

START – Danube Region Project Fund

Selected Projects of the 1st Call

31.08.2015



The 1st call for proposals was open from July 18th until September 17th 2014. After a thorough assessment of all formally correct applications, the decision regarding the selected projects was final on January 19th 2015.

Selected projects:

- 25 projects were selected (2,87%)
- The 25 Lead Partners come from 12 Danube Region Countries, most are from Bulgaria (4), followed by Czech Republic, Hungary and Serbia (3)
- In total **123** Lead and Project Partners are involved in the implementation of the START projects, covering all 14 Danube Region Countries

Project implementation:

- The START projects are implemented between **March 1st 2015** and **Mach 31st 2016**
- The individual projects last between **6** and **12** months



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Priority Area 1a: Mobility - Waterways

“POPEI”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Danube ports in the light of numbers - Introducing the new level of Port Performance Indicator System for the inland waterway ports
Project acronym	POPEI
Priority Area (PA)	PA 01A Mobility - Waterways
Project duration	01.05.2015 – 31.01.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports (HFDP)
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	National Company - The Maritime Danube Ports Administration J.S.Co. Galati
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	public agency/organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Port Authority Vukovar
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	public agency/organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	40.303,60	100,00%
START contribution amount	35.400,00	87,83%
Co-financing	4.903,60	12,17%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The aim of the project is to increase competitiveness and efficient operation of inland waterway ports by:

1. Adjusting the KPIs to the ports' needs and specificities in order that they could use them in practice and provide their market with real information on their services and performance;
2. Transforming the KPIs to a performance indicator system applicable for (self-) measurement for the ports and qualification of services.

Target groups are all ports along the Danube river, but the focus will be on the 3 partner countries (Hungary, Romania and Croatia).

Expected results of the START project activities

A new level of operation and cooperation is to be expected for the Danube ports to step up with the application of the performance indicator system. A set of qualified and classified ports can be put on a map guiding the port operators to find their ways on how to integrate themselves more efficiently to the inland waterway transport logistics chain in the Danube region.

Priority Area 1a: Mobility - Waterways

“Training4Ports”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Building Competency-based Training for Port Sector Labour Force in a supportive environment
Project acronym	Training4Ports
Priority Area (PA)	PA 01A Mobility - Waterways
Project duration	01.03.2015 – 29.02.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Union of Romanian Inland Ports
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Agency for Cross-Border Cooperation and European Integration
Country	Moldova
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Public Organization “Agency of Sustainable Development and European Integration “Lower Danube” Euroregion
Country	Ukraine
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Association Global Project
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	48.297,08	100,00%
START contribution amount	39.200,00	81,16%
Co-financing	9.097,08	18,84%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

New technologies, new jobs and almost an entire re-engineering of the technological processes ask to put the labour force competence of ports in line with labour market demands.

A survey of the existing competences of the labour force, the available qualification and training resources, the institutional framework and last but not least the labour force expectations has to be made. To cope market demands with labour force offer in terms of competence, a competency based training has to be set up in a supportive environment.

Expected results of the START project activities

This project will bring a deep analysis of ports labour market from three Danube countries and lay the foundation for a new project to elaborate a common model of a competency-based training system which can contribute to increase the quality of port services and to improve the perception upon and the accessibility of jobs in ports in order to facilitate labour availability and mobility in the Danube macroregion.

Priority Area 1b: Mobility – Rail-Road-Air

“RADAR”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Risk Assessment on Danube Area Roads
Project acronym	RADAR
Priority Area (PA)	PA 01B Mobility – Rail – Road – Air
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	European Road Assessment Association
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Slovenia
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Automobile Club of Serbia -- Motor Vehicle Centre
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	44.000,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	39.000,00	88,64%
Co-financing	5.000,00	11,36%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

Road crashes are the Region's most serious transport problem. Crashes cost more than 2% of Regional GDP.

The overall aim of RADAR is to save lives cost-effectively throughout the Region and bring benefits for targeted road user groups.

RADAR will be the largest trans-national assessment undertaken to identify key risk factors. It will identify practical, affordable actions towards the »common road safety area« proposed by the EC so it can become uniformly safe to travel in the region.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The purpose of the START project is to prepare the project concept, to define the budget, to prepare and submit an application for funding of the overall RADAR project.

Expected results of the START project activities

The START project will establish a compelling project proposal for the application of the RADAR project for the Danube Program. It enables several potential partners to contribute to the planning of RADAR and enable them to enlist the support of partner governments and any other relevant stakeholders.

