SOUTH-EAST EUROPE & DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL - contribution to Roma integration

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SOUTH-EAST EUROPE 2007-2013 – hard facts:



16 partner countries:

Albania, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldavia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine

ERDF co-financing rate: 85 %

Total budget:
207 Mio. € ERDF
27 Mio. € IPA
2 Mio. € ENPI

4 thematic priorities:

- Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Protection and improvement of the environment
- Improvement of the accessibility
- Development of transnational synergies for sustainable growth areas

Core result: 122 projects financed

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A SEE project example :

PAIRS (Effective Programmes for the Active Integration / Inclusion of the Roma in South- East Europe)



Objectives:

- Collecting good examples of sectorial and local policies serving effective inclusion of Roma communities
- Providing a platform for exchange of knowledge and expertise to facilitate the inclusion of Roma minorities

Project team: 11 partners from 5 member states, 2 IPA countries and 1 ENPI country

Project results:

- Analysis of existing good practices/methods of integration
- Transfer of good practices to local/national level through action plans
- Policy recommendation on desirable orientation of funding programmes 2014-2020
- Establishment of the PAIRS network for knowledge exchange and dialogue

Website: <http://www.pairs-see.net/>

DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL 2014-2020 programme:



INTERREG B cooperation area 2014-2020

Source: European Commission,
as proposed on 18th December 2012
Geometrical basis: GFK MACON

14 partner countries:

Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany (Baden-Württemberg & Bavaria), Hungary, Moldavia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine

ERDF co-financing rate: 85 %

Total budget: 202 Mio. € ERDF
19,8 Mio. € IPA
+ ? Mio. € ENI

Draft outline of the cooperation programme

DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL cooperation programme (CP) 2014-2020
Policy driver and pioneer to tackle common challenges and needs

PA 1 – Innovative and socially responsible Danube region

1.1 Improve framework conditions and a balanced access to knowledge (1b)

1.2 Increase competences for business and social innovation (1b)

PA 2 – Environment and culture responsible Danube region

2.1 Sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage & resources (6c)

2.2 Restoring & managing ecological corridors (6d)

2.3 Transnational water management and flood risk prevention (6d)

2.4 Preparedness for disaster risk management (6d)

PA 3 – Better connected & energy responsible Danube region

3.1 Environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas (7c)

3.2 Improved energy security and energy efficiency (7e)

PA 4 – Well governed Danube region

4.1 Increase institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges (11)

4.2 Support the governance and implementation of the EUSDR (11)

Priority Axis 4: Well governed Danube Region

Thematic objective 11: Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF...

Specific objective 4.1: Increase institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

Action: Support the exchange and transfer of know-how and best practices on labour market policies between labour market institutions and social partner organisations in the Danube Region (incl. youth employment, reintegration of disadvantaged groups into labour market, etc.)

Action: Support institutional capacities and framework conditions for implementing education systems and policies aimed at raising the level of education and qualification

Action: Support the joint development and improvement of policies and innovative learning systems that address demographic change and migration challenges

Action: Support the exchange and transfer of know-how and best practices on social inclusion policies regarding the inclusion of marginalised and vulnerable groups such as Roma communities

Action: Improve joint policies and implemented tools to strengthen participatory planning process and involvement of civil society

Action: Strengthen cooperation of networks among cities and of urban-rural partnerships

Action: Support the enhanced cooperation of public administration at national, regional and local level

Action: Support the creation of healthy communities on the basis of healthy cities and healthy communities' concept