



# A greener, low carbon

## Danube Region

30 May 2022, 9.30 – 11.30 CET  
online seminar

Specific objective 2.2

Climate change  
adaptation and disaster  
management



# Transnational Cooperation

- an instrument of EU Cohesion Policy
- financially support cooperation projects beyond national level
- in a geographically defined area addressing common needs and challenges
- complement mainstream programmes
- bring together policy makers, academia, research, civil society and private actors



# Danube Region

## **a region of barriers**

- highest number of countries (14) - highest number of borders
- heterogeneous and diverse in terms of natural environment, socio-economic & cultural characteristics
- highly fragmented political and administrative status

EU measures for stronger cohesion with accession & neighbourhood policies:

- unique situation for better integration of Danube space



# Funding opportunity

SO 2.2 - Promoting climate change adaptation capacities in the Danube Region and disaster management on transnational level in relation to environmental risks, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches



## SO 2.2 – needs and challenges

- Danube Region exposed to climate change
  - increasing annual mean temperatures,
  - wet regions becoming wetter, dry regions drier
  - increasing intensity and frequency of heat waves, dry periods, heavy rainfalls
- increasing frequency & severity of environmental disasters
  - floods, droughts, forest fires
- impacts on ecosystem, economic sectors, human life on transboundary scale
- impacts of accidental pollutions along major rivers need coordinated transnational emergency response



## SO 2.2 - Focus

- strengthening cooperation of key actors of transnational area
- Danube Region scale CC forecasting & vulnerability assessment
- harmonised, coordinated disaster prevention, preparedness, response
- preparedness and adaptive capacity to cope with impacts of CC
  - climate services to foster resilience
- flood & accidental pollution management actions shall target main transboundary river(-basin)s



## SO 2.2 – What is supported

- improve policies and institutional capacities (e.g. integrated strategies, action plans, policy & sectoral dialogs, trainings)
- harmonising management processes (e.g. management, contingency plans)
- elaborating, pilot testing joint solutions (e.g. monitoring, forecasting tools, data bases)
- reasonable mix of activities with clear thematic focus
- territorially integrated, cross-sectoral approaches



## SO 2.2 – What is supported

- harmonised CC modelling, forecasting and vulnerability assessment on DRB scale
  - applied at policy and operational level
- CC adaptation
  - integration of research results
  - improving skills and competences for policy makers and stakeholders
- coordinated flood risks / drought prevention
  - option of nature-based solutions
- combat flood, drought, accidental pollution of transboundary rivers and CC related other disasters
  - Harmonised planning, monitoring, alert systems, inventories
  - improving operational cooperation, capacities of emergency response bodies
- Regional level CC & environmental risks related disaster preparedness activities





## SO 2.2 – What is **not** supported

- if need for cooperation on transnational level not demonstrated
- flood / accidental pollution management not focusing on main transboundary river(-basin)s
- pre-dominant focus on infrastructure
- pre-dominant focus on technical solution development without application by target users
- pre-dominant focus on research /data collection without translating into applied solutions / policy strategies, plans
- water scarcity related CC adaptation - low water periods affecting balanced use and quality of water (addressed in SO2.3)
- biodiversity related CC adaptation - on habitats, protected areas and forestry (addressed in SO2.4)



# Partnership

- minimum requirement: 3 financing partners from 3 DRP countries
  - number of countries to be involved → ensuring broad territorial impact in DR
  - number of PPs → ensuring thematic and territorial relevance and competence in a coherent mix and balanced way
- integration of non-EU countries - utmost importance!!!
- „INTERREG funds“ = equal participation of non-EU partners
  - no differentiation of PPs by ERDF, IPA and NDICI funds
  - Lead Partner can be from any DRP country



# Budget

- Total Programme budget: 213,103,953.00 EUR
- „INTERREG funds“ – ERDF, IPA and NDICI funds in a single pot
- EU contribution part: 80%
- Priority 2 total budget: 74,586,383.00 EUR
- 50% of budget available in 1st Call for Proposals
  
- no advance payment of Interreg contribution!!!
- reimbursed on periodically reported PP's cost-basis!!!
- project partners need sufficient cash-flow capacities!!!



# Follow developments

- DTP website:
  - general information,
  - (draft-) Danube Programme document
  - Call for Proposals announcement,
- DRP events (thematic webinars, kick-off event, Lead Applicant Seminar)
- DTP National Contact Points
- National events (national info days)
- MA/JS Project Officer (bilateral consultations)
- EUSDR PAs



# Contact

[gusztav.csomor@interreg-danube.eu](mailto:gusztav.csomor@interreg-danube.eu)

<https://www.interreg-danube.eu/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027>