

Progress of the Danube-INCO.NET Project

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Current results and activities

- Prolongation until 30 June 2017 (M42)
- Policy dialogue
 - Mapping of relevant stakeholders describing activities, positions, and good practices including recommendations for synergies
- Coordination of funding
- Analysis and support
- Tackling Priority Challenges: Energy / Bio-economy
 - Triple-Helix Conference & Brokerage Event, Budapest, July 19-20

Policy dialogue

Results

✓ Report on the coordination of EUSDR Priority Areas and establishment of Working Groups

Focus on the activities

- a) Meetings related to 'coordinating and cross-fertilising PA7/PA8' and
- b) Meetings related to 'thematic priority setting' (linking PA7 with other PAs)

✓ Stakeholder mapping report published end of September 2016

✓ A series of **policy recommendations** for the inclusion of non-EU Member States into ERA and the Innovation Union

✓ **Results** of first and second Danube-INCO.NET policy dialogue workshops on "Innovation Union and ERA in the Danube Region" are available.

✓ 1st Draft of the **White paper "Priority Areas Cross-fertilisation perspective on Innovation and Technology Transfer"**

✓ **Position paper** about Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Work Programme of H2020.

Policy dialogue

Next steps

- Danube Funding coordination Network in connection with the EUSDR Annual Forum (2 November)
- Presence of the Danube-INCO.NET project at the EUSDR Annual Forum (Panel 1)
- Presence of the Danube-INCO.NET project at the Danube Rectors Conference
- COST Targeted Network is in preparation, potential start in 2017

Coordination of funding

- ✓ **Danube Funding Coordination Network** established (Berlin, May 30-31) to support to widen participation in existing ERA-NETs:
 - IraSME (International research activities by SMEs)
 - PLATFORM of bio-economy Era.Net actions, CoBioTech
 - Next meeting is foreseen for November 2016 in Bratislava
- ✓ **Report on development of coordination of joint funding mechanisms:** in process of being amended and finalized
- Joint Workshop with Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe is planned (December, Vienna/Austria)

Analysis and support

Results

- ✓ Co-publication and Co-patenting Analysis (including WBC)
- ✓ Study on cooperation barriers (including WBC, with particular attention on Serbia)
- ✓ Analysis of research and innovation projects in the region and transferability of results
- ✓ Policy mix peer review was carried out for Bosnia and Herzegovina (results available)
- ✓ Policy mix peer review visit was carried out in Serbia (26-30 September), synthesis report is in the preparatory phase

Analysis and support

Results

- ✓ Several **Danube Transfer Centers** (e.g. Slavonski Hrast, Ruse, Novi Sad, Cluj, Bucharest, Maribor, Győr, Nitra) have been established or are under discussion (Odessa, Vienna)
- ✓ **Smart Specialisation Strategies** have been promoted and explained to non-EU Member States during S3 Design Learning Workshop (Chisinau, 18-19 February.)

Next steps

- **Report** "The S3 role in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies" is in final phase
- **Workshop** "Science for S3: Combining old and new approaches for monitoring and evaluating innovation policies" November 25, 2016 (back to back with "Open Evaluation 2016. International RTI Policy Evaluation Conference")

Tackling Priority Challenges: Energy / Bio-economy

Results

- ✓ **Triple-Helix Conference & Brokerage Event**, Budapest, July 19-20: Supporting the Development of Bio-Based Economy Partnerships in the Danube Region Through a Triple-Helix Approach was carried out successfully

- ✓ **Pilot Actions** have been identified

Open Innovation Events:

1. In Budapest (6/10), hosted by the Hungarian Research Institute of Agricultural Economics as part of the Budapest Rural Innovation Week
2. In Timisoara (25/10), in cooperation with Banat's University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Timisoara, the Romanian Sustainable Energy Cluster (ROSENC) and Archenerg Cluster from Szeged

Tackling Priority Challenges: Energy / Bio-economy

Next steps

- Event **Networking4Innovation**: “Energy efficiency and renewable energy in a bio-based economy” on November 30 in Bratislava -- back-to-back with the Central European Energy Conference
- **Report on Pilot Activities** (M35) is being prepared: main objective is to elaborate a Danube-INCO.NET position on the development of bio-economy in the Danube Region, based on the results of the two Pilot Activities, also including policy recommendations

RCISD in the Danube-INCO.NET project

- Leader of the working package ***Analytical Evidence on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region***
- Task lead of the ***Policy Framework Coordination***
- Responsible for ***mapping of relevant stakeholders*** describing activities, positions, and good practices including recommendations for synergies
- Responsible for the ***Triple Helix Conference*** & clustering workshop on supporting the development of bio-based economy partnerships in the Danube Region (Budapest, 19-20 July 2016)
- Responsible for the ***policy peer mix review*** in Bosnia & Serbia
- Advise and support in to the ***smart specialisation*** of the Danube region

Mapping of Stakeholders, Identification of Good Practices, Policy Recommendations

