

DTP InfoDay



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A stream of cooperation



DTP - My story

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What is DTP?

DTP is a financing instrument



One of the 107 Interreg Programmes 2014-2020 (cross-border, <u>transnational</u>, interregional)







What DTP is NOT!

DTP is **NOT**:

- The Danube Strategy Programme!
- > EUSDR!
- ➤ The only financing instrument for EUSDR!
- > A Programme addressing Danube riparian areas only!
- ➤ A Programme for big infrastructure!
- > A research Programme!
- > A Programme aiming at mere networking!









What is my mission?



Objective of the Danube Programme

DTP 2014-2020 finances projects implemented by large transnational consortia aiming at improving the public policies and institutional cooperation in the Danube region.



How am I structured?



Innovative and socially responsible Danube Region

1.1: Improve framework conditions for innovation 1.2: Increase competences for business and social innovation



Environment and culture responsible Danube Region

2.1: Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention
2.2: Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources
2.3: Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors
2.4: Improve preparedness for environmental risk management



Better connected and energy responsible Danube Region

3.1: Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas 3.2: Improve energy security and energy efficiency

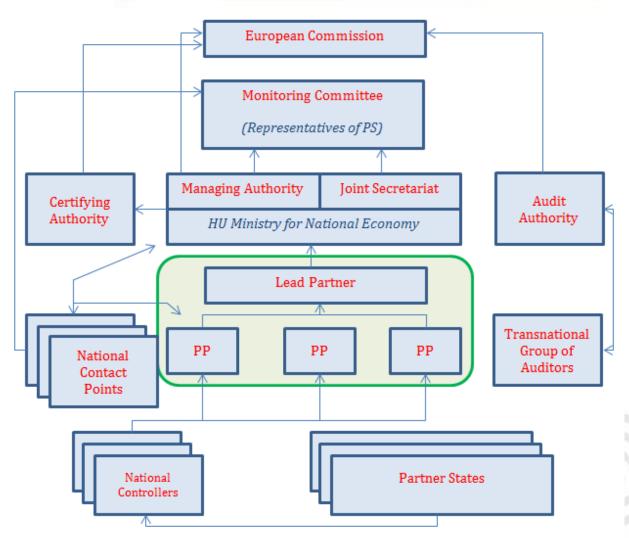


Well governed Danube Region

4.1:Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges
4.2: Support the governance and implementation of the EUSDR



Who is managing me?





What are my key principles?

- > Real transnational character
- > Result-oriented approach
- > Sustainable development
- > Durable and transferrable outputs
- > Integrated territorial approach
- > Qualitative partnership
- > Efficiency in terms of mobilised resources





What activities do I finance?

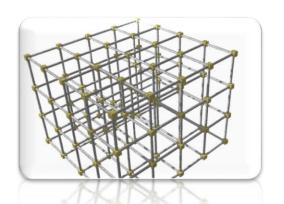
DTP supports joint cooperation projects which:

- Develop institutional capacity and ensure knowledge transfer



- Pave the way to new investments





- Support the development of a common framework for policy implementation in various fields



What activities do I finance?

DTP supports joint cooperation projects which:



- Support policy harmonisation in various fields

 Develop innovative solutions to common problems





What costs do I reimburse?



1. Staff cost

- Real cost OR
- Flatrate (up to 20% of the direct cost)



2. Office and admin.

• Flatrate (15% of staff cost)



3. Travel & accommodation



4. External expertise & services



5. Equipment



6. Infrastructure & works



What costs do I not reimburse?



- Fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation
- Costs of gifts, except those not exceeding 50 EUR per gift where related to promotion, communication, publicity or information
- Costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate
- Interest on debt.
- Purchase of land and existing buildings
- Value added tax except where it is non-recoverable
- Contributions in kind
- Common costs
- Second hand equipment
 Not exhaustive list



What is the hierarchy of rules?

- EU Regulations
- 2. Programme rules
- 3. National (including specific institutional) rules



The eligibility rules laid down in the programme level documents cannot be overruled by national or institutional legislation.





