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Danube Region



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Opportunities for funding and cooperation
on going green and social inclusion

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2021-2027 Danube Region Programme



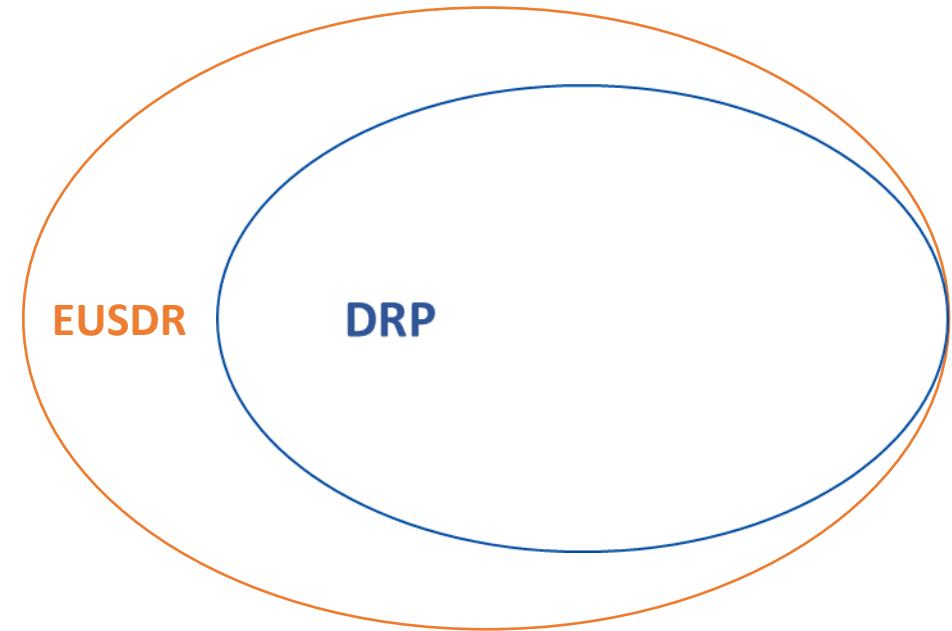
- Interreg Strand B
- Long history of transnational cooperation in the region CADSES; SEE; DTP; DRP
- 14 countries (9 EU; 5 non-EU)
- “Interreg Fund” ERDF + IPA + NDICI
- Cofinanced 80:20

EU Contribution	National contribution	Total
215,047,857,00	53,761,965,00	268,809,822,00



DRP and EUSDR

- Same geographical area
- but EUSDR with larger (thematic) scope
- DRP is a funding instrument
- EUSDR a strategic framework
- DRP is directly supporting the governance of the EUSDR



! Each application has to prove the contribution to and embeddedness of the EUSDR in the proposal



DRP Priorities

INTERREG DANUBE
Priorities and Specific Objectives
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PRIORITY 1:
A smarter Danube Region



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DRP & Social Inclusion



P04 A More Social Europe



P3 A More Social Danube
Region



SO 3.1

Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets

SO 3.2

Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning

SO 3.3

Socio-economic development through heritage, culture and tourism



SO 3.1 : Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets

Focus 1	The integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market, with special attention on regions that display high proportions of disadvantaged
Focus 2	Retaining skilled labour and developing a more sustainable migration of educated people
Focus 3	Capacity building for employment support bodies (information and data systems; coordination; training e.g. in social economy)



SO 3.1 – Activities

Activity 1- Joint coordination of policies and planning aimed at integrating disadvantaged groups ...

Activity 4- Coordinated policies and strategies to tackle active ageing...

Activity 5- Developing cooperation and innovative planning between bodies responsible for labour market integration and the private sector towards enhancing the inclusion of the disabled in the labour market

Activity 2- Support for designing innovative policies and planning to retain skilled labour and a more sustainable migration of educated people

Activity 6- Build-up of a “Danube observatory system” about labour migration and its impacts on cohesion; involving public bodies responsible for monitoring & evaluation, academia and civil society

Activity 3- Creation of an information system and support for the provision of information and data about life events connected to periodic and permanent migration of workforce....