Outcomes of the report *Mapping of relevant stakeholders describing activities, positions and good practices including recommendations for synergies* prepared in the frame of the Danube-INCO.NET

- The activity: Aims and Objectives
- Realization
- Stakeholders under investigation
- Findings & Policy Recommendations



The activity: Aims and Objectives

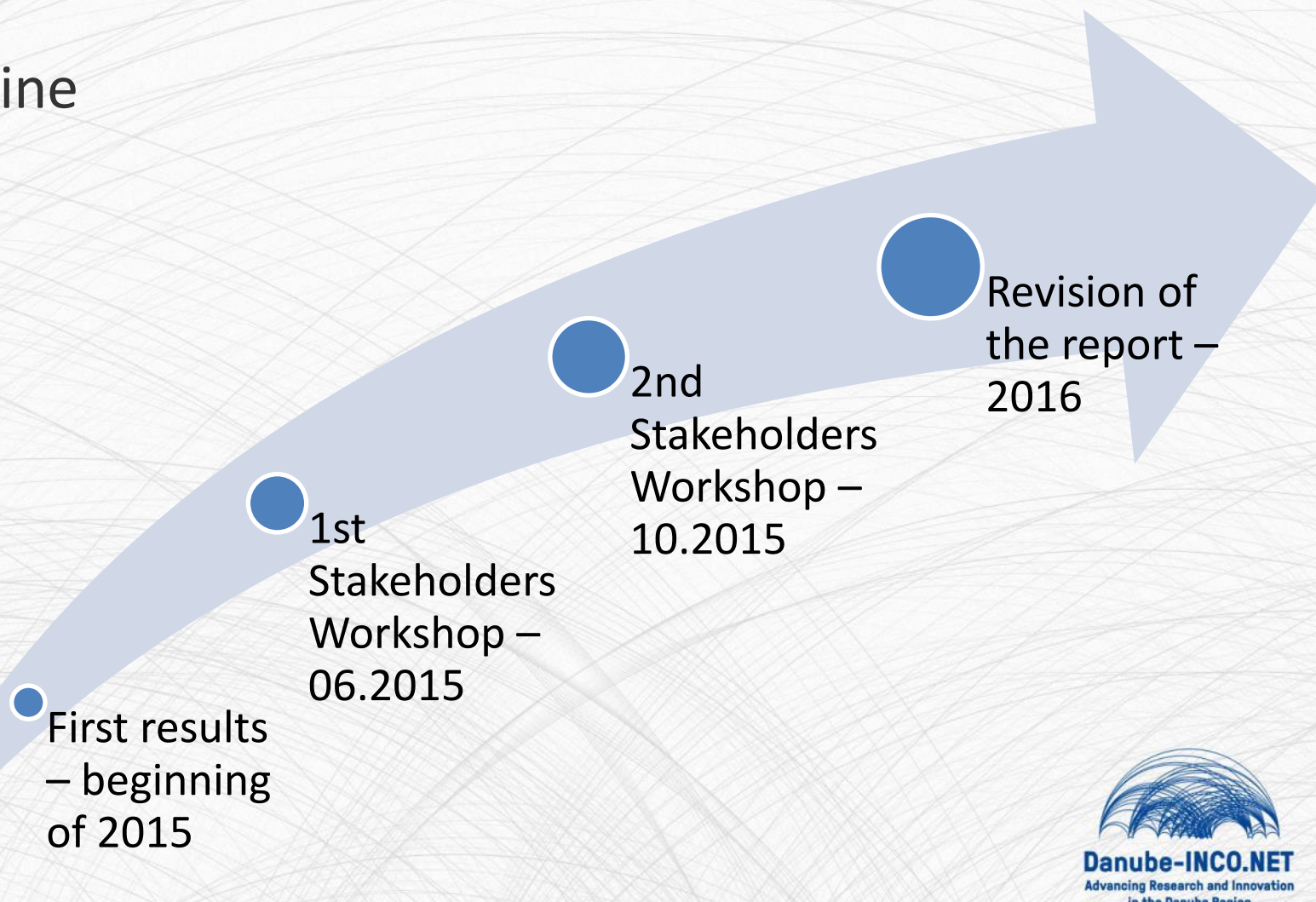
Danube-INCO.NET aims to support RI policy dialogue in the EUSDR PA SGs

The mapping of stakeholders relating to research and innovation aims to:

- give an overview of regional or EU programmes
- find complementarities
- identify transferable good practices
- formulate policy recommendations
- support strategic decisions

The activity: Aims and Objectives

Timeline



Realization

STAKEHOLDERS are regarded in this case that can affect or are affected by research, innovation & higher education aspects of EUSDR

Our aim was to

identify

map

reach out to

evaluate



these stakeholders

Main scopes of the investigation

- 1) Character of the initiative/stakeholder
- 2) Recent achievements, outcomes (last 3-5 years)
- 3) Future priorities (next 3-5 years)
- 4) Good practices
- 5) Relation to other stakeholders
- 6) Type of programmes funded
- 7) Additional aspects (type, targeted fields, funding, etc.)