Priority Area 1b: Mobility – Rail-Road-Air

“TLC_VUKA”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Transport Logistic Centre "VUKA"
Project acronym	POPEI
Priority Area (PA)	PA 01B Mobility – Rail – Road – Air
Project duration	01.05.2015 – 29.02.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Vukovar-Srijem County
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	regional authority

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Vukovar-Srijem County Development Agency Hrast Ltd.
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Danube Office Ulm/Neu-Ulm
Country	Germany
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	47.590,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	39.600,00	83,21%
Co-financing	7.990,00	16,79%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

Within the framework of the development of the TEN -T -network and Danube Strategy, there is a high need to intensify connections between the Baltic-Adriatic and the Mediterranean route.

The overall project objective is to create a Transportation Logistic Centre "Vuka" in order to improve the geo-strategic position of Vukovar area.

Expected results of the START project activities

This project shall contribute to a significant development of the logistics sector in the region. This shall start new related entrepreneurial activities, and finally attract investments and increase the competitiveness of the economy and of the area in general. The most significant result of the activities within the START project is to establish concrete guidelines towards the implementation of the Transport Logistic Centre Vuka.

Priority Area 2: Energy

“DanReGeotherm-DATA”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Data support for the enhanced use of deep geothermal energy in the Danube Region
Project acronym	DanReGeotherm-DATA
Priority Area (PA)	PA 02 Energy
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Geological and geophysical Institute of Hungary
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Geological Survey of Federation of B&H
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Type of organisation	ministry
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Geological Survey of Croatia
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Geological Survey of Czech Republic
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	university / research institution

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Geological Institute of Romania
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Mining and Geology
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.800,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	39.400,00	89,95%
Co-financing	4.400,00	10,05%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The main aim of the overall DanReGeotherm project is to provide scientifically based information on the deep geothermal potential of the Danube Region, in order to enhance the sustainable use of the untapped resources.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

As data access and data policy of the overall DanReGeotherm project is a key factor in the successful project performance, information on data delivery and acquisition will be examined in details in the START project. The evaluation of the results will make it possible to elaborate the overall project's exact database policy, whether it will go in the direction of a centralized database and related web-map services, or an INSPIRE compliant decentralized data supply from national databases based on unified standards (metadata catalogues, WMS, WFS), or some hybrid solutions.

Expected results of the START project activities

By addressing in details the database concept of the overall DanReGeotherm project and getting a clear picture on data availability and competences of the project partners, a major step is made forward in the successful completion of the overall project.

Priority Area 2: Energy

“SMEP”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Sustainable Municipal Energy Policy
Project acronym	SMEP
Priority Area (PA)	PA 02 Energy
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	PORSENNA NGO
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Institute for comprehensive development solutions (E-zavod)
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	The International Centre for Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (SDEWES Centre)
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Styrian Energy Agency
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Hungarian Urban Knowledge Centre
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Belgrade, School of Electrical Engineering
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	38.322,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	31.600,00	82,46%
Co-financing	6.722,00	17,54%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The aim of the overall project is to support a sustainable municipal energy policy and stabilize municipal energy costs in Eastern Europe with a software application and methodological support.

The software will serve to facilitate and automate the fulfilment of increasing responsibilities for municipalities in the area of energy management and energy planning, in the context of the implementation of common policies.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The START project looks at the current state of energy management in municipalities across the Danube region and more specifically at the implementation of ISO 50001 (only several Czech and Austrian municipalities implements ISO standard, others lack). The project builds on an idea of bringing together European institutions (mainly from Eastern Europe), stakeholders and cities to address challenges and opportunities for the transition into an environmentally sustainable, cost-effective and energy efficient management of municipality's property.

Expected results of the START project activities

The conducted survey and assessment report lead to a better understanding of municipal opinion on ISO, energy management and energy policy across the region and will help in future development of software application and methodological support for the implementation of the overall project. The final networking workshops serves to establish a consortium of eastern energy agencies, municipalities and universities.

