



DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMME 2014-2020

The programme area covers nine Member States (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany with two lands Baden-Württemberg and Bayern, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and five non-EU Member States (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of Serbia and Ukraine with four provinces: Chernivetska Oblast, IvanoFrankiviska Oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast, Odessa Oblast)

Beneficiaries:

- Local, regional, national public bodies/ bodies governed by public law
- International organisations
- Private bodies

Lead partners:

- Local, regional, national public bodies/ bodies governed by public law
- International organisations
- Private non-profit bodies

Lead Partners have to be located in an EU Member State of the Programme Area.

The maximum project duration (implementation of project activities) is 30 months.

The maximum EU contribution to the projects is 85% (both for ERDF and IPA project partners).

Expected deadline for the next submission: end of 2016

Type of project activities

ATTENTION: The orientation on research, technology and innovation encompasses a significant entrepreneurial development aspect. **As a consequence, projects focusing on purely academic cooperation or basic research activities or aiming at mere networking and exchanging of experience and/or not demonstrating the translation of outputs arising from “soft” actions (surveys, studies, networks, etc.) into concrete and sustainable results will not be supported by the DTP.**

Projects could include activities such as

- strategies, studies and operational plans,
- capacity building activities,
- promotion actions,
- development of tools, set-up of services,
- preparation and development of investments proposed by transnational strategic concepts, including small scale infrastructure investment if appropriate and justifiable.

Additional activities could include networking and exchange of information, though not as stand-alone activity, as purely networking activities will NOT be supported.

Eligible project expenditures:

- Staff costs
- Office and administrative expenditure
- Travel and accommodation costs
- External expertise and service costs
- Equipment expenditure
- Infrastructure and works

Programme priorities and Specific Objectives

Priority Axis 1 Innovative and socially responsible Danube region	Priority Axis 2 Environment and culture responsible Danube region	Priority Axis 3 Better connected and energy responsible Danube region	Priority Axis 4 Well governed Danube region
Specific objective 1.1	Specific objective 2.1	Specific objective 3.1	Specific objective 4.1
Improve framework conditions for innovation	Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention	Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas	Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges
Specific objective 1.2	Specific objective 2.2	Specific objective 3.2	Specific objective 4.2
Increase competences for business and social innovation	Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources	Improve energy security and energy efficiency	Support to the governance and implementation of the EUSDR
	Specific objective 2.3		
	Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors		
	Specific objective 2.4		
	Improve preparedness for environmental risk management		

The following types of actions are supported under the cooperation programme:

- **Development of common orientations, frameworks and strategies in fields of transnational relevance where early policy development is needed** (i.e. in fields which until now have not been touched by significant projects in the previous programming periods)



- **Development and practical implementation of transnational tools and services** (e.g. analytical tools, management tools, technical tools, software tools, monitoring tools);
- Preparation of transnational investments (**infrastructure, equipment**) **to be subsequently financed through other sources**
- Pilot activities **including small-scale fixed investments** (of testing or demonstration nature)
- **Development and practical implementation of training and capacity building (e.g. training seminars and courses, study visits, peer reviews)**
- **Accompanying** information, dissemination, capitalisation and publicity measures **to inform stakeholders and/or the general public about project activities and outcomes.**

Priority axis	Selected thematic objective	Selected investment priority
<i>Innovative and socially responsible Danube region</i>	01 – Strengthening research, technological development and innovation	1b – Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, ecoinnovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies
<i>Environment and culture responsible Danube region</i>	06 - Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	6b - Investing in the water sector to meet the requirements of the Union's environmental acquis and to address needs, identified by the Member States, for investment that goes beyond those requirements
		6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
		6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure
<i>Better connected and energy responsible Danube region</i>	07 – Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures	7c - Developing and improving environmentally friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility
		7e - Improving energy efficiency and security of supply through the development of smart energy distribution, storage and transmission systems and through the

		integration of distributed generation from renewable sources
<i>Well governed Danube region</i>	11 – Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and an efficient public administration	<p>11a – Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration</p> <p>11c - Developing and coordinating macroregional and sea-basin strategies (ETC-TN)</p>

