



# A better cooperation governance Danube Region

**13 June 2022, 9.30 – 12.00 CET**  
**online seminar**

**Specific objective 4.2**

**Increased institutional capacities for  
territorial and marco-regional  
governance**



# Programme Area

*Region of barriers, due to highly fragmented regarding political, economic and administrative aspects*



*EU-members, accession- and neighbourhood countries: unique historic situation for the better integration of the Danube space through EU cohesion policies*

*Highest number of countries (14) and highest number of borders compared to other macro-regions, (rate of border areas is 44%)*



# Programme Budget

- EUR 213,105,953.00 EU contribution
- „INTERREG funds” – bringing together ERDF, IPA and NDICI funds
- Maximum EU contribution is 80%
- Approx. 50% of the budget will be available in the 1st Call for Proposals
- Allocated budget (EU contribution) for Specific Objective 4.2: EUR 25.651.401,75



# Programme Priorities

INTERREG DANUBE  
Priorities and Specific Objectives  
2021 - 2027



PRIORITY 1:  
A smarter Danube Region



PRIORITY 2:  
A greener, low-carbon  
Danube Region



PRIORITY 3:  
A more social  
Danube Region



PRIORITY 4:  
A better cooperation governance  
in the Danube Region





## Priority 4: A better cooperation governance in the Danube Region

*S.O.: 4.1. Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies*

Support to the EUSDR governance

- Direct support for Priority Areas Coordinators / PAC
- Danube Strategy Point / DSP
- Seed Money / Small Project funding facility

**RESTRICTED CfPs only!**

**S.O.: 4.2 Increased institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance**

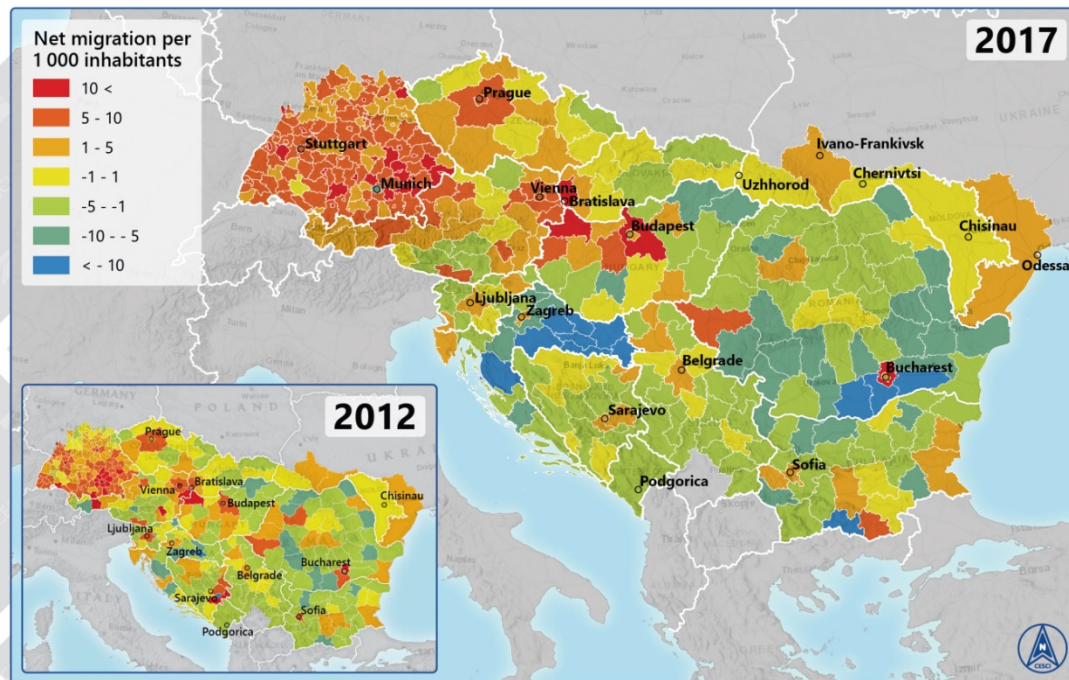
“Standard” projects



## Challenges



Spatial distribution of **net migration** in the Danube Region



source: ESRI database, Eurostat, national statistical offices, data submitted by the members  
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- Huge discrepancies in territorial development (-policies) across the DR
- Institutional integration / cooperation across borders lagging behind
- Urban-rural divide – lack of polycentric development
- Insufficient local and civil participation in territorial development processes
- Missing (institutional) capacities for developing, applying, adapting and implementing integrated territorial development policies
- ...



## Focus

- Integrated governance models for addressing challenges arising from demographic change (e.g. aging, depopulation, brain drain)
- Integrated urban-rural governance models including specific territorial development strategies for rural/remote areas
- Support for more and stronger inter-institutional relations for the integrated development of transboundary functional areas
- Capacity building considering especially a better involvement of local and regional public bodies as well as civic actors in transnational policy making, territorial development frameworks and governance models
- Support for the monitoring and analysis of territorial processes affecting the cohesion and cooperation of the Danube Region



## Focus

- The improved provision of public services of general interest and digitalization to be considered as horizontal elements
- All measures shall substantially take into account existing main territorial/spatial development frameworks such as the Territorial agenda 2030 or the New Leipzig Charter
- Integrated / holistic approaches expected - not only by integration of different administrative levels but also through embedding sectorial aspects like transport or accessibility into broader territorial governance scenarios





## Partnership

- Critical mix of PPs, reflecting the integrated / holistic character of S.O. 4.2
- Strong local and civic ownership expected
- Exact composition and size depending on individual topic(s) but sufficient “weight” for leaving a footprint on transnational level is indispensable



## What do we NOT finance under S.O. 4.2

- Projects which do not demonstrate that cooperation is needed on transnational level to address the identified governance-challenges
- Projects not being clearly embedded in a territorial scenario and not considering respective existing frameworks
- Projects with pre-dominant focus on infrastructure or mere technical (IT-) solutions;
- Projects lacking multi-level governance character with respect to objectives, activities, outputs and especially partnership composition
- Projects with narrowed sectorial focus (e.g. project focussing on educational/training schemes for certain target groups might fit better under Priority 3)



# Specific Objective 4.2

## Background frameworks

- Territorial Agenda 2030

*The Territorial Agenda underlines the importance of and provides orientation for strategic spatial planning and calls for strengthening the territorial dimension of sector policies at all governance levels. It seeks to promote an inclusive and sustainable future for all places and to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals in Europe.*

*Two overarching objectives, a Just Europe and a Green Europe, which have six priorities for developing the European territory as a whole, along with all its place*

- New Leipzig Charta

*Unlashing the transformative power of cities through integrated urban development, with a place-based, multi-level and participatory approach:*

- *The just city*
- *The green city*
- *Digitalization*





## 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposal

- 2-step procedure
- Info Webinars May/June 2022
- National Info Days starting soon
- Launch of the first step: September 2022
- Submission 1<sup>st</sup> step: (late) October 2022
- Launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> step: Spring 2023
- Final approval not (much) before autumn 2023



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