Priority Area 3: Culture & Tourism

“Danube Cycling”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Middle and Lower Danube Cycling Routes
Project acronym	Danube Cycling
Priority Area (PA)	PA 03 Culture & Tourism
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 32.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Danube Competence Center
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Cycling Romania
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	profit company
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Cyclists' Union
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Velo-Ruse
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Bulgarian Environmental Partnership Foundation
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.160,00	
START contribution amount	38.500,00	89,20%
Co-financing	4.660,00	10,80%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

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Summary and main objectives of the START project

The main objective of this project is to introduce and support joint and standardised infrastructural development and new operational activities in Middle and Lower Danube region aimed at promoting cycling tourism as a form of sustainable tourist development. The project creates and supports national and regional networks of stakeholders along the route, establishing recommendations to improve national policy frameworks that issue the legal and regulatory instruments for safe and efficient bicycle use, and designs action plans aimed at developing and promoting cycling products along the route.

Expected results of the START project activities

The project Danube Cycling promotes cycling tourism, paves the way for follow-up projects through the introduction of guidelines and involvement of suitable stakeholders and provides an opportunity for all partners to exchange know-how.

Priority Area 3: Culture & Tourism

“Authentic Danube”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Authentic Danube - delivering tourism excellence for visitors and industry
Project acronym	Authentic Danube
Priority Area (PA)	PA 03 Culture & Tourism
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Authentic Bulgaria Association
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Municipality of Knjazevac
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	local authority / municipality
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Municipality of Belogradchik
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	local authority / municipality
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	European Wilderness Society
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	44.127,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	38.000,00	86,12%
Co-financing	6.127,00	13,88%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The project framework is based on the existing Authentic Bulgaria Quality Mark which supports smaller tourism service providers develop better tourism products and attract high-value sustainability-sensitive customers. Key issues are related to strengthening the competitiveness of micro, small and medium tourism service providers by enhancing their access to global markets with the help of a certification scheme.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The pilot project will focus on the development and testing of a certification scheme for small hospitality sector representatives and for wineries with capacity to host visitors. It will undertake research and use customer feedback to educate members on new trends in tourism development and will help establish a network of certified partners to raise awareness of the Authentic Danube Quality Mark across the region and amongst selected international markets.

Expected results of the START project activities

On the one hand, the project is expected to bring about induced cooperation between stakeholders which, in turn, is bound to improve professionalism towards consistently delivering the best to visitors. The improved quality of service will result in enhanced experiences and greater satisfaction.

In the meantime, this pilot phase will strengthen cooperation between partners from the Middle and Lower Danube and the upper stream of the river, which will inevitably play a crucial role in balancing the overall tourism development on a region-wide level.

Priority Area 4: Water Quality

“STAWA”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Towards the assessment of ecological status of water bodies in the Sava River Basin
Project acronym	STAWA
Priority Area (PA)	PA 04 Water Quality
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Belgrade, Institute for Biological Research Sinia Stankoviæ
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Joef Stefan Institute, JSI
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Elektroprojekt joint stock company
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	profit company
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Water Research Institute Bratislava
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Public Institution "Waters of Srpska"
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina

Type of organisation	public agency / organisation
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	International Commission for the Sava River Basin
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	regional authority

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	39.690,32	100,00%
START contribution amount	34.800,00	87,68%
Co-financing	4.890,32	12,32%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The Sava River Basin represents an important part of the Danube River basin due to its natural heterogeneity and biodiversity. Although collection of data on environmental status is performed through the national monitoring programmes, most of the activities are limited to certain river sections, and particularly to chemical and biological parameters. No common database and data exchange mechanism has been established.

Thus, the main objective of STAWA is to propose a platform for efficient exchange of monitoring data and information on the Sava River Basin.

Expected results of the START project activities

The outcomes of the project will provide supplementary information for the development of future water management, flood protection and plans for the development of navigation, and thus facilitate a sustainable use of natural resources on a local, national and transnational level.

Priority Area 4: Water Quality

“REWATER”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Revitalization of Eutrophic Waters for Different Degrees of Pollution and the Size of Water Areas
Project acronym	REWATER
Priority Area (PA)	PA 04 Water Quality
Project duration	01.05.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Technical University of Kosice, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Technical Sciences
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Obuda University, Sándor Rejto Faculty of Light Industry and Environmental Protection Engineering
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, Faculty of Mining and Geology
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	22.222,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	20.000,00	90%
Co-financing	2.222,00	10%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The eutrophication of the river Danube caused by over-fertilization as well as the slow water flow caused by dams and meanders lead to an excessive growth of microorganisms, mainly algae and cyanobacteria. The oxygen level of the water is low in many places, which is detrimental to higher forms of aquatic life, such as fish. To revitalise water affected by eutrophication in the Danube Region, the project targets the extension and the modification of patented technology for reducing the occurrence of algae and cyanobacteria in stagnant waters.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The specific START objective is to extend and modify patented technology through cooperation, through verification of the effectiveness of the new technology with the aim to disseminate results into practice. The project methodology is based on scientific research of the project partners.

