

# START and TAF-DRP 2015 call

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# General overview of START and TAF-DRP calls in 2015

What	TAF – DRP	START	Details
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	€ 450.000,00	€ 450.000,00	→ for TAF-DRP services → for START funding
<b>Planned number of PROJECTS</b>	15 – 20	Approx. 24	→ At least one per PA → Projects from all DR countries
<b>Planned DURATION</b>	Approx. 6 month	6 – 8 month	→ Projects have to be concluded latest until End of July 2016
<b>Planned AMOUNT</b>	Approx. € 25.000,00	€ 10.000,00 - € 20.000,00	→ <u>TAF-DRP</u> : same as before → <u>START</u> : smaller amount (shorter duration)

# START and TAF-DRP 2015 Timeline

What	TAF – DRP	START	Details
<b>Deadline DEFINITION OF THEMATIC FOCUS</b>	<b>4th May</b>	<b>4th May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <u>PACs</u> and <u>SG</u> define the thematic focus of the call for their PA (optional)</li> <li>→ <u>PACs</u> fill in and send template „thematic focus“ to IB (EuroVienna)</li> </ul>
<b>LAUNCH OF THE CALL (OPEN CALL)</b>	<b>20th May</b>	<b>20th May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Application pack will be provided online, PACs and SG will receive an additional E-Mail</li> <li>→ <u>Applicants</u> have time to prepare application and ask questions</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline APPLICATION</b>	<b>26th June</b> (4 weeks)	<b>6th July</b> (6 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Application has to be uploaded in the Online Application Tool (similar to START I)</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline FORMAL CHECK</b>	<b>14th July</b> (2 weeks)	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b> (2,5 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <u>PAC10/IB</u> verifies basic eligibility and completeness of applications.</li> <li>→ Formally correct applications are sent to <u>PACs</u></li> </ul>
<b>Deadline CONTENT CHECK and RANKING</b>	<b>1st September</b> (7 weeks)	<b>18th September</b> (8 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <u>PACs</u> +<u>SG</u> assess content of applications (PA relevance, macro-regional relevance, etc.)</li> <li>→ <u>PACs</u> send ranking + documentation of individual assessments and procedure to IB</li> </ul>

What	TAF – DRP	START	Details
<b>Deadline</b> <b>PLAUSIBILITY CHECK –</b> <b>FINAL RANKING</b>	<b>Mid-September</b> (2 weeks)	<b>Approx. 9th</b> <b>October</b> (3 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <u>PAC10/IB</u> conducts final plausibility check of best-ranked applications – incl. thematic and geographic balance</li> <li>→ <u>PAC10/IB</u> sends final selection list to PACs</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline</b> <b>FINAL CONSULTATION of</b> <b>PACs+SG</b>	<b>End September</b> (2 weeks)	<b>Approx. 20th</b> <b>October</b> (2 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <u>PACs</u> may contact IB for clarifications regarding the final selection list; otherwise, tacit consent applies</li> </ul>
<b>Notification</b> <b>FINAL SELECTION</b>	<b>Beginning</b> <b>October</b>	<b>End October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <u>PAC10/IB</u> notifies applicants of selection results → <b>Contracting phase</b></li> <li>→ <b>For TAF-DRP:</b> <u>PAC10/IB</u> requests experts to start services (inception phase) for selected applicants</li> </ul>
<b>Start</b> <b>PROJECT</b> <b>IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Dec. 2015 /</b> <b>Jan. 2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ START project partners start implementing activities</li> <li>→ TAF-DRP projects start receiving services from experts</li> </ul>

# START Call 2 – Summary of submitted applications

- 205 applications were submitted
- Applications from all 14 Danube Region countries
- Most lead applicants come from Serbia (44), followed by Slovenia and, Romania (27) and Croatia (21)
- Regarding the type of organisations, most lead applicants are NGOs (88) followed by universities/research institutes (46)

Country	Applicants
Austria	10
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9
Bulgaria	10
Croatia	21
Czech Republic	18
Germany	4
Hungary	16
Moldova	3
Montenegro	5
Romania	27
Serbia	44
Slovakia	8
Slovenia	27
Ukraine	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>