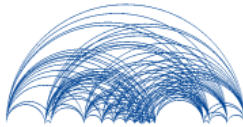
Stakeholders under investigation: Relevant from RI & education or having transferable good practices

	Stakeholders based in the DR	Regional and/or transnational stakeholders	Stakeholders at EU level	Stakeholders at international level	Total
Networks	9	3	2	-	14
Organizations with status of international organization	2	5	-	-	7
Organizations with intergovernmental feature	-	5	-	-	5
Associations/NGOs	1	-	-	3	4
Agencies/funds/programmes	-	5	3	1	9
Other	7	3	-	-	10
Total	19	21	5	4	49

	Stakeholders based in the Danube Region	Regional and/or transnational stakeholders
Networks	Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) Danube Universities (DU) Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR) CLDR Romania Danube Alliance Danubiz Danube Cluster Network (DanuClus) Danube Startegy Research Network Young Citizens Danube Network (YCDN)	Black Sea - Danube Regional Network for Social & Economic Innovation CEI Network of Focal Points on Science and Technology Central European Initiative University Network (CEI UniNet)
Organizations with status of international organization	International Association for Danube Research (IAD) ICPDR	Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) The Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe of ICA (CASEE) Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) OECD Southeast Europe division
Organizations with intergovernmental feature		Central European Initiative (CEI) Steering Platform on Research for the WBC Salzburg Forum South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) Visegrad 4 Cooperation (V4)
Associations/NGOs	Danube Chambers of Commerce Association (DCCA)	
Agencies/funds/programmes		Visegrad Fund Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies (CEEPUS) Western Balkans Research and Innovation Strategy Exercise (WISE) Facility Western Balkans Enterprise Development & Innovation Facility (WBEDIF)
Other	Ulm Follow-up Group Steinbeis Danube Center Ministerial Commissioner for the EUSDR of Hungary Danube Area Interregional Group at the Committee of the Regions	Southeast Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC) Vienna Economic Forum (VEF)

	European Union	Stakeholders at international level
Networks	European Cluster Alliance (ECA) Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) EUREKA	
Agencies/funds/programmes	Central Europe (CE) Southeast Europe Transnational Programme (SEE) Danube Transnational Programme (Danube TP)	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Associations		Association of the European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Eurochambers) Association of Regional Development Agencies (EURADA) European University Association (EUA)

Stakeholders on the website: http://danube-inco.net/cooperation_and_networking/organisations



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ORGANISATIONS

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ORGANISATION
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Organisation Posted on: 12.06.2014 Created by: Zsuzsanna Angyal
Danube Area Interregional Group at the Committee of the Regions
The Group "Danube", set up in January 2009 with an objective to contribute to the European Commission "Danube Region Strategy". The Group aims: ...
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Danube Area Research Center

Organisation Posted on: 10.04.2015 Created by: Desiree Pecarz
Danube Area Research Center
This is a non-profit organization, established to achieve the objectives in the field of scientific research, inter-regional cooperation and education...
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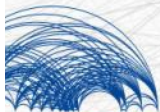
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Organisation Posted on: 01.12.2014 Created by: Anna Bognár
Danube Business Advisory Council
DBAC is an independent network organization whose members are promoting or providing high quality innovation support and technology transfer services ...
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LATEST NEWS
▶ Danube-INCO.NET report from the DTP Kick-off meeting
▶ [Event review] - Enhancing R&I cooperation in the Danube Region: Priorities for activities and upcoming calls 2016/2017
▶ Analytical Evidence on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region" (WP4) - available results
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LATEST DOCUMENTS
▶ Feasibility Study for the Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund



