

EUSDR Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacity and Cooperation“

# Embedding of the EUSDR in ESIF/IPA/NDICI

Online Steering Group Meeting | April 2020



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# Agenda

**14.00**

**Start of Meeting**

Introduction & Welcome

Tour de Table

**Introduction into Embedding Process from the EUSDR Presidency**

Mislav Kovac, Ministry for Regional Development Croatia, EUSDR Presidency

**Revised Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)**

Roland Mayer-Frei, European Commission/DG REGIO

**Guidance Paper for Embedding the EUSDR in ESIF/IPA/NDICI 2021-2027**

Katharina Lenz, Danube Strategy Point

**2nd Call for Proposals of the DTP Seed Money Facility**

Claudia Singer, EUSDR Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacity & Cooperation“

**Update from the Network of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region**

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**Discussion on topics for embedding institutional capacity and cooperation in ESIF/IPA/NDICI**

Introduction

Discussion

**16.00**

**End of Meeting**

# Tour de Table

# Introduction from the EUSDR Presidency

# Revised EUSDR Action Plan

# Guidance Paper for Embedding the EUSDR in ESIF/IPA/NDICI

# 2nd Call for Proposal DTP Seed Money Facility

# Danube Transnational Programme – Seed Money Facility I



- Next SMF Call expected to be in the **2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2020**
- Proposals must be linked to **Priority Areas of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region**  
⇒ close coordination with Priority Area Coordinators (and Steering Group members).
- maximum **3 proposals approved** per Priority Area
- Total budget per project: **50,000.00 EUR** (EU contribution to each project is 85% (42,500.00 EUR) for ERDF, IPA and ENI project partners)

# Danube Transnational Programme – Seed Money Facility II

SMF projects are expected to address the challenge in a broader way, such as:

- Sectorial project, where the main topic is addressed in a comprehensive way and is preparing the framework for subsequent subprojects, and
- Subprojects linked to the sectorial project, meant to address either a specific issue or a specific identified territory (e.g. through regional programmes), or
- Parallel sectorial projects, aimed at addressing a specific challenge and/ or a territory to be monitored in their implementation by the relevant PACs.

Project proposals that are developed under the DTP SMF can be **submitted to any available funding**: national, mainstream EU, transnational or cross border or by any other public or private investor (such as IFIs) or public-private partnership.

**Disclaimer:** Final decisions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call of the DTP SMF by the Monitoring Committee are still pending.

## Criteria for SMF topics

- The priority should refer to a specific and identified territorial challenge
- The exact territory of each priority should be defined (countries involved, including regions if applicable)
- The possible type of stakeholders to potentially be involved should be defined
- The selected priority should be addressed by mainstream programmes and by other main EU programmes (CEF, HORIZON Europe, LIFE+, ERASMUS+), if applicable
- The selected priority should be able to generate more than one project

# Update Network of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region

# Network of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region



- 9-10 March 2020: 8th Meeting of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region, Vienna
- Topics:
  - State of play in the programming of ESF+
  - Potential topics for transnational cooperation in the Danube Region
  - Text module on transnational cooperation in the Danube Region
- Outlook: Next meeting is expected to take place in autumn (early October) in Croatia

# Programming 2021-2027 for the ESF+ | State of play

- ESF MA are at varying stages of the programming process.
- So far, the selection of Specific Objectives is based on:
  - Country-specific recommendations
  - Common Working Groups for Policy Objectives
  - Consultation of line ministries and labour market institutions
  - Stakeholder consultations
  - „Bund-Länder-Besprechung“ (coordination between federal and regional level)
- Open issues are:
  - Budget/allocation of budget
  - Shift/limitation of amount of Intermediate Bodies
  - Actual implementation of the Just Transition Fund (JTF)
  - *(Impact of SARS-COV-2/COVID-19)*

## Potential topics for transnational cooperation in the ESF+ in the Danube Region

- Women in the labour market
- Digitisation
- Social Innovation
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Roma Inclusion/Inclusion of minorities & vulnerable groups
- Ageing population
- Life-long Learning

# Text Module on Transnational Cooperation for the ESF+

## Results of discussion:

- Currently, there is a short and a long version of the text module for transnational cooperation in the Danube Region in the ESF+
- The short module is supposed to be used for single measures in the OP and to concretise the measures and the involved countries/regions.
- The longer version could also be used for the strategy part of the OP.
- In case an OP is dedicating an entire priority on transnational cooperation, the MA will opt for a more comprehensive description in accordance with the respective requirements, which might be applicable for Bulgaria.
- The EC/DG EMPL should be addressed to discuss the expected content for transnational actions for the OPs to clarify the required level of detail for the description of transnational cooperation.

# PA 10 Topics for ESIF/IPA/NDICI 2021-2027 Discussion

# The Questionnaire

<b>Priority Area(s)</b>	<Please, include your Priority Area. In case the selected strategic topic addresses several PAs, please indicate them all.>
<b>Action(s) from the Action Plan</b>	<Please, include the number and title of the action as indicated in the revised Action Plan. In case the selected strategic topic addresses several actions, also from different PAs, please indicate them all>
<b>Strategic topic related to Priority area</b>	<Please, state the strategic topic related to Priority Area>
<b>Short definition of the selected strategic topic</b>	<Please, shortly define the selected strategic priority in general terms, including the addressed territorial challenge defined above>
<b>Alignment to Cohesion Policy Elements</b>	<Please, indicate how the selected strategic topic is linked to the Annexes D of the European Semester Country Reports 2019 and 2020 and how it is aligned to the ESIF Policy Objectives and Specific Objectives>