Expected results of the START project activities

REWATER allows the international scientific project team to elaborate common procedures for solving common environmental problems. As a result of the overall project activities, the water quality of the river Danube and its backwaters will be improved.

Priority Area 5: Environmental Risks

“Delog-Flood”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Decision support tool for logistic operations of flood management
Project acronym	Delog-Flood
Priority Area (PA)	PA 05 Environmental Risks
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Bay Zoltan Nonprofit Ltd. for Applied Research
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Security Management in Košice
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.417,30	100,00%
START contribution amount	38.900,00	89,60%
Co-financing	4.517,30	10,40%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The project's Hungarian-Slovakian predecessor FLOODLOG, which was finished in 2014, provided crisis management authorities with a concept for flood modelling and supported their related logistic activities. In the subsequent project DELOG-FLOOD, these experiences are adapted to a wider scope of more partners from more areas by preparing a future a Decision Support Tool.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The START project conducts a study revealing the weak points and the logistic development potentials of flood prevention in the Danube Region. In the context of the START phase, the two partners assess current management processes and decision support systems and develop an international consortium of strategic partners.

Expected results of the START project activities

The preparatory phase of DELOG-FLOOD is covered within the START project. The results comprise a status-quo report on the project related situation especially in Hungary and in the neighbouring Danube-countries (taking into consideration the available logistics, information systems, i.e. database, availability, actuality, etc.), the establishment of an active project consortium, and the compilation as well as the submission of a DELOGFLOOD project proposal.

Priority Area 5: Environmental Risks

“HTU”

1. Basic Data

Project title	HelpTeamUkraine - capacity building and improved cooperation of volunteer rescue teams for better flood and emergency protection
Project acronym	HTU
Priority Area (PA)	PA 05 Environmental Risks
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Comprehensive Rescue Center
Country	Ukraine
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Transcarpathian Agency for Investment, Innovation and Development
Country	Ukraine
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Comprehensive Central Emergency Service
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Central-Budai Volunteer Unit of Civil Protection
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Vysocina Region
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	regional authority

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.664,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	38.700,00	88,63%
Co-financing	4.964,00	11,37%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The Ministry of Civil Protection of the Ukraine was reorganized in 2013. Rescue and Civil protection services now fall into the governance of State administrations within each region of Ukraine, which leaves them with a lack of a serious material base and know-how. The main objective of the overall project will be to purchase the equipment needed for volunteer rescue organizations and build bases for volunteer rescuers with a training centre in the Transcarpathian region. The estimated total value of this project amounts to 8.000.000 EUR.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The main objective of the START project is to transfer volunteer rescue service knowledge and practice from Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia to Transcarpathian Region, Ukraine. HTU conducts a feasibility study on the Training Center for Rescue Volunteers and implements study tours for knowledge exchange.

Expected results of the START project activities

The implementation of the START project will result in the overall improvement of capacity of Ukrainian volunteer rescue service organization. The project provides the base for a strong network of volunteer and professional rescue organizations in Czech republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Priority Area 6: Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soil

“STURGENE”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Ex-situ survey to preserve sturgeon genetic diversity in the Middle and Lower Danube
Project acronym	SturGene
Priority Area (PA)	PA 06 Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soil
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	International Association for Danube Research
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Natural Resources and Natural Sciences, Vienna
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	regional authority
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Institute for Multidisciplinary Research
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	NIRDEP Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.759,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	39.300,00	89,81%
Co-financing	4.459,00	10,19%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The sturgeon population in the Danube has been declining in the last century and fell to a level that makes the species now critically endangered. Hence, there is an urgent need to preserve the populations in ex-situ facilities (outside the natural habitats). The aim of this is to support the conservation of their genetic diversity and to restock and reintroduce this flagship species into their natural habitats.

The value of the overall project Sturgeon 2020 amounts to approximately EUR 4.000.000.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The main objectives are to establish the necessary knowledge base for sturgeon protection in the Danube region, to mobilise stakeholders and to develop a roadmap for protective actions. Target groups include local entrepreneurs and authorities, governmental and non-governmental decision makers, scientific and technical networks.