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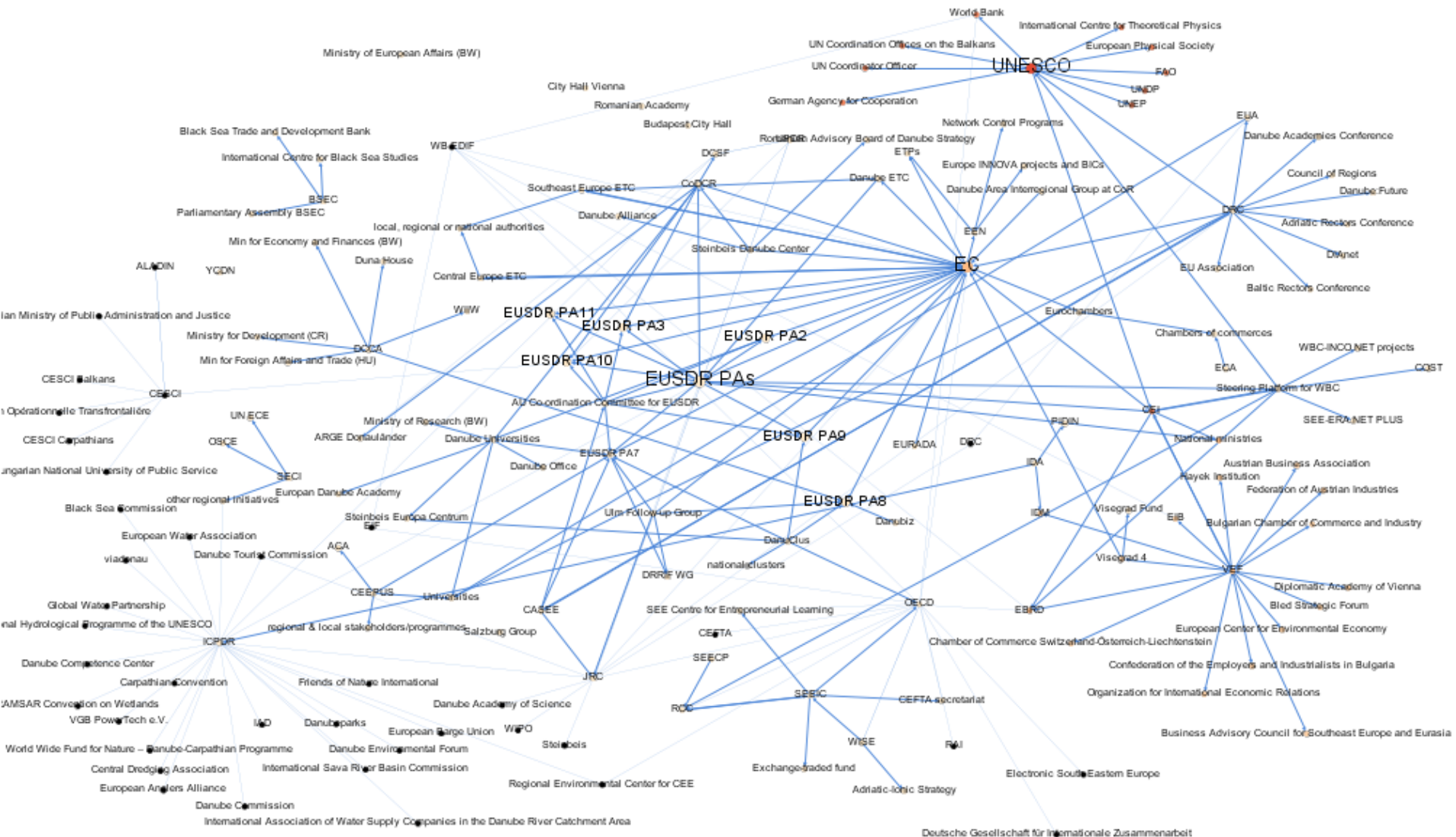
The findings of the report are centered around

- 1) Policy dialogue and priority setting
- 2) Topics covered by stakeholders
- 3) Activities or programmes supported by stakeholders
- 4) Initiatives targeting cross-sectoral dialogue

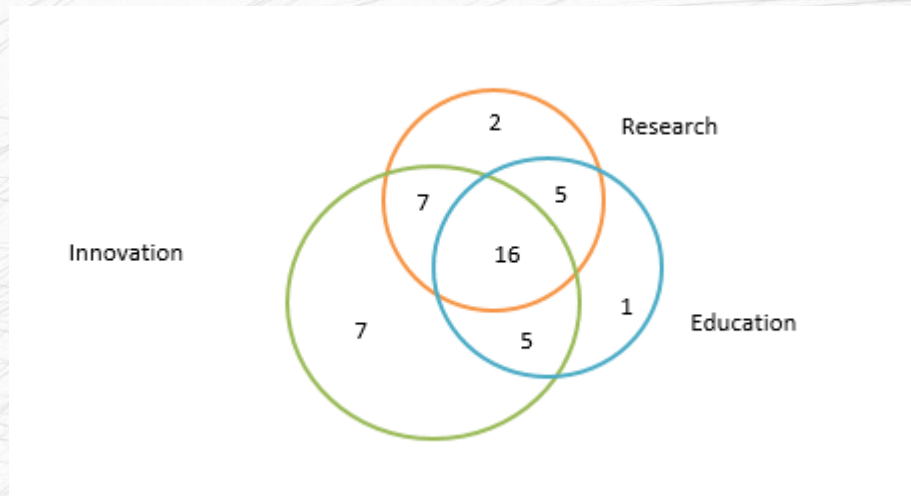
1) Policy dialogue and priority setting

- Most stakeholders are in touch with national or EU stakeholders (DRC, RCC, CEI), however, few initiatives have already proved to be **successful in influencing decision-making** at national or EU-level (EURADA, VEF)
- Efforts already taken to **be involved in EUSDR** (CoDCR, Steinbeis, Ulm Follow-up, etc.)
- Many have already **harmonized their action plans or strategies with the Europe 2020 Strategy** (CEI, SEEIC, Eurochambers)
- Stakeholders are aware of potential synergies but there is **no proof for joint actions** neither in priority setting nor in defining the scope and target of programmes
- Stakeholders at EU or international levels (Eurochambers, EURADA, EEN or ECA) covering the Danube Region **do not necessarily reflect the priorities of the EUSDR**