<b>Objective(s) to be reached</b>	<Please, indicate what positive change you expect to reach in order to address the territorial challenge defined above>
<b>Countries (and/or regions) involved and why/how</b>	<Please, indicate the countries (and regions, if applicable) to be involved in this topic, the reasons why and how they should be involved>
<b>Stakeholders to be involved</b>	<Please, list the type of stakeholders which should be involved for carrying out this strategic topic. In case different stakeholders according to the different countries are expected to be involved, please indicate so>
<b>Interventions needed to reach the objective</b>	<Please, outline which type of intervention (e.g. coordinated projects addressing specific different thematic/actions) are expected to be implemented in order to reach the objective above. The listed interventions should provide to the SMF applicant the number and scope of the projects to be developed by the SMF project.>
<b>Potential financing instruments</b>	<Please, indicate which financing instruments could be used to fund interventions outlined above.>

# Actions | EUSDR Priority Area 10

## Institutional Capacity

**ACTION 1:** To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services

**ACTION 2:** To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions

## Funding

**ACTION 3:** To review bottlenecks relating to the low absorption rate of EU funds and Invest EU

**ACTION 4:** To support better coordination of funding

**ACTION 5:** To test and support innovative funding solutions (for local actors and civil society)

## Civil Society & Local Actors

**ACTION 6:** To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state actors to enhance well-being for the inhabitants of the Danube Region

**ACTION 7:** To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region

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<b>ACTION 1:</b> To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High-quality public service provision</li> <li>▪ Reducing administrative burden</li> <li>▪ eGovernance/Digitisation</li> <li>▪ Spatial planning</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION 6:</b> To foster cooperation built on mutual trust between state and non-state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participatory governance (platforms, trainings, mutual learning)</li> </ul>
<b>ACTION 2:</b> To facilitate the administrative cooperation of communities living in border regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reducing legal &amp; administrative obstacles</li> <li>▪ Joint cross-border public services</li> <li>▪ Joint cross-border governance</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION 7:</b> To strengthen the involvement of civil society and local actors in the Danube Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth participation</li> <li>▪ Civic engagement</li> <li>▪ Co-designing/co-implementing policies (social innovation)</li> </ul>
		<b>ACTION 8:</b> To enhance capacities of cities and municipalities to facilitate local and regional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capacity-building at local level</li> <li>▪ Roma inclusion</li> <li>▪ Fighting trafficking in human beings</li> <li>▪ Spatial planning/functional regions</li> </ul>

# Example – eGovernance/Digitisation I

**ACTION 1:** To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services

- High-quality public service provision
- Reducing administrative burden
- **eGovernance/Digitisation**
- Spatial planning

## Vision

Becoming an **open, efficient and inclusive** and providing **borderless, interoperable, personalised, user-friendly, end-to-end digital public services** to all citizens and **businesses** – at all levels of public administration.

## Policy (not exhaustive)

EU eGovernment Action Plan | European Interoperability Framework | Tallinn Declaration | Single Digital Gateway

### ESIF

Country-specific recommendations ('Annex D'):  
Digitisation for citizens, businesses and governments  
BG | HR | CZ | DE | RO | SK | SI

### IPA III

Thematic priorities for assistance:  
Public Administration Reform  
BH | ME | RS

### NDICI

Areas of Cooperation:  
Good Governance,  
Poverty eradication,  
Peace  
MD | UA

# Example – eGovernance/Digitisation II

To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services – eGovernance/Digitisation

## ERDF

### Policy Objective 1

A smarter Europe:  
1.2 Reaping the benefits of digitisation

### Policy Objective 4

A more social Europe:  
4.1 Enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets  
  
4.3 increasing integration of marginalised communities

## ESF+

### Policy Objective 4

A more social Europe:  
4.2 modernising labour market institutions

4.9 enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services

## Interreg

### Policy Objective 4

A more social Europe:  
PO4(d) Access to services

### Policy Objective 5

Europe closer to citizens:  
PO5(e) Enhance institutional capacities

## IPA III

### Thematic priorities

for assistance:  
Public Administration Reform

## NDICI

### Areas of Cooperation:

Good Governance,  
Poverty eradication,  
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# Example – eGovernance/Digitisation III

To improve institutional capacities in order to provide high-quality public services – eGovernance/Digitisation

**Internal Security  
Fund**

**Horizon Europe**

**Border  
Management and  
Visa Instrument**

**Digital Europe  
Programme**

# Group discussion

- What is the state of play of programming/selection of topics in your country?
- Which topics do you consider the most relevant for macro-regional cooperation/coordination?

**ACTION 1:** TO IMPROVE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES

- High-quality public service provision
- Reducing administrative burden
- eGovernance/Digitisation
- Spatial planning

**ACTION 2:** TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION OF COMMUNITIES LIVING IN BORDER REGIONS

- Reducing legal & administrative obstacles
- Joint cross-border public services
- Joint cross-border governance

**ACTION 6:** TO FOSTER COOPERATION BUILT ON MUTUAL TRUST BETWEEN STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS

- Participatory governance (platforms, trainings, mutual learning)

**ACTION 7:** TO STRENGTHEN THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL ACTORS IN THE DANUBE REGION

- Youth participation
- Civic engagement
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**ACTION 8:** TO ENHANCE CAPACITIES OF CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO FACILITATE LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Capacity-building at local level
- Roma inclusion
- Fighting trafficking in human beings
- Spatial planning/functional regions

# Next steps

# Thank you for your participation!

## Take care!

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