Expected results of the START project activities

The Start project establishes new contacts with the relevant fishery stakeholders, thus creating an inventory of existing expertise. Facilities and sturgeon stocks in captivity in the Middle and Lower Danube River Basin will contribute to enlarging the Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF) network and prepare the ground for future joint measures. The dissemination activities, addressed to local stakeholders and policy makers, aim at increasing public and political support for sturgeon conservation.

Priority Area 6: Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soil

“B=B”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Bee=Biodiversity
Project acronym	B=B
Priority Area (PA)	PA 06 Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soil
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Veles' Vision
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Beekeeping Association of Šavnik
Country	Montenegro
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Graz
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Public Veterinary Institute of Republic of Srpska Dr Vaso Butozan”
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	36.150,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	32.000,00	88,52%
Co-financing	4.150,00	11,48%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The project addresses the pollination crisis of bees (scientifically termed Colony Collapse Disorder - CCD), which is a direct threat to biodiversity. To improve the protection of the bees, a coordinated action among states is especially crucial. The START project intends to raise public awareness by presenting confirmed facts to the public and relevant decision-makers in the EU accession countries in the Danube Region - Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Expected results of the START project activities

The START project accomplishes one important step in the process of reaching better standards for bee-protection: It raises awareness among the population. The long term goal is to ban pesticides that are to be blamed for the pollination crisis completely.

Priority Area 7: Knowledge Society

“WORTH”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Pulsating water jet as an orthopaedic technique without thermal and mechanical damage of large joints with minimal traumatizing impact on patient
Project acronym	WORTH
Priority Area (PA)	PA 07 Knowledge Society
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Institute of Geonics AS CR, v.v.i.
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Institute of Materials Research, Slovak Academy of Sciences
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Technical University of Košice, Faculty of Manufacturing Technologies with seat in Prešov
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Innovation Centre Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Belgrade Ltd
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Treichel Engineering GmbH
Country	Germany
Type of organisation	profit company
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Mechanical Engineering Faculty in Slavonski Brod
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	37.394,54	100,00%
START contribution amount	28.000,00	74,88%
Co-financing	9.394,54	25,12%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The overall aim is to develop and implement a surgical technique for orthopaedic revision surgeries, which compared to usual techniques does not damage human tissue and has limited traumatic effect. This technique is based on Pulsation Water Jet (PJW).

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The aim within START is to create an international working team, prepare a feasibility study and organise workshops for project preparation with the aim to apply for H2020 funding and to coordinate future activities.

Expected results of the START project activities

The project will enable the acquisition of essential information for the preparation of a detailed study to introduce the new technique in medical practice. This document will be used as a basis of the future project preparation in the framework of HORIZON 2020. In addition, the acquired information will significantly influence the orientation of future activities. Teamwork synergy will interrelate individual disciplines in the field of medicine, nursing and engineering in order to facilitate the knowledge transfer among team members.

Priority Area 7: Knowledge Society

“BEST-NetWORK”

1. Basic Data

Project title	BioEthics Standards in Translational research: an integrated approach of the Bioethics education in biomedical sciences and its role in the development of the Knowledge Society in Danube Region countries
Project acronym	BEST-NetWORK
Priority Area (PA)	PA 07 Knowledge Society
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASVM)
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Bulgarian Center for Bioethics (BCB)
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty (UL-BF)
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	National Institute of Legal Medicine (NILM)
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	"Vasile Goldis" Western University of Arad (VGWU)
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.485,80	100,00%
START contribution amount	39.000,00	89,68%
Co-financing	4.485,80	10,32%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

In the last decades, revolutionary advances were made in biomedical research (e.g. in genomics, stem cells and nanotechnology). In order to integrate and translate these new discoveries into novel and effective therapies, the Danube BEST-NetWORK will offer an independent body in the Danube region to advise policy makers while stimulating debates on bioethics and translational research. For this purpose, a centre of education and research in bioethics is established within the Life Science Institute from the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca.

Expected results of the START project activities

The project aims at improving the quality of education and of the teaching curriculum in various fields of bioethics. The BEST-NetWORK project will contribute to the public awareness on some current debates concerning the application of bioethics standards in translational research (e.g. research misconduct), animal bioethics, benefits of multidisciplinary approaches, as well as on the challenges raised by the developing of the knowledge based society. Cooperation and collaboration with similar networks (EATRIS in Europe, NIH in USA) is targeted.

