

*Danube-INCO.NET - can one project  
make a difference in the region?  
Informing, networking, supporting  
the coordination of funding*

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# What kind of impact?

**If we want to assess the direct and indirect causal contribution of an intervention to change:**

What works or does not work, how, for whom, and why?

What can be measured and is it adequate to assess the impact (e.g. publications, patents, altmetrics)?

Can we overcome several problems (causality, attribution, time lag, impact is dynamic not static, impact without traces, lack in evidence)?

Is there a “comparison group”?

What would have happened without the project?



- Inputs: resources directed towards an activity
- Activities: intentional part of the implementation
- Outputs: direct product of the activities
- Outcomes: change target groups' behaviour or level/quality of functioning
- Impact: intended as well as unintended changes that occur in a system (hard to measure and, due to long-term nature, outside the activity (e.g. project) scope)



# Potential impacts

- Support reform in public policy
  - Improve development and implementation of smart specialisation strategies
- Improve evidence-base for policy making
  - Increase research capacities
- Increase internationalisation of R&I
  - Support exploitation of research results
- Change organisational cultures
  - Improve technology transfer activities
- Increase environmental and energy sustainability
  - Share innovative methodologies
- Increase visibility of the region
  - Increase participation in EU networks
- Enhance knowledge economy
  - Enhance effectiveness of organisations
- Attract R&D investment
- Academic advancement
  - Increase cross-disciplinary approaches
- Train researchers and innovators

**Support POLICY Dialogue and  
coordinate FUNDING**

EUSDR PAs, bilateral agreements, Funding  
Coordination Network, addressing H2020,  
EUREKA and COST

**Strengthen specific PRIORITIES**

Energy / bioeconomy  
Networking, Pilot actions

**Activities and Deliverables**  
**Dissemination, Dialogue,**  
**Networking**  
**Sustainability**

**Support INNOVATIVE KEY EUSDR  
ACTIVITIES**

Smart Specialisation, Danube Transfer  
Centers, Danube-INCO.NET platform with  
newsletter, social media and dialogue  
events

**ANALYSE R&I in the Danube Region**

Bottlenecks, existing activities,  
cooperation patterns,  
peer reviews

# Project's administrative framework

- **Coordination and Support Action** for International Cooperation in Research and Innovation
- **Project start:** January 1, 2014
- **Project duration:** 36 months
- Received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration (**FP7**) under grant agreement no 609497
- **EC funding:** approx. 2 Mio. EUR



# 19 partners ...



... from 14 countries



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# Implementing a structured project

WP1 - Project Management

WP2 - **Policy Dialogue**

WP3 - Tackling Societal Challenges: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
in a Bio-based Economy

WP4 - Analytical Evidence on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region