What are the general eligibility rules?

All expenditures:

- > Are related to the project
- Comply with the principle of efficiency, effectiveness and economy
- Comply with the principle of real costs, except costs calculated as flat rates and lump sums
- ➤ Are **incurred** and **paid** by the PP indicated in the AF during the eligibility period of the project



What are the general eligibility rules?

All expenditures:

- ➤ Relate to activities which **have not been financed** from other financial instruments
- ➤ Are **supported by probative documents** except costs calculated as **flat rates and lump sums**
- ➤ Are in line with **eligibility rules** on EU, programme and national level



Eligibility in time

Eligibility in time

Eligible project expenditure shall be **incurred and paid within the project period** defined by the starting date and end date of the project according to the approved Application Form.

Exceptions



- Preparation costs
- Control costs related to the last progress report and application for reimbursement
- Expenditure incurred in the last reporting period



Staff Costs

Limited to:



- ➤ Costs of the personnel employed by the beneficiary institution and executing tasks for the project
- Salary payments
- Any other costs directly linked to salary payments incurred and paid by the employer (e.g. employment taxes and social security)

Reimbursement option (real cost or flat rate) will remain unchanged through the entire project period!



Office and administration

Flat rate - 15% of the eligible staff costs



- Cannot be claimed as direct cost under other budget lines
- ➤ If the staff costs are not eligible/ declared, office and administration costs cannot be declared
- ➤ If the staff costs are declared on flat rate basis, office and administration are eligible



Office and administration (exhaustive list)

- a. Office rent
- b. Insurance and taxes related to the buildings where the staff is located and to the equipment of the office (e.g. fire, theft insurances)
- c. Utilities (e.g. electricity, heating, water)
- d. Office supplies
- e. General accounting provided inside the beneficiary organisation
- f. Archives
- g. Maintenance, cleaning and repairs
- h. Security
- i. IT systems
- j. Communication (e.g. telephone, fax, internet, postal services, business cards)
- k. Bank charges for opening and administering the account or accounts where the implementation of an operation requires a separate account to be opened
- l. Charges for transnational financial transactions



Travel and accommodation Option A)

- a. Travel costs
- b. Costs of meals
- c. Accommodation costs
- d. Visa costs
- e. Daily allowances



Costs for flight carbon offsetting are eligible if proper invoice is provided.



Travel and accommodation

Option B)

Per diems according to the **EC-funded external aid contracts**

- a. Accommodation
- b. Meals
- c. Local travel within the place of mission and sundry expenses

The current per diem rates can be found on the EC website: https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/perdiem-2015-03-corr-columbia en.pdf



External expertise and services

- a. Studies or surveys (e.g. evaluations, strategies, concept notes, design plans, handbooks)
- b. Training
- c. Translations
- d. IT systems and website, modifications and updates
- e. Promotion, communication, publicity or information linked to the project
- f. Financial management
- g. Services related to the organisation and implementation of events or meetings (including rent, catering or interpretation)
- h. Participation in events (e.g. registration fees)
- i. Legal consultancy and notarial services, technical and financial expertise, other consultancy and accountancy services



External expertise and services

- j. Intellectual property rights
- k. Verifications: Externalised control activities (FLC) for the verification of the project expenditure where it is relevant for the control system of the concerned Partner State
- l. The provision of guarantees by a bank or other financial institution where required by Union or national law or in a programming document adopted by the monitoring committee
- m. Travel and accommodation for external experts, speakers, chairpersons of meetings and service providers
- n. Other specific expertise and services needed for the given project



Equipment expenditure

Purchase, rent or lease

- a. Office equipment
- b. IT hardware and software
- c. Furniture and fittings
- d. Laboratory equipment
- e. Machines and instruments
- f. Tools or devices
- g. Vehicles
- h. Other specific equipment



Only equipment **listed in the approved AF** are eligible.

Full costs of the equipment should be allocated to the project, if in line with national and institutional regulations

If not, only **depreciation costs** shall be allocated to the project.

Rental or leasing costs for a certain period during the project lifetime are eligible.



