

PA 7 Targets

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Current PA7 targets



1. To invest 3% of GDP in Research and Development by 2020;
2. Broadband access for all EU citizens in the Region by 2013;
3. Increase the number of patents obtained in the Region by 50%;
4. Greater share of EU population age 30-34 with tertiary education – aiming towards 40% by 2020;
5. To reach 20% of academic mobility by 2020.

Proposal of new PA7 targets

- To increase the effectiveness of investment in Research, Development and Innovation in the Danube region through establishing a funding network (as resulting from the DRRIF feasibility study) aiming at a better coordination of available financial resources and an increased co-operation in research topics relevant to the societal challenges and countries' and regional smart specialisation strategies.
- To enhance regional scientific co-operation through the optimal use of existing networking possibilities and mobility of researchers (e.g. via the Danube Rectors Conference, the CEEPUS Network, Danube Academies, WISE).
- To contribute to the reforms of secondary and tertiary educational systems in the Danube region introducing elements of work -based and creating a platform for networking and exchange of good practices in in cooperation with PA8 and PA9.
- To increase the impact of science and the problem-solving capacities in in the Danube region through knowledge and technology transfer from universities and research institutions to industry in cooperation with PA8.
- To contribute to social inclusion of marginalised and immigrants group through education – in cooperation with PA 9.

Answer from the EC

- Proposed targets:
- too general and cannot really be used for the selection process of projects
- Recommendations:
- no need to disconnect targets for EU strategy 2020
- the targets should "make sense" & to be more concrete
- make targets "usable" - they will be used by the Danube Programme in order to assess project proposals
- have to be quantifiable and allow for measuring the progress
- not only for the benefit of the selection process within the DTP, but also for showing the added value of the EUSDR
- more concrete, useable, quantifiable, NOT just descriptive
- be aware of the difference between targets (quantified) and general objectives/actions (descriptive)

Potential new targets

1. To invest ?% of GDP in Research and Development by 2020;
2. To be proposed by WG2 on ICT
3. Increase the number of patents obtained in the Region by 50% and co-patents by ?% (20?);
4. Increase the number of co-publications obtained in the Region by 50%;
5. RIS3 developed in all Danube countries by 2020
6. Research infrastructure road map in the Region by 2020 - open access (based on open calls) to the top infrastructure in the Region by 2020
7. Greater share of EU population age 30-34 with tertiary education – aiming towards 40% by 2020 (do we agree that it is still valid?);
8. To reach 20% of academic mobility by 2020 (do we agree?)