Activity 7- Developing models to explore and demonstrate the effectiveness of remote working ...

Activity 8- Restructuring and diversification of employment by the implementation of territorially integrated action plans for employment with a special focus on enhancing the spreading of innovative structures targeting mono-functional (e.g. agricultural, industrial) regions. This could include green jobs development



SO 3.2 – Focus

SO 3.2 : Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning

Focus 1	Developing innovative educational models, programs, practical tools and materials for disadvantaged learners, including early school leavers
Focus 2	Maximising the use of existing knowledge and experience to develop best practices in inclusive education policy and advancing education and policy reform
Focus 3	Innovative approaches to encourage and improve inclusive vocational education and training and life long learning



SO 3.2 – Activities

Activity 1- Development of joint innovative educational models, programs, practical tools and materials to support accessible and inclusive education for disadvantaged learners. The expected approach to develop on from model regions within the Danube region and with mutual learning developed from pilot regions

Activity 3- Establishment or development of existing scientific and educational networks to combat brain drain, whereby educated and skilled individuals leave regions for better prospects. Networks should bring existing knowledge and research together and develop concrete outputs

Activity 2- Developing best practices in education policy, gathering and disseminating knowledge and advancing education and policy reforms at the national and regional level across the Danube Region

Activity 4- Innovative digital and remote education with e-solutions to mitigate rural disadvantage, provide employment related training and combat brain drain

Activity 5 - Knowledge exchange and the sharing of experience in elaborating and developing accessible and inclusive vocational education and training models and systems. This should lead to concrete outputs e.g. the development of work based training schemes which better support relevant skills development to match the needs of the labour market



SO 3.3 – Focus

SO 3.3 :Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation

Focus 1	Valorisation of local cultural and natural heritage for the development of sustainable tourism products and tourism services in order to increase regional added value and employment
Focus 2	Improvement of accessibility of cultural and natural heritage for all, amongst others youth and vulnerable groups in order to promote social inclusion
Focus 3	Promoting community led natural and cultural heritage management and associated nature based and cultural tourism in rural areas and small cities



Other Priorities & Social Inclusion

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Example SO1.2

Development of skills for advancing smart specialization strategies, industrial transformation and transition towards industry 4.0, including cross sectoral collaborations

One focus area: Skills development for and joint advancement of smart specialization strategies and policies – less advanced regions



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SO2.1

Support greening the energy and transport sectors in the Danube Region by enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources

SO 2.2

Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster management

SO 2.3

Improving water and sediment management

SO 2.4

Protecting and preserving biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions



SO 2.1 – Focus

SO 2.1 : Support greening the energy and transport sectors in the Danube Region by enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources

Focus 1	Increasing the share of renewable energy in the Danube region and thus supporting diversification of energy sources
Focus 2	Decreasing carbon intensity in the power and transport sectors



SO 2.1 – Type of activities

- Strategy making and topic related policy support
- Capacity building for sustainable energy planning
- Support for harmonised actions and transnational cooperation in the buildings' heating and cooling
- Reduction of GHG emissions in the transport sector
- Joint planning of infrastructure for the utilisation of renewable energy sources
- Development of incentive policies



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Example SO1.1

**Includes focus areas on : circular economy policies and processes;
smart sustainable and green transport technologies and
networks;**

Example SO1.2

**Includes focus area: Skills development for and joint advancement of smart
specialization strategies and policies – less advanced regions**

**Example SO 3.2 – Includes focus area of integration of vulnerable groups into the
labour market (green job development)**



1st Call for proposals

- Available funds: **91,753,091.38 euro**
- Maximum project duration 30 months
- 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
- Two step procedure:

First step:

- ✓ opened on 29 September – closes on 21 November, 14:00
- ✓ Submission of the Expression of Interest – short version of the AF with core information
- ✓ Only electronic submission – no attachments

Second step: spring 2023



Programme Support

- ▶ Programme website <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027/how-to-apply/first-call>
- ▶ National Contact Points <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/contacts/national-coordination-and-contact-points>:
- ▶ National events (national info days)
- ▶ MA/JS Project Officers (bilateral consultations)



[Thank you for your attention](#)

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