Infrastructure and works

- ➤ Only small scale infrastructure is eligible; the transnational character of the investment has to be demonstrated; the activity is approved in the Application Form
- ➤ This budget line should include execution or both design and execution of works as well as site preparation, delivery, handling installation, renovation



Special eligibility rules

Preparation costs

- Lump sum of 17,500.00 EUR per project. ERDF contribution part of this amount will be reimbursed to the LP
- ➤ Only if the approved project has not received other EU financial support for the project preparation
- ➤ Covers costs of preparation of the Application and further costs of condition clearing until the contracting the project



Special eligibility rules

Expenditure of the Associated Strategic Partners

- > EU partners and non-EU partners from eligible area
- ➤ Added value for the project is demonstrated
- ➤ ASP-indirectly financed-no separate budget
- > IPA PPs cannot be "sponsoring" PPs
- ➤ Costs of ASP shall be planned in the "sponsoring" ERDF PP and shall be paid by the "sponsoring" ERDF PP
- ➤ Only travel and accommodation costs of the ASP are eligible under Travel and accommodation budget line



Public sector



Private sector





* LP and IPA PP cannot be profit-making organisations!



3 financing partners from 3 DTP countries (LP and at least 2 other PPs)



LP – must come from an EU MS

LP – cannot be profit-making organisation



Programme area

14 countries:

- > 9 EU MS: DE, AT, CZ, SI, SK, HU, HR, RO, BG
- ➤ 3 EU (potential) candidate countries: RS, ME, BiH
- ➤ 2 EU neighbouring countries: UA, MD





Type of Partner		Location	Budget	Budget lines
Directly financed partners	LEAD PARTNER	EU part of the Programme area	Separate	All
	ERDF PARTNER	EU part of the Programme area	Separate	All
	IPA PARTNER	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia	Separate	All
	ENI PARTNER	Moldova and Ukraine	Separate	All
Indirectly financed partners	Associated Strategic Partners (ASPs)	EU countriesNon-EU countries of the Programme Area	Part of a "sponsoring" ERDF PARTNER budget	TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION



Associated Strategic Partners (ASP)

Added value for the partnership



No budget

EU countries Non-EU countries from eligible area



Interreg What type of funds do I have?

ERDF

- > PPs from EU MS
- > ASPs

IPA

> PPs from BA, RS, ME

ENI (conditional)

> PPs from MD, UA





DTP - My second Call

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When will it be launched?

May 2017



BUT

- Applicants Manual is available
- Application Form template is available
- Guidelines for the Application Form are available

http://www.interreg-danube.eu/calls/calls-for-proposals/second-call-for-proposals



Which PAs can be addressed?



Innovative and socially responsible Danube Region



Environment and culture responsible Danube Region



Better connected and energy responsible Danube Region



so	Restriction for the 2 nd Call for Proposal
SO 1.1	Open: restricted to commercialisation of research results and technology transfer; cluster policies and transnational cluster cooperation based on smart specialisation approaches; management of intellectual property rights for supporting innovation
SO 1.2	Open (unrestricted)
SO 2.1	Open: restricted to flood prevention (monitoring / early warning systems; preventive solutions) and/or water quality management (e.g. harmonised monitoring and assessment systems and solutions, measures to reduce nutrient and hazardous substance pollution, more efficient waste water treatment solutions)
SO 2.2	Open (unrestricted)
SO 2.3	Open (unrestricted)
SO 2.4	Open (unrestricted)
SO 3.1	Open: restricted to multi/ inter-modality (especially inclusive but not limited to rail and air transport), transport safety (inclusive of ITS, if applicable), IWT fleet modernisation, connectivity of rural areas and improvement of public transport
SO 3.2	Open (unrestricted)
SO 4.1	Closed



SO 1.1 - Innovation

SO 1.1: Improve framework conditions for innovation



Improve the institutional and infrastructural framework conditions and policy instruments for research & innovation to ensure a broader access to knowledge for the development of new technologies and the social dimension of innovation.

SO 1.1 - Innovation

2nd Call restrictions!!!

