



Online Meeting of the EUSDR PA 10 D-LAP

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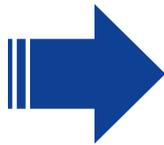
EMBEDDING EUSDR INTO STRUCTURAL AND COHESION FUNDS



INTRODUCTION

Why embedding?

- Great opportunity for the EUSDR in relevant references of the proposal by the COM for a new CPR, ERDF regulations as well as regulations relevant for IPA III and NDICI
 - make the breakthrough needed for delivering what is expected from the EUSDR
 - necessity to include macro-regional priorities – jointly agreed by all participating countries of the EUSDR
 - identify challenges with macro-regional relevance



Upgrading the level of coordination among countries, notably among national/regional authorities responsible for ESIF, IPA and NDICI planning and programming

THE EMBEDDING STARTED WITH A 4 STEPS PROCESS

1st Meeting: Initial steps
at **EUSDR EMB-DR
Task Force Workshop**
(national level):
**22nd January 2020,
Vienna**

3rd Meeting: Further
steps at **EUSDR NCs
EMB-DR TF Meeting:**
**20th February 2020,
Brussels** (within ECs
*First EU Macro-Regional
Strategies Week*

NC/PAC agreement on the embedding process under the
HR EUSDR PCY supported by the DSP

2nd Meeting:
Presentation and
Discussion at **PAC
Meeting: 11th and 12th
February 2020, Zagreb**

Presentation and
Discussion of the results
**End of April/Beginning
of May** at Joint NC/PAC
meeting in Zagreb



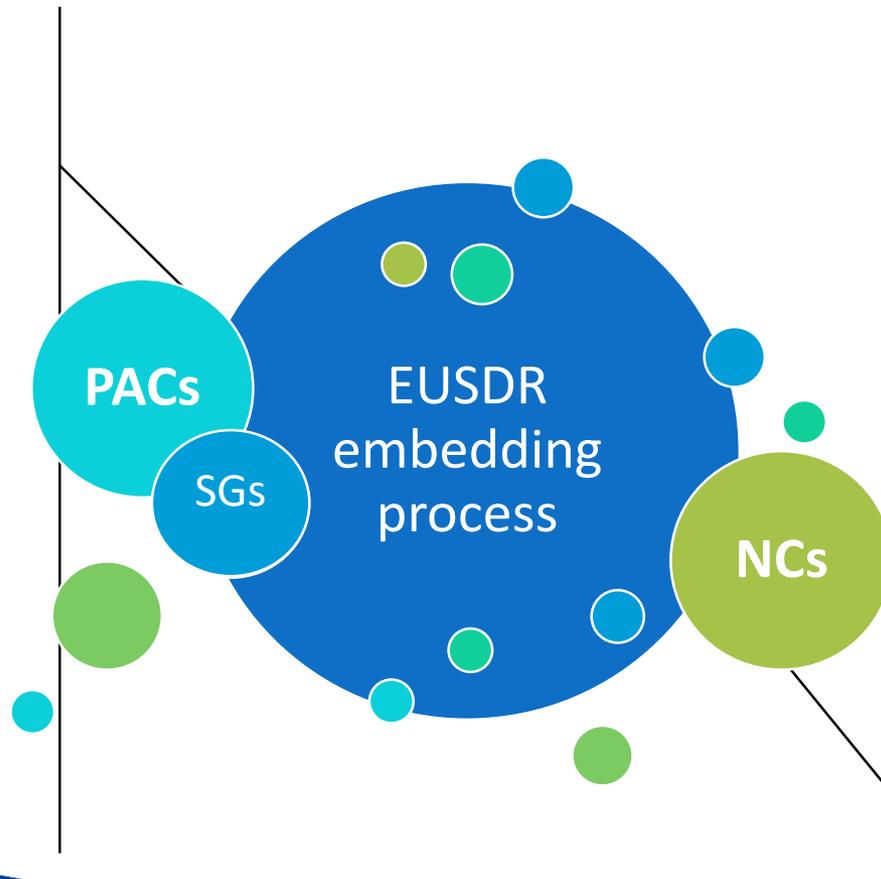
MAIN FINDINGS

- The revised **EUSDR Action Plan** (with all 85 actions) **would be hard to utilize** in the embedding process. Hence, **strategic topics** of PAs are to be generated based on a **common denominator**.
- Identified strategic topics would be part of the **embedding process at national/regional level** and on the same time, they would also be considered as **fundable topics for the DTP 2nd Seed Money Facility (SMF) Call**.
- **Difference must be made** between the **programming and implementing phases** as programming addresses topics and only during the implementing phase projects are to be discussed (later stage).

PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION I

PACs play a key role in identifying and thematically and contextually designing the strategic topics.

→ Swiftly agree on the concise strategic topics within the 2021-2027 planning and programming process, in order to allow a targeted embedding



NCs are key actors for the embedding process in each participating country
→ coordinate with the authorities responsible for the ESI, IPA and NDICI funds
→ identify areas of cooperation with respective national/regional line ministries

PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION II

- I. **Based on the new Action Plan, PACs are to propose a shortlist of up to three strategic topics (per PA) to be included in the relevant national/regional operational programmes.**
 - Proposed timing: **4 May 2020**

- II. **The NCs in agreement with the PACs approve the shortlist of strategic topics.**
 - Proposed timing: next NC/PAC meeting (due to current situation to be rescheduled). **The HR EUSDR PCY & DSP are searching for alternative solution – online meeting.**



PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION II

III. NCs are asked to convene meetings in their countries as soon as possible with the managing authorities responsible for the strategic planning and programming of the ESI/IPA/NDICI funds and other relevant stakeholders.

➤ Proposed timing: ongoing process

IV. Raising awareness on national level through organisation of thematic events

➤ Proposed timing: ongoing process





SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OF THE HR PCY

Guidance Paper for Embedding of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) into EU Programmes

March 2020

1. Introduction

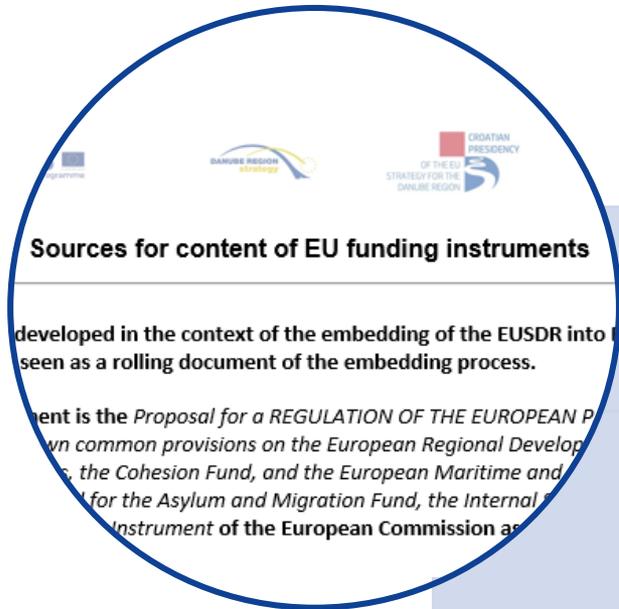
The relevant references of the proposal by the COM for a new CFR, EROF regulations as well as regulations relevant for IPA III and NDICI and their implementing regulations, represent a great opportunity for the EUSDR to make the breakthrough needed for delivering what is expected from it. It recognises the necessity to include macro-regional priorities – jointly agreed by all participating countries of the EUSDR – in the ESIF, IPA and NDICI 2021-2027 planning and programming documents from the very beginning, and to identify challenges with macro-regional relevance. This requires a high level of coordination among countries, notably among national/regional authorities, in the NDICI planning and programming.

Guidance Paper for Embedding of the EUSDR into EU Programmes

Comprehensive instructions for the embedding process including: **Annex A: Selection of strategic topics** – a table that has to be filled in providing up to three strategic topics (per PA) and all relevant information requested.



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OF THE HR PCY



Sources for content of EU funding instruments

Comprehensive summary to support PACs in their selection of strategic topics and NCs in approaching the MAs.

The underlying document is the CPR Proposal of the European Commission as of May 2018 (COM(2018) 375 final).



FINAL REMARKS

- The documents/tools were developed in the context of the embedding of the EUSDR into EU funds and should therefore be seen as rolling documents/tools of the embedding process.
- The whole exercise must be considered and implemented as a dynamic process and will continue until the final drafting and submission of the relevant Partnership Agreement and IPA/NDICI programming framework to the COM. As soon as a final version is available, the documents/tools will be updated and sent out.
- The EUSDR National Coordinators should be considered in every country as indispensable partners during the drafting of relevant Partnership Agreement and IPA/NDICI programmes.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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