Priority Area 8: Competitiveness

“FurnituRE”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Smart Furniture Remanufacturing
Project acronym	FurnituRE
Priority Area (PA)	PA 08 Competitiveness
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Bulgarian Furniture Cluster
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria ltd.
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Wood and furniture Cluster DRVO-PD Prijedor
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Zala County Foundation for Enterprise Promotion
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	PRO WOOD Regional Wood Cluster
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Serbian furniture cluster
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	49.187,12	
START contribution amount	38.800,00	78,88%
Co-financing	10.387,12	21,12%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

FurnituRe is to give the EU furniture manufacturing a new impetus in the direction of recycling. With reduced energy and resource consumption, remanufactured goods are produced at a fraction of the original cost and with lower emissions of pollution. The project simultaneously addresses a regional lack of skilled workforce, the craft's low attractiveness for young people and the low level of innovation in enterprises – problems relevant for most of the countries in the Danube region.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

Within the framework of the START project, the partnership of the overall project is established, cluster cooperation in the furniture sector is strengthened and funding opportunities for the overall project are located. By producing an extensive research study, the status quo of the environmental aspects of the furniture sector and furniture remanufacturing are defined as a key instrument for environmental sustainability and business growth.

Expected results of the START project activities

The objective of the START project is to set up a sustainable project partnership, which is prepared to implement the overall project during the next stage. Up-to-date information about environmental aspects of the furniture re-manufacturing and its future sustainability is collected and wide publicity measures are implemented, leading to the dissemination of the furniture re-manufacturing idea and the START project results.

Priority Area 8: Competitiveness

“SIRA Danube connected”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Smart and Innovative Rural Areas - Connect Centres of Competences
Project acronym	SIRA Danube connected
Priority Area (PA)	PA 08 Competitiveness
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.12.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Hohenheim
Country	Germany
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine King Michael I of Romania”
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Novi Sad
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Business Support Centre for Small and Medium Enterprises - Ruse
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Ljubljana
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Szeged
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	university / research institution

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	54.465,00	
START contribution amount	39.200,00	71,97%
Co-financing	15.265,00	28,03%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The overall project Smart and Innovative Rural Areas (SIRA) Danube aims to foster the competitiveness of rural areas by enhancing their institutional set-up and providing them with the appropriate means to capitalize knowledge and innovation by small and medium sized enterprises. For this purpose, SIRA Danube forms innovation hubs and Centers of Competences for knowledge brokerage in the Danube region and establishes their transnational network structure.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The main objective of the START project is to develop the complete project plan and proposal for funding within the Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020 for the overall project. Together with 10 already existing partners the draft concept needs to be specified, including its legal and financial set-up, stakeholder involvement and national co-financing and sustainability of the Centers of Competence.

Expected results of the START project activities

The main result is a jointly developed project proposal for the Danube Transnational Programme, based on the commitment of the project partners. Through the inclusion of outside experts and feedback loops in the process of proposal elaboration, high quality concepts for the Centers of Competence and the overall project are developed.

Priority Area 9: People & Skills

“Danube ENTRE”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Danube Competence Centres for Creativity and Entrepreneurship
Project acronym	Danube ENTRE
Priority Area (PA)	PA 09 People & Skills
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 30.09.2015

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Business Support Centre for Small and Medium Enterprises - Ruse
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Vienna Board of Education
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	regional authority
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Budapest Enterprise Agency
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Czech Technical University in Prague
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	ORICUM
Country	Romania

Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	American Councils for International Education in Moldova
Country	Moldova
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	37.305,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	33.200,00	89,00%
Co-financing	4.105,00	11,00%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The overall goal is to build up a discussion about fostering creativity and entrepreneurship by setting up Competence Centres for Creativity and Entrepreneurship. Those centres will represent a network for exchange of practices, transfer of approaches to foster creativity and entrepreneurship, development of new curricula or trainings, advice and research on emerging industries and anticipating necessary skills for the future. A preliminary calculation of the total value of the overall project amounts to about 2.5-3.000.000 EUR.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

In order to implement the overall project 'Competence Centres for Creativity' with EU funding, a detailed project preparation is necessary, which is to be conducted as a START project. The START goal is to prepare the project idea to a fundable project concept, including the implementation of a feasibility study, preparing the project concept, the budget plan, researching available funding possibilities (e.g. Danube programme) and thus preparing a complete application for an EU-funding programme.