- Commercialisation of research results and technology transfer;
- Cluster policies and transnational cluster cooperation based on smart specialisation approaches;
- Management of intellectual property rights for supporting innovation

SO 1.2 - Business & social innovation

SO 1.2: Increase competences for business and social innovation



Foster innovative learning systems to increase competences of employees in the business sector, to strengthen entrepreneurial culture and learning contributing to better meet social needs and the delivery of services in the general interest.

No restrictions for 2nd Call!



SO 1.2 - Business & social innovation



Topics addressed by the DTP

Projects built around the knowledge triangle of research, education and social innovation, producing knowledge through research, diffusing it through innovative learning systems, and applying it through social innovation in order to:

- ➤ Improve policy learning and development of practical solutions to better adapt human resources to technological change and market requirements
- ➤ Improved policies and practical solutions for entrepreneurial culture and learning
- ➤ Improved environment, skills and competences to advance social innovation and social services to better meet social and address new challenges
- ➤ Building capacities of public administration to better cope with innovation processes



NOT addressed by the DTP

Purely academic, soft research and networking projects not having the key constitutive elements as to allow them to translate soft activities (surveys, studies, analysis, territorial mapping, virtual cooperation, questionnaires, abstract ICT tools etc.) into concrete and sustainable project outputs.

Hard infrastructure projects and investment with significant costs.

Projects not looking to proposed innovative learning systems or address social innovation and with no policy uptake capacity.



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SO 2.1 – Water management

SO 2.1: Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention



Strengthen joint and integrated approaches to further develop and implement River Basin Management Plans in the Partner States in line with the overall Danube River Basin Management Plan in order to improve transnational water management and flood risk prevention contributing to the sustainable provision of ecosystem services.



SO 2.1 – Water management

2nd Call restrictions!!!

- ➤ Flood prevention (monitoring / early warning systems; preventive solutions)
- ➤ Water quality management (e.g. harmonised monitoring and assessment systems and solutions, measures to reduce nutrient and hazardous substance pollution, more efficient waste water treatment solutions).



SO 2.2 – Natural and cultural heritage

SO 2.2: Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources

Strengthen **joint** and **integrated** approaches to **preserve** and **manage** the diversity of natural and cultural heritage and resources in the Danube region as a basis for **sustainable development** and **growth strategies.**

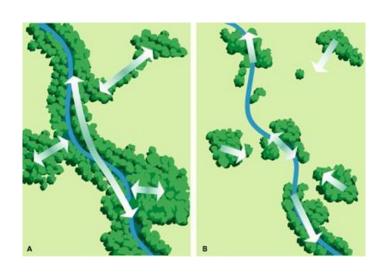
No restrictions for 2nd Call!





SO 2.3 – Ecological corridors

SO 2.3: Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors



Strengthen effective approaches to preservation, restoring and management of bio-corridors and wetlands of <u>transnational relevance</u> to contribute to the <u>better</u> conservation status of ecosystems of <u>European relevance</u>.

No restrictions for 2nd Call!



SO 2.3 – Ecological corridors



Topics addressed by the DTP

- Improve interlinking / connectivity along transnationally relevant ecological corridors
 - Restoring flood plains, wetlands
 - Reducing barriers and supporting integrated habitat management for migratory species
 - Harmonised spatial planning / land use management techniques to reduce fragmentation of ecosystems



NOT addressed by the DTP

- Without transnationally relevant corridor / connectivity approach focusing on:
 - Biodiversity
 - Management of protected areas
 - Management of habitats
 - Agriculture related issues
 - Soil management
 - Monitoring / management tool development

SO 2.4 – Environmental risk management

SO 2.4: Improve preparedness for environmental risk management



Establish and develop a more effective governance system for environmental protection addressing emergency situations and improve the preparedness of public authorities and civil protection organisation contributing to the reduction of risks and impact on ecosystem services, biodiversity and human health.

No restrictions for 2nd Call!