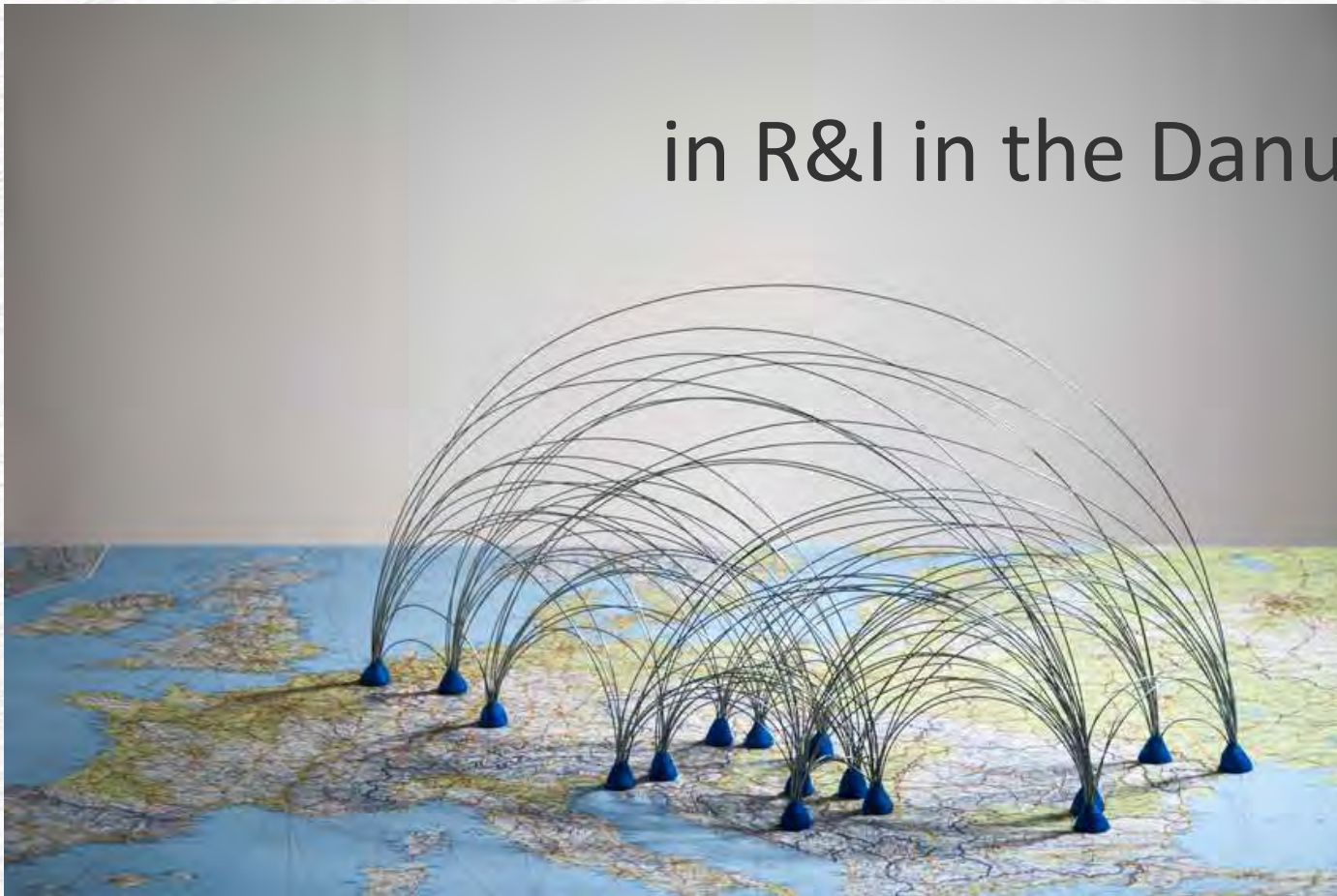
WP5 - Promoting Innovative and Inclusive Danube Societies

WP6 - **Scaling up Danube Funding Mechanisms**

WP7 - **Communication and Dissemination**

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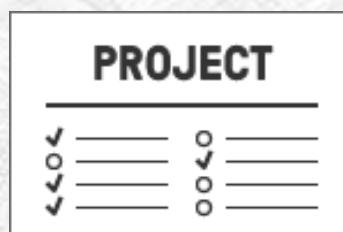
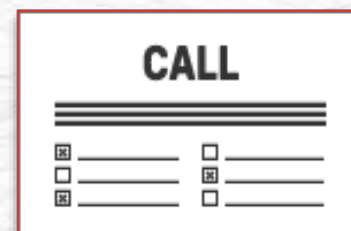
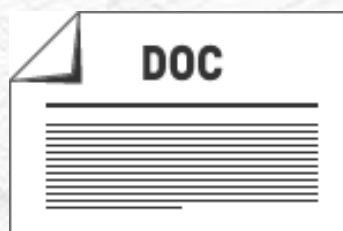
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# ... by coordinating and supporting

- Knowledge exchange on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region
- Sharing of information concerns for instance active organisations, projects and their results, events for networking and **calls for proposals and other funding opportunities**





# Danube-INCO.NET outreach

1. Danube-INCO.NET PORTAL [www.danube-inco.net](http://www.danube-inco.net)
2. Danube-INCO.NET NEWSLETTER & Energy & Bioeconomy News alert
3. Danube-INCO.NET social media (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn)




# ... related to “financing dialogue”

- Relevant programs are monitored on our platform:
  - H2020
  - ERA-NETs, JPIs, etc.
  - EU territorial cooperation programs (Danube Region Transnational Programme, Central Europe, Alpine Space, Mediterranean, etc)
  - IPA II
  - ENI
  - COST
  - EUREKA
  - Other bilateral or multilateral programs
  - CEI
  - RCC
  - Specific tenders
  - ...
- All scientific fields are considered with special focus on Energy and Bioeconomy.