PA	Applications
01a Mobility - Waterways	4
01b Mobility - Rail - Road - Air	4
2 Energy	16
3 Culture & tourism	40
4 Water quality	9
5 Environmental Risks	8
6 Biodiversity, landscapes	15
7 Knowledge Society	32
8 Competitiveness	35
9 People & Skills	16
10 Institutional Capacity & Cooperation	20
11 Security	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>

# START Call 2 – Selected projects

- 164 formally correct START applications of the 2nd call were assessed by the respective PACs and their Steering Groups.
- 24 projects were selected to receive START funding (2 per PA).
- Facts & figures:
  - Lead Partners come from 11 Danube Region Countries (no LPs from Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova and Montenegro)
  - 54,67% of all Lead Partners are NGOs, followed by Universities & Research Institutes with 16,67%
  - Lead & Project Partners cover all 14 Danube Region Countries
  - In total, 85 partners are involved in the implementation of the 24 selected START projects

Country	LPs	PPs	Tot.
Austria	2	6	8
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	2	2
Bulgaria	1	3	4
Croatia	3	10	13
Czech Republic	3	2	5
Germany	1	1	2
Hungary	2	4	6
Moldova	0	1	1
Montenegro	0	3	3
Romania	4	10	14
Serbia	2	9	11
Slovakia	2	4	6
Slovenia	3	6	9
Ukraine	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>85</b>



# Selected project addressed to PA7:

- Strengthening peering and supporting Internet Exchange Points in Danube Region, Danube Peering (NIX.CZ Association, Czech Republic)
- Feasibility Study on Implementing a Pan-European Social Platform to Support Lifelong Learning and Employability, START-SoPI (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

# TAF-DRP Call 3 – Summary of submitted applications

- **22 applications** were submitted, representing 12 Danube Region Countries and 9 PAs.
- Most lead applicants come from Moldova.
- Most applications are submitted by Non-governmental Organisations

PA	Applications
PA 01a Mobility - Waterways	4
PA 01b Mobility - Rail - Road - Air	0
PA 02 Energy	2
PA 03 Culture & Tourism	5
PA 04 Water Quality	2
PA 05 Environmental Risks	1
PA 06 Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soil	3
PA 07 Knowledge Society	3
PA 08 Competitiveness	1
PA09 People and Skills	0
PA10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation	0
PA 11 Security	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

Country	Applications
Austria	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Bulgaria	0
Croatia	1
Czech Republic	1
Germany	1
Hungary	2
Moldova	6
Montenegro	1
Romania	2
Serbia	3
Slovakia	1
Slovenia	2
Ukraine	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>



- All applications have been evaluated on formal criteria and their quality. The quality assessment has been conducted by the concerned PACs and their SGs.
- **17 projects selected**
- Facts and Figures:
  - Projects in 9 Priority Areas
  - Project Leaders come from 9 different Danube Region Countries
  - 29,4% of Project Leaders are NGOs, followed by Universities and Local Authorities (17,7%)
- One selected project is addressed to PA 7:  
Danube Meets Omics, DANOMICS ("VINCA" Institute of Nuclear Sciences, Serbia)

# Pre-Selection procedure between the PAC-team and the SG members within PA7

- Pre-Selection of the formally correct START applications was conducted in 3 steps:
  - evaluation of applications by Serbian PAC and Support Team;
  - evaluation of applications by Slovak PAC and Support Team;
  - evaluation of applications by Steering Group members.
- At first, PACs and PAC-Team (both Slovakia and Serbia) have read and evaluated all START applications
- Steering group members were provided with all project applications and other materials related to pre-selection process. They have been offered two options:
  - to agree with the scores given by PACs and PAC-team or
  - to evaluate all project proposals by themselves (to give their own points and comments)
- The final scores were calculated on the basis of all provided evaluation sheets.
- In total, **representatives of 6 Danube Region** countries participated in the pre-selection procedure (Serbia, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Romania).

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Thank you for your attention!