SO 2.4 – Environmental risk management



Topics addressed by the DTP

- Strategic, operational cooperation; interoperability among emergency response authorities and stakeholders responding to major transnational emergencies
 - **Flood protection**, but not directly flood prevention (SO 2.1)
 - **Drought** management
 - Industrial accidents
 - Single / multi-risks



NOT addressed by the DTP

- Flood prevention focus by SO2.1
- Climate change adaptation
- ➤ Air pollution focus
- Natural disasters not connected to non-functioning ecosystems / man-made actions (earthquakes, geomagnetic storms...)
- Human health related interventions (e.g. epidemics, diseases)



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SO 3.1 - Transport

SO 3.1: Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas



Improve planning, coordination and creating practical solutions for an environmentally-friendly, low-carbon and safer transport network and services in the programme area contributing to a balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas.

SO 3.1 - Transport

2nd Call restrictions!!!

- Multi/ inter-modality (especially inclusive but not limited to rail and air transport)
- > Transport safety (inclusive of ITS, if applicable)
- > IWT fleet modernisation
- Connectivity of rural areas
- > Improvement of public transport





So 3.2 Improve energy security and energy efficiency



No restrictions for 2nd Call!

Contribute to the energy security and energy efficiency of the region BY supporting the development of joint regional storage and distribution solutions and strategies for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy usage.



SO 3.2 - Energy



Topics addressed by the DTP

SO covers a niche area related to smart energy distribution, storage and transmission systems and distributed generation from renewable sources:

- Development of smart grids and integration of RES
- Regional energy planning and distribution
- Security of energy supply through a better exploitation of RES

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Topics NOT addressed by the DTP

- Development of specific installations, prototypes or technologies
- ➤ Implementation of actions solely aiming the alignment to specific standards, directives or local commitments
- ➤ Indirect approaches (energy efficiency through awareness raising actions/ training of energy managers)
- The shift towards low-carbon economy - ERDF Regulation 1301/2013, Art.5, (4)



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How long can a project be?

Maximum duration of projects: 36 months





How much money do I have?

Budget of the 2nd Call for Proposals in EUR

	ERDF	IPA	ENI MD	ENI UA	TOTAL
SO 1.1	5,958,680.86	253,178.96	402,127.80	402,127.80	7,016,115.42
SO 1.2	12,579,492.19	1,168,397.99	402,127.80	402,127.80	14,552,145.78
SO 2.1	2,940,677.01	296,060.37	162,861.60		3,562,460.58
SO 2.2	9,307,708.48	820,103.18	Plann 430,85 1 .00		10,989,513.66
SO 2.3	4,410,625.53	431,810.32	162,718,20	NE at the	5,167,872.25
SO 2.4	6,008,367.90	499,045.80	162,718.20		6,832,850.10
SO 3.1	4,904,692.17	797,956.70	402,127.50	402,127.50	6,506,903.87
SO 3.2	4,724,730.34	153,945.20	201,063.90	201,063.90	5,280,803.34
TOTAL	50,834,974.48	4,420,498.53	2,326,596.00	2,326,596.00	59,908,665.01



How to develop a successful project?

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Start with...

- > ... the project idea...
- ➤ Look for the most appropriate partners...
- **▶** Develop the intervention logic...
- ➤ Develop the workplan...
- ➤ Create synergies and capitalise...





Intervention Logic

DTP core principle \rightarrow result-orientation, the basis for this approach being the change

Intervention logic → a tool showing *how the change will be achieved* that defines:

- Status quo
- The change
- ➤ The specific objectives
- > The actions, outputs, stakeholders and target groups
- The results and durability



Intervention Logic





Application Form

- > Requested project budget, work packages and activities
- > Investment and equipment

Application Form - financial Part (excel tables)

Complete financial information



Implementation Manual (and Control Guidelines)

Eligibility of expenditure



Sources of funding:

- > 85% EU contribution ensured by DTP (ERDF, IPA, ENI)
- > State contribution - check the website!
- Public contribution (national level information, NCP support)
- Private contribution



Work packages and budget lines from PP level:



