

PROGRESS with view to co-ordinated funding activities in the region

- DRIFF Working Group of PA7 does not exist anymore

➡ New flexible but sustainable structure of stakeholders from the Danube countries responsible for funding research and innovation (ministries, funding agencies, programme owners etc.)

DANUBE FUNDING COORDINATION NETWORK – DFCN

- Regular exchange of information, Finding cooperation opportunities, Identifying potential gaps in the funding mechanism landscape and developing new joint activities as appropriate allowing for enhanced cooperation and co-ordination of funding in the Danube Region.
- Integration of Danube countries into existing structures and networks at European and multilateral level (ERICs, KICs, ETP, JPIs, Era-Nets, strategic Working Groups and High Level Groups).
- The range of potential future joint activities of the DFCN involves joint calls, support to mobility of researchers, widening/twinning activities, organisation of joint events for researchers and policy-makers as well as funding agencies as part of the strategic dialogue with an within the Danube Region.

- Next meeting of the Danube Funding Co-ordination Network
2nd of November – back to back EUSDR Annual Forum, Bratislava
- Not all EUSDR countries have officially nominated Members for the Network yet – please do so as soon as possible, **welcome to join the meeting in Bratislava** (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Montenegro, Ukraine)

Support to the new PA7 targets / Actions

T1: To increase the effectiveness of investment in R&I through establishment of a funding coordination network aiming to initiate a minimum of 2 dedicated EUSDR activities each year.

M1: Identify national, regional and EU funds for research and innovation and promote their online publication (e.g. via Danube-EUROACCESS)

M2: Implementation of piloting coordination activities

M3: Implementation of piloting research funding activities

M4: Participation in / development of joint activities on EU level (e.g. ERA-Net Co-Fund, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, etc...)