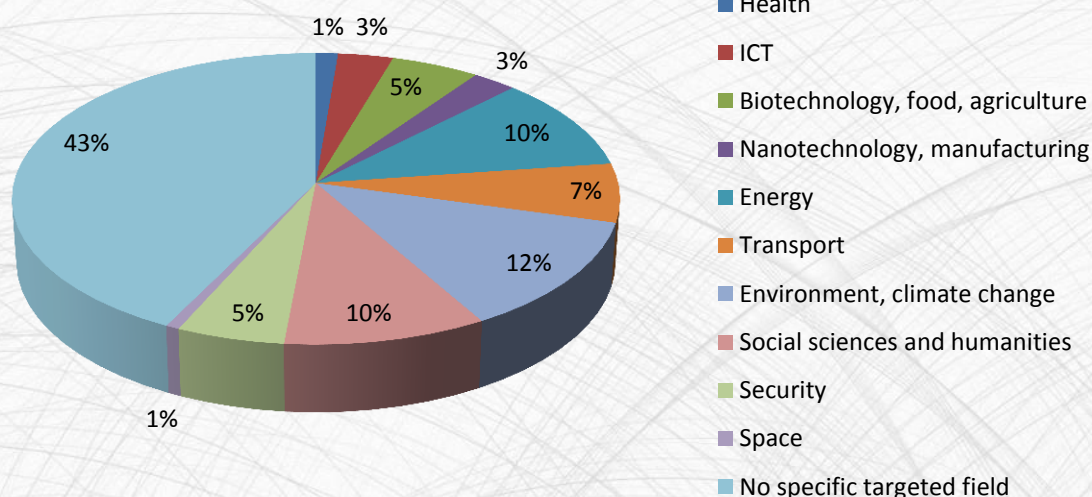
Cooperation web of selected stakeholders



2) Topics covered by stakeholders

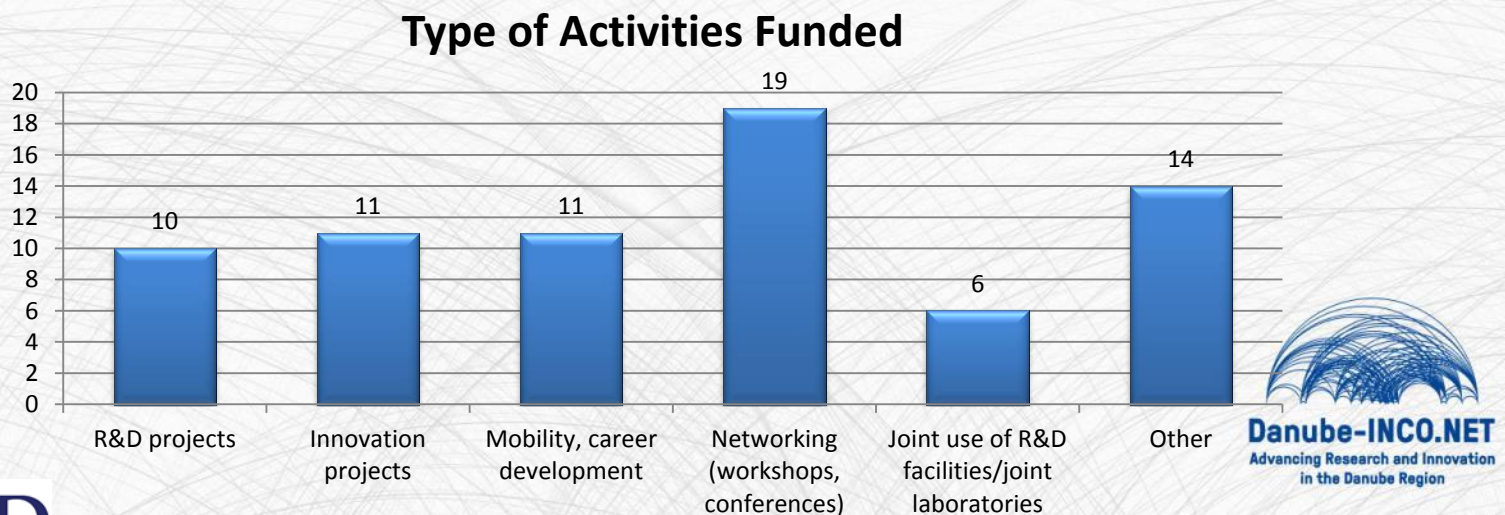


- **Targeted field of stakeholders:**
 - 81% have innovation as one of targeted fields
- **Scientific areas targeted**
 - 45% have different thematic priorities out of which „environment, climate change” is the most popular