- ➤ Build up the partners' budgets on the basis of their activities per work packages by defining the costs per budget lines for each WP
- ➤ The budgets of the project partners will produce the total budget overview for partners per budget lines and per work packages





Spending forecast of the project

- Planning the project budget per reporting period
- > Spending forecasts given at partner level will "produce" the project spending forecast
- ➤ Periods have to cover **6 months**, starting from the month of the approval date of the project



Spending forecast of the project

- > To be planned carefully by each project partner:
 - The spending level per partner influences the overall project level spending
- Should be in line with the time plan of the project
 - Activities fulfilled within the reporting period,
 i.e. expenditure incurred, expenditure paid within the reporting period, validated expenditure of the reporting period
- Should be realistic
 - Consider the timeframe for each activity, including also the time needed for public procurements and payments!



Use of the EURO

- Project budget (and partner budget) to be planned in Euro
- ➤ All expenditure to be reported in Euro
- > EU contribution will be transferred to LP in Euro
- Expenditure incurred by project partners in a currency other than the euro shall be converted into euro by using the monthly accounting exchange rate of the European Commission in the month during which expenditure was submitted for verification to the controller

(http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro_inforeuro_en.cfm)



How is JS assessing the projects?

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What is the procedure?

Eligibility check

Eligibility of the proposal - 9 Yes/No questions Eligibility of the partners - 3 Yes/No questions

Quality check

What is assessed?	Main questions	Threshold	Weight
Relevance	2	60%	18%
Strategic dimension	5	60%	46%
Viability	4	n/a	36%



Eligibility assessment-proposal

1. The AF in all its parts has been submitted within the set deadline	Deadline (date and time) to be provided in the Call Announcement.
2. The AF in all its parts has been submitted in the official templates and through the DTP website	Official templates to be published by DTP on the website/ All AF parts to be submitted through DTP website.
3. The AF in all its parts, including the annexes have been submitted in one single package	Application Form ➤ pdf ➤ xls Annexes ➤ Partnership Agreement ➤ Co-financing declaration ➤ State aid declaration ➤ ASP declaration, if relevant ➤ International organisation declaration, if relevant are to be submitted in one single package (e.g. zip file)



Eligibility assessment-proposal

4. The AF is compiled in English	AF is to be compiled in EN.	
5. Partnership is composed by at least three financing partners from at least three participating countries of which at least one (LP) is located in a Member State	Financing Partners – ERDF, IPA, ENI PPs LA – ERDF PP.	
6. Lead Applicant is an eligible beneficiary	LA fulfills the eligibility criteria.	
7. At least 3 joint cooperation levels are indicated	According to Art 12(4) of EU reg. 1299/2013: Joint development Joint implementation Joint staffing Joint financing	



Eligibility assessment-proposal

8. The proposal contributes to at least two programme output indicators	The proposal contributes to the mandatory output indicator (documented learning interaction) and at least another one.
9. Completeness of Partnership Agreement	PA is signed by all directly financed partners.

Failure to meet any of the above criteria leads to the rejection of the whole project proposal!



Eligibility assessment-partners

1. Financed partners (ERDF/IPA/ENI) are eligible	ERDF, IPA, ENI PPs fulfil the requirements of Applicants Manual Part 2 section II
2. Completeness of submitted ERDF/IPA/ENI partner documents	 For each ERDF (incl. LA), IPA and ENI PP there should be enclosed a duly filled in and signed copy of: ▶ Declaration of co-financing ▶ State Aid declaration ▶ Declaration of International Organisations (if relevant)
3. Completeness of submitted ASP documents	For each ASP there should be enclosed a duly filled in and signed copy of ASP declaration

Failure to meet any of the above criteria by one PP leads to the rejection of the respective PP!



Eligibility assessment

BUT

A 5-day healing period is granted to submit missing documents (i.e. Annexes) and meet the eligibility criteria!