Expected results of the START project activities

The outcomes of the START project include a detailed project concept and budget plan for the establishment of Danube Competence Centres for Creativity and Entrepreneurship and their linking into a viable network, an established network of at least 15 stakeholders per participating country, and the project proposal for the implementation of the Competence Centres.

Priority Area 9: People & Skills

“MLD”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Milestones of Learning Development - Strategic improvement and development of life long learning programs within Danube region
Project acronym	MLD
Priority Area (PA)	PA 09 People & Skills
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	South East European Youth Network
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Local Democracy Agency Sisak (LDAS)
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Youth Center Bit Cernomelj
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Cooperation for Voluntary Service – Bulgaria
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	BalkanIDEA Novi Sad
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Youth for Participation
Country	Hungary
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	39.619,12	
START contribution amount	35.000,00	88,34%
Co-financing	4.619,12	11,66%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

The lead partner South East European Youth Network offers trainings and non-formal education programmes for young people and youth workers. The long term impact of these training courses is thwarted because the involvement of the participants ends upon completion. The young peoples' learning experience could be enhanced and extended by identifying their needs and requirements and implementing development plans for lifelong learning activities. This valuable investment in skills contributes to fighting unemployment.

Expected results of the START project activities

The final product will serve as a baseline for other organisations working in a similar field. Young people benefit from this project as an innovative agenda for filling gaps after their participation in LLL programmes is developed. In the long run, this should decrease youth unemployment and enhance their personality development as well as increase their active participation in society. As a concrete expected result, various applications for other funding sources will be submitted throughout the course of this START project.

Priority Area 9: People & Skills

“DSSEC”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Danube Social Service & Education Cluster - Creating more accessible, effective and integrated social services and inclusive education programmes delivered to vulnerable groups in danger of social exclusion through clustering of social NGOs
Project acronym	DSSEC
Priority Area (PA)	PA 09 People & Skills
Project duration	01.03.2015 – 29.02.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Federation of Social NGOs in Bulgaria
Country	Bulgaria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Agapedia Romania Foundation
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Foundation Liebenau
Country	Germany
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Concordia Charitable Private Foundation for Social Projects
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	43.657,99	100,00%
START contribution amount	38.600,00	88,41%
Co-financing	5.057,99	11,59%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

Romania and Bulgaria have the highest shares of people facing the risk of poverty and social exclusion within the EU. The Danube Social Service and Education Cluster targets the significant mismatch between skills provided by vocational training in both countries and labour market demands. The project aims at enhancing the vocational training quality, the access to lifelong learning, the general education of disadvantaged groups (in particular Roma children) as well as the access to social services for children and older people.

Expected results of the START project activities

The projects main output is the set-up of a transnational cluster of social NGOs, which presents a common position paper (including national case studies). This cluster is open to cooperate with other partner countries as well and thus grant marginalised groups in the entire region opportunities in education, training and social services.

Priority Area 10: Institutional capacity & cooperation

“START-DANTE4PA”

1. Basic Data

Project title	START-Danube Network of Training Experts for Public Administration
Project acronym	START-DANTE4PA
Priority Area (PA)	PA 10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Euro-Institute
Country	Germany
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Public Management Kehl / University of Applied Sciences
Country	Germany
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Department of Information Systems & Operations, Vienna University of Economics and Business
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Ljubljana
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	university / research institution

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Foundation for Professional Development in Public Administration
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	49.395,00	
START contribution amount	39.200,00	79,36%
Co-financing	10.195,00	20,64%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

As an overall objective the project is to strengthen administrative capacities on the local and regional level in the Danube Region by implementing a sustainable transnational capacity building approach throughout the entire Danube Region. The aim is to install a three level transnational network between vocational education and training systems, civil services and governments. This project amounts to an estimated 3 Mio. €.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

Within the START project, DANTE4PA aims at strengthening administrative capacities of public authorities in the Danube region by developing a process model of a transnational vocational training approach for public administration. Its immediate objective is thus to form a transnational institutional network, and to prepare a business plan for the launch of a transnational administrative capacity building.

Expected results of the START project activities

The main deliverable of the project is a fully detailed concept which enables the partners to apply for INTERREG VB Danube or other identified sources, which are appropriate for the implementation of the capacity building concept. Without the support from START such an application would lack completeness, verification (proof of concept) and likely also sufficient partners.