3) Activities or programmes supported by stakeholders

- **Programmes funded by stakeholders**
 - 26 out of 49 provide funding for different programmes (CEEPUS, CEI, DRC, BSEC, Danube Universities, EUREKA)
 - Regarding their scope, target audience and publication of calls, coordination is ostensibly missing
- **Type of activities funded**
 - Networking and mobility are the most frequent activities funded
 - specific activities to support their members in applying for EU funds



3) Activities or programmes supported by stakeholders

- Establishment of **well-functioning networks** (DRC, Danube Universities, etc.) representing added value for their members
- Setting-up a **platform for RTDI stakeholders** to enhance dialogue (SP WBC, Ulm-Follow up)
- Organization of **campaigns for target groups** (CoDCR, Danube-Black Sea Regional Network)
- Increasing **cross-border cooperation** (ECA, DRC, Visegrad Fund, BSEC, etc.)
- Strong will to **cooperate with** (DRC, DU) and **promote SMEs** (DCCA, Danubiz, Eurochambers, EEN, etc.)
- Knowledge and technology transfer (SEE, WISE, CEI-PRAISE)

3) Activities or programmes supported by stakeholders

Future priorities of selected stakeholders among others:

- Generating **joint projects** – including H2020, educational cooperation, etc.
- **Capacity building**
- **Promoting SMEs, business development and entrepreneurship**
- Focus on intercultural society, cultural heritage, culture
- Facilitating tourism, trade and investment

4) Initiatives targeting cross-sectoral dialogue

- Linkages among the academia – industry – governmental sectors are rather scarce and weak
- Only a few actors (e.g. Steinbeis Danube Center) are devoted to the enhancement of this kind of cooperation

Main aspects of Policy Recommendations

- 1) Reinforced Policy Dialogue among Stakeholders to Exploit Synergies and Achieve Mutual Goals
- 2) Enhanced Involvement of Stakeholders in the Implementation of EUSDR
- 3) Expanding Joint Programmes to Connect and Exploit the Potentials of the Region
- 4) Support to the RI Community
- 5) Strengthened Dialogue among the academia – industry – government axis

Policy Recommendations (1)

Reinforced Policy Dialogue among Stakeholders to Exploit Synergies and Achieve Mutual Goals

- Improving the visibility of stakeholders' activities on their websites, via newsletters
- Enhancing dialogue among stakeholders under investigation (harmonize programmes, fund complementary programmes, exploit different funding instruments)
- Organizing dedicated events to provide a platform for continuous dialogue among regional stakeholders
- Reinforcing the Ulm-Follow up Group
- Emphasizing aspects of culture, tourism and trade
- Dialogue with other regions and/or macro regions

The project Danube-INCO.NET aims at facilitating the set-up and framing of this dialogue by organizing dedicated events

Policy Recommendations (2)

Enhanced Involvement of Stakeholders in the Implementation of EUSDR

- Tightening linkages of regional stakeholders to EU organizations & EUSDR
- EU & int'l organizations shall react to the priorities of EUSDR
- Use of existing funds to achieve the goals of EUSDR
- At national level, establishing the coordination mechanism for the implementation of EUSDR

Policy Recommendations (3)

Expanding Joint Programmes to Connect and Exploit the Potentials of the Region

- Enhancing joint programmes
- Extending existing programmes to other forms of cooperation
- Initiating programmes resulting in tangible outcomes, such as development of research infrastructure, specific research centres in line with S3, etc.
- Long-term programmes to facilitate the involvement of the industry
- Impact oriented programming with monitoring

Policy Recommendations (4)

Support to the RI community

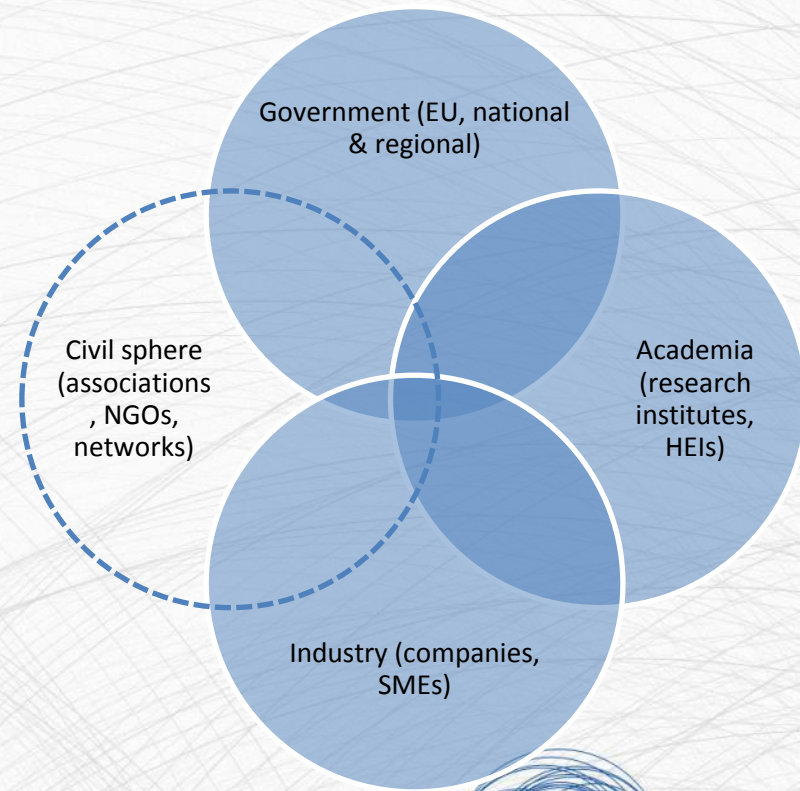
- Facilitating networking among researchers and innovators
- Spreading information on calls, programmes, events in a more structured way
- Reducing administrative burdens of researchers
- Encouraging national RI community in the implementation of EUSDR

