

Danube Region
Programme



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A greener, low carbon Danube Region

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Specific objective 2.3

Promoting water and
sediment quality



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
- highly fragmented political and administrative status
- heterogeneous and diverse in terms of natural environment, socio-economic & cultural features

EU measures for stronger cohesion with accession & neighbourhood policies:

- unique situation for better integration of Danube space



Funding opportunity

SO 2.3 - Sustainable, integrated, transnational water and sediment management in the Danube River Basin ensuring good quality and quantity of waters and sediment balance



SO 2.3 – Needs and challenges

- Danube Region covers water system of the Danube River Basin
- focus is on water quantity, quality and sediment balance of transboundary river(basin)s, surface and underground water bodies
- pressures:
 - contamination and water pollution
 - increasing water use, decreasing ground water levels, shrinking supplies
 - increasing periods of low water in transnational river systems
 - sediment balance alterations
- impacts beyond country borders → need for cooperation of upstream & downstream countries



SO 2.3 - Focus

- prevention and mitigation of water pollution / restoration of good quality of transnational water bodies
- harmonising management practises between key sectors to improve quality, quantity of water and sediment
- transnational coordination of water supply management, especially in relation to basin-wide importance of groundwater bodies



SO 2.3 – What is supported

- improve policies and institutional capacities (e.g. integrated strategies, action plans, policy & sectoral dialogs, trainings)
- harmonising management processes (e.g. management 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
- taking into consideration potential negative effects of CC



SO 2.3 – What is supported

- harmonised data availability, monitoring, modelling systems for transnational water management
- capacities to prevent, mitigate water pollution / restore good quality of water
- improving sediment balance and related morphodynamics
- potentials of floodplain reconnection to improve water quality
- monitoring, modelling of transboundary groundwater systems
- measures ensuring balanced use of water, regarding CC impacts
- measures in connection to CC induced low water periods on transnational rivers of DRB (sediment, navigation, HPP)



SO 2.3 – What is **not** supported

- if need for cooperation on transnational level not demonstrated
- not focusing on main transboundary river(-basin)s of DRB
- 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
- emergency response to accidental pollution of main transboundary river(-basin)s (addressed in SO2.2)
- potentials of floodplain restoration in case their focus is on flood protection (addressed in SO2.2), or focus on ecological corridors and biodiversity (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



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