Priority Area 10: Institutional capacity & cooperation

“B-CAP”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Building Capacities in the Danube Region
Project acronym	B-CAP
Priority Area (PA)	PA 10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	L&R Social Research
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	university / research institution

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Vocational Training Institute Burgenland
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	insitu World Heritage consulting
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	profit company
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	University of Applied Science Burgenland
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	university / research institution

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Balteanu Despina Individual Enterprise
Country	Romania
Type of organisation	profit company

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	42.756,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	33.700,00	78,82%
Co-financing	9.056,00	21,18%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

The overall project is based on the experiences of a model project in Moldova. It combines different levels of capacity building: In order to renovate historical buildings in Baile Herculane in Romania, unemployed youth and elderly workers are provided with vocational qualification in the construction and restoration sector. Then, strategies for further touristical use of these renovated historical buildings and centres are developed.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

START-DANTE4PA develops a concept and financing structure for a vocational centre for youth and elderly which offers training on historically adequate restoration based on a survey on the target group's needs. The project also processes a concept for a tourism strategy in Baile to ensure the future use of the renovated buildings for touristic purposes.

Expected results of the START project activities

The needs of potential participants are evaluated with the help of questionnaires and made the basis for the development of a capacity building training course. The project's final output is a common project concept including a budget plan for the overall project.

Priority Area 11: Security

“CSDanube”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Cybersecurity in Danube Region
Project acronym	CSDanube
Priority Area (PA)	PA 11 Security
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	CZ.NIC Association
Country	Czech Republic
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	nic.at GmbH
Country	Austria
Type of organisation	profit company
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Eduron IS d.o.o.
Country	Croatia
Type of organisation	profit company
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	RENAM Association
Country	Moldova
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

Partner 4 (PP4)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Academic Network of Serbia - AMRES
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	university / research institution
Partner 5 (PP5)	
Name of organisation (EN)	DataCentrum
Country	Slovakia
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	45.770,00	100,00%
START contribution amount	38.500,00	84,12%
Co-financing	7.270,00	15,88%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

CSDanube is based on the fact that so far there has been no activity linking the individual national Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRT) in the Danube Region, while there are many common issues including the need to safeguard critical infrastructure to protect against possible attacks. The individual project activities, especially education and sharing of the tools for solving and eliminating cyber attacks, are planned in such a manner that other CSIRTs from the Danube Region can participate.

Expected results of the START project activities

Considering that cyber crime knows no boundaries, yet some types of attacks are regionally targeted, the project will establish an information flow among the individual CSIR-teams. The aim is to establish an infrastructure for information exchange that works also after the project's completion on the basis of ongoing needs (attacks). Thanks to the participation of a Moldovan and Serbian partner, the project will also target the field of transformation cooperation. The above mentioned activities together with the training will strengthen the experts' capacities.

Priority Area 11: Security

“ITF”

1. Basic Data

Project title	Illicit Trafficking of Firearms in the Danube Region
Project acronym	ITF
Priority Area (PA)	PA 11 Security
Project duration	01.04.2015 – 31.03.2016

2. Lead Partner

Lead Partner (LP)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Foundation - Centre for European Perspective
Country	Slovenia
Type of organisation	public agency / organisation

3. Project Partners (PP)

Partner 1 (PP1)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
Country	Serbia
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 2 (PP2)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Centre for Security Studies
Country	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation
Partner 3 (PP3)	
Name of organisation (EN)	Center for Monitoring and Research CeMI
Country	Montenegro
Type of organisation	non governmental organisation

4. Project Budget

Total project budget	37.565,28	
START contribution amount	32.400,00	86,25%
Co-financing	5.165,28	13,75%

5. Project Description

Description and main objectives of the overall project (if applicable)

n.a.

Summary and main objectives of the START project

Illicit trafficking of firearms as one of the key elements of organized crime in the Danube region is tackled by the START project ITF. After the armed conflicts in the Western Balkans in the 90s, large quantities of military weapons remained on stock and supply the European black market until today. ITF aims at enhancing law enforcement activities and security in the Danube Region by through strengthened cooperation between law enforcement, judicial authorities and researchers.

Expected results of the START project activities

The project results in exchange of know-how, best practice and information flow between countries' criminal and judicial authorities upstream and downstream the Danube Region. By establishing a platform of stakeholders and a serious crime threat assessment as well as list a set of suggestions on how to improve the operation between the criminal police, prosecutors and boost research on the matter in the Danube Region, ITF promotes safety in the Danube region and in the rest of the EU. Europol will be able to use the gathered information in their reports and initiatives.