# Calls for Funding Database: search engine



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**Call** | **Deadline on:** 20.06.2019 | **Posted on:** 19.05.2016 | **Created by:** Zana Bogunovic

### Horizon Prizes: Cleanest engine of the future - € 3.5 Million

The purpose of this prize is to stimulate the development of next generation engine and powertrain technologies using conventional fuels. This should ...

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**LATEST NEWS**

Analytical Evidency on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region" (WP4) - available results



# Calls for Funding Database: list of calls



Call | Deadline on: 30.08.2016 | Posted on: 11.05.2016 | Created by: Zana Bogunovic

## Opening Research Organisations in the European Research Area

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Call | Deadline on: 15.09.2016 | Posted on: 05.05.2016 | Created by: Zana Bogunovic

## Project Development Assistance

Project Development Assistance (PDA) will be provided to public and private project promoters such as public authorities or their groupings, public/private...

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Call | Deadline on: 18.05.2016 | Posted on: 03.05.2016 | Created by: Zana Bogunovic

## RCC call for proposals - 300.000 EUR for projects supporting implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy

The Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat (RCC) is seeking proposals for the implementation of the South East Europe 2020 (SEE 2020) Strategy with ...

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Call | Deadline on: 06.09.2016 | Posted on: 02.05.2016 | Created by: Desirée Pecar

## Submit your innovative idea for the Birth Day Challenge

The European Commission, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and MSD for Mothers recently launched the Birth Day Challenge, with the aim of identifying...

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Call | Deadline on: 08.09.2016 | Posted on: 29.04.2016 | Created by: Slavica Radovanovic

## Bio-Based Industries JU 2016 Call for Proposals

BBi 2016 Call Launch-The Bio-based Industries (BBi) Joint Undertaking (JU) is responsible for the implementation of open call for proposals for research...

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## Austria - Czech Rep. S&T Cooperation 2017 - 2018

The objective is to intensify the scientific collaboration between the two countries. The deadline for proposals is May 31!

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# Focus on Energy and Bioeconomy

- Can be filtererd as “affiliation and pillar” in our broad database
- Steadily updated with calls at national level included
- Pilot Actions for networking and analysing currently running (open survey and bioeconomy strategy under development)



# Danube Funding Coordination Network

- Under establishment – workshop planned in Berlin together with PA7
- BMWFW planning a call opening up bilateral programmes in July (most likely together with CZ, HR, SI, SK, SR, HU) “WTZ Donauraum)
- Aiming to contribute to organise participation in ERA-NETs (coordination of STI funding bodies/agencies (ministries) e.g. in relation to [EE-21-2016: ERA-NET Cofund actions supporting Joint Actions towards increasing energy efficiency in industry and services](#)

Or other opportunities, see <https://www.era-learn.eu/h2020-calls-for-p2p/calls-2016>

<https://www.era-learn.eu/h2020-calls-for-p2p/calls-2017>

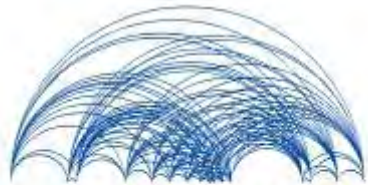
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# A success story?



<http://www.danube-region.eu>



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innovation across borders

<http://www.eurekanetwork.org>



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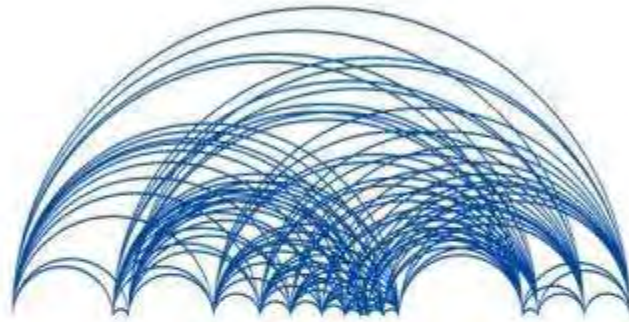
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