Policy Recommendations (5)

Strengthened dialogue among the academia – industry – government axis

- develop joint research – innovation – education programmes
- promoting linkages among science, academia and business

First, use of national or EU funds
then financial sustainability



Supporting the development of bio-based economy partnerships in the Danube Region through a triple-helix approach

*Lessons learnt of the Budapest conference and
clustering workshop (19-20 July 2016)*

OBJECTIVES

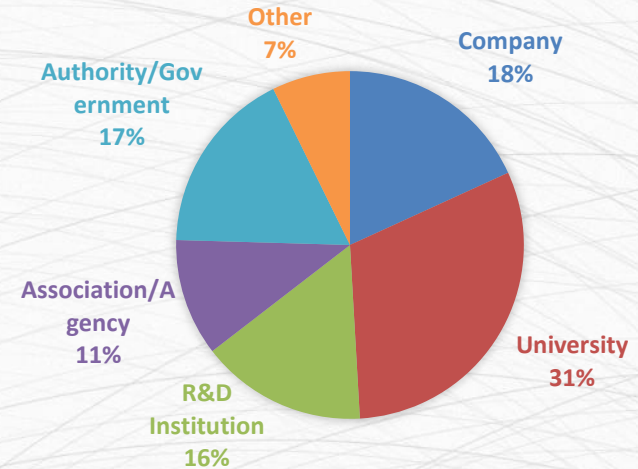
- Support university-business-government cooperation
- Bringing together clusters tackling the societal challenges
- Identify the potential of the macro-region and sub-regions
- Dissemination to the governments

Objectives & Participants

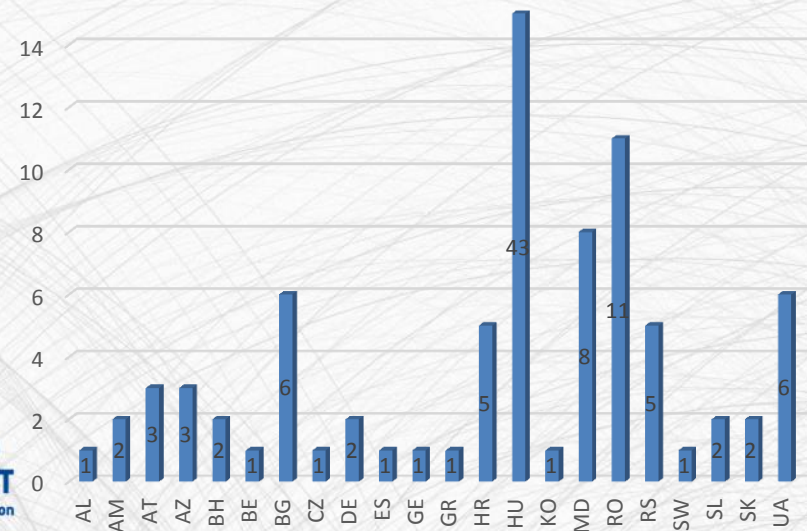
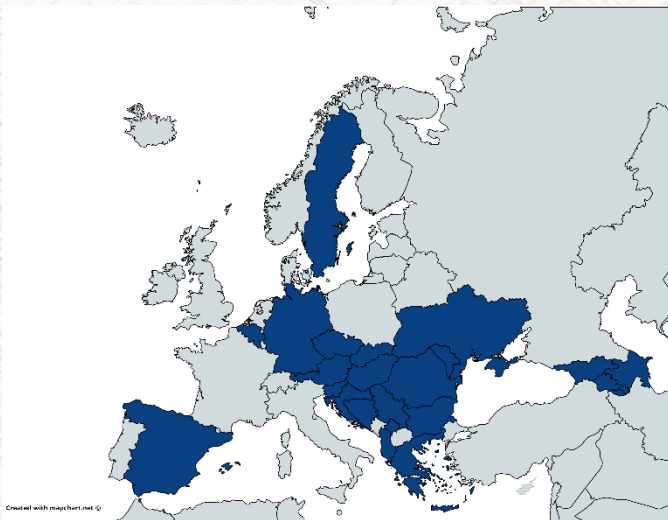
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ORGANIZATION TYPES OF PARTICIPANTS