Quality assessment-relevance

1. Is the project relevant for the Programme?

- Project topic in line with the SO and Call provisions
- Project is <u>NOT</u> investment or research oriented and it does not target mere networking
- Project is <u>NOT</u> a duplication of previously funded actions
- Project intervention logic coherent with the Programme intervention logic





Quality assessment-relevance

2. Is the need for transnational cooperation demonstrated?



- Project transnational dimension and impact demonstrated through geographical coverage and planned activities
- Added value of the transnational cooperation clearly demonstrated in comparison to a national/ cross-border approach





1. Are the territorial needs and challenges identified and duly justified?

- Needs and challenges coherently and comprehensively described
- Clear link between planned activities and described needs/ challenges
- ➤ Needs and challenges consistent with the programme objectives
- Capitalisation of previous results and synergies



2. Is the project intervention logic coherent?

> IL elements - clearly defined and interlinked



IF

right <u>activities</u> are implemented & appropriate <u>outputs</u> are delivered, THEN

planned **objectives** are reached & envisaged **result** is produced.

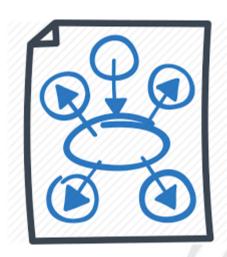


- Project main objective is in line with the selected programme SO, clearly defined and supported by appropriate activities
- Project specific objectives contribute to the achievement of the main objective and they are linked to the project outputs
- Project main result captures the advantage of carrying out the project. There is a clear link between the activities and the result; appropriate partners are involved in the different WPs proving that the planned result can actually be reached
- ➤ Proposed **outputs** are achievable within the project lifetime and as a result of the proposed activities; there is a clear connection between the outputs and the needs of the target group



3. To what extent does the proposal contribute to an EU strategy or policy?

- Relevant strategies/ policies identified; project contribution
 thereto comprehensively explained
- Relevant EUSDR PA(s), targets identified; project contribution thereto - comprehensively explained
- EUSDR is embedded in the proposal (e.g. involvement of EUSDR bodies, ensure uptake of results by EUSDR)





4. Is the partnership composition relevant, justified and balanced for the proposed project?

- Geographical coverage consistent with the territorial needs
- PPs competent to implement planned activities and produce envisaged outputs
- All relevant sectors and levels of governance are present
- Partnership is balanced
- Harmonized benefits for all countries
- Equitable distribution of tasks; PP involvement concordant with the project activities





5. Is the target group defined and has ownership of the project results?

- Relevant target groups clearly identified and listed
- Integration and use of project outputs
- Concrete measures to ensure durability and transferability of project outputs
- Contribution to the horizontal principles coherent with the overall territorial needs and with the programme and project objectives





1. Is the work plan realistic, consistent and coherent?

- > Timetable realistic and coherent
- Clear link between the activities/ outputs and methodology
- Activities and outputs achievable
- Activities comprehensively and clearly described
- Work plan clear
- Project ready to start the implementation



2. To what extent are management structures and procedures in line with the project size, duration and needs?

- Clear governance of the project
- Effective know-how transfer inside the partnership
- Quality management structure and adequate procedures
- LA experience in implementing/ coordinating EU projects (esp. ETC) and institutional capacity to manage the project





3. To what extent are communication activities appropriate and forceful to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders?

- Communication objectives coherent with the project specific objectives
- Adequate methods, means and channels to reach the target groups
- Communication activities consistent with the project deliverables and the specificities of the addressed target group



4. Does the project budget demonstrate value for money?

- ➤ Activity/ WP/ BL budget consistent with the planned actions, involved PPs and duration of activity
- Spending forecast coherent with the sequence of activities/ duration
- ➤ WP1 & WP2 budget justified by the planned activities and involved PPs
- ➤ EE and equipment budget justified and realistic for planned activities



To remember!

What to consider when applying?

Transnational dimension and territorial relevance

Coherence of the intervention logic

Project contribution to EUSDR

Durability and transferability of outputs

Composition of the partnership



Need help?



http://www.interreg-danube.eu/contacts/national-coordination-and-contact-points



... and if you are successful

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You have to...

- > ... work and report activities
- > ... spend and report costs
- > ... ensure the quality of the outputs
- > ... be available for controls and audits



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