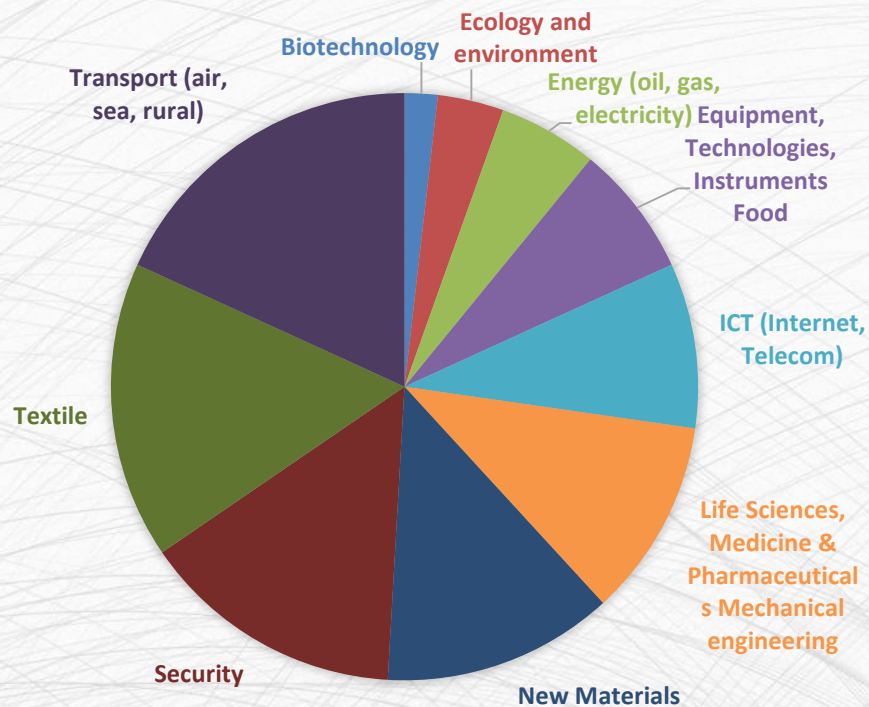


PARTICIPANTS BY REGION

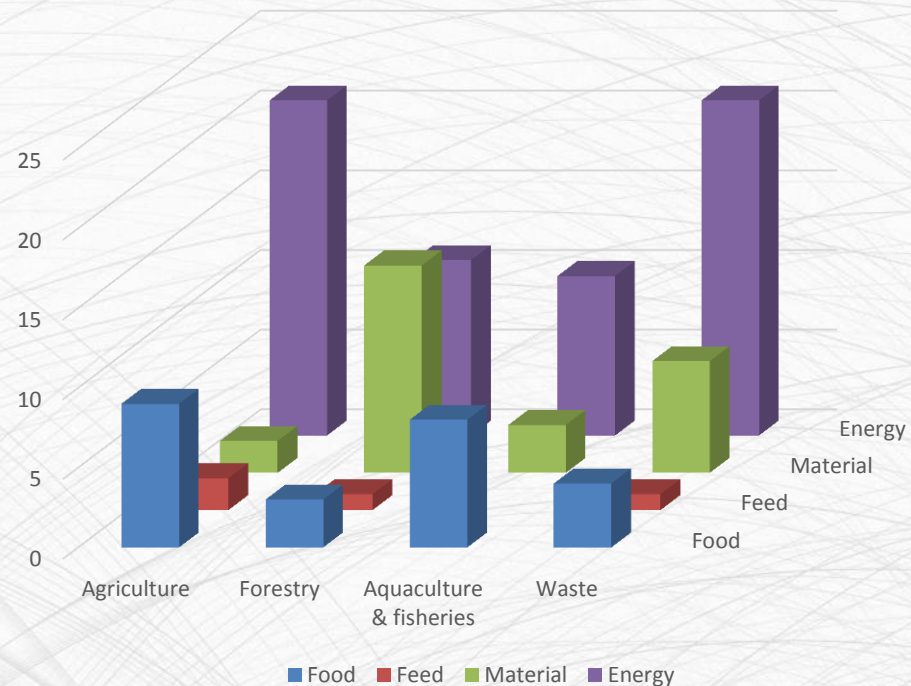


Activities & the Bioeconomy Matrix

AREAS OF ACTIVITY BY TECHNOLOGIES



BIOECONOMY MATRIX OF PARTICIPANTS



Expectations

possible tools for the enhancement of the European cooperation

- Synergies needed between different initiatives and programmes, especially between H2020 and the Structural Funds
- ERANETs should be utilized also as instruments of networking.
- Support networking - brokerage events in the EU15 member states where the EU 13 and the associated partner have the possibility to appear.
- Building knowledge cluster in each country on micro-regional level
- Demonstration and pilot projects were suggested as an expectation for future calls.
- Collaborative Support Actions on building Bioeconomy Clusters in CEE

Thank you for your attention!

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