

Danube Region Strategy

PA7 Knowledge society

WG for ERA



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Activities – Cooperation with Flagship projects

- **EUSDR Flagship projects approved in July 2025**
 - <https://danube-region.eu/implementation-funding-and-initiatives/danube-strategy-flagships/>
 - <https://knowledgesociety.danube-region.eu/flagship-projects/>



GEONETSEE - AN AI/IOT-BASED SYSTEM OF GEOSENSOR NETWORKS FOR REAL-TIME MONITORING OF UNSTABLE TERRAIN AND ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES



HARMONMISSIONS - HARMONISATION OF MISSIONS IN THE DANUBE REGION



TICCA4DANU - TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN THE DANUBE REGION



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TiCCA4Danu

- 26–27 June 2025, PA7 supported the General Assembly of the TiCCA4DANU project in Vienna
- a Horizon Europe initiative focused on advancing Climate Change Adaptation in the Danube Region
- project partners, city and regional representatives, and experts from across Europe to launch a new phase of collaboration and learning
- 10 October 2025 – PA7 took part in the Advisory Board meeting (online)



TiCCA4DANU

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What a memorable start to our first General Assembly organised by [University of Vienna](#) - in the currently very hot Vienna! ...more



Planned activities:

- Online stream with Oliver Ziegler on Adaptation on climate change in the Danube Region
- Workshop during Annual forum in Bulgaria – focused on social issues



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GeoNetSee

- 9–10 April 2025, PA7 supported workshop "**Training on GeoNetSee System Architecture for Real-Time Geodetic Monitoring and Risk Forecasting**," in Ostravice, CZ
 - Day 1 | progress of the GeoNetSee project, incl. inputs from PA7 and PA8 followed by capacity building on communication technologies and sensor applications
 - Day 2 | First Year Review Meeting on project implementation followed by the capacity building session on practical applications of low-cost GNSS sensor arrays for infrastructure monitoring and introduced the latest developments in SensoPOD technology + site visit to a local hydro power plant, aligning with GeoNetSee's mission to support infrastructure resilience through advanced monitoring solutions
- 11–12 November 2025 in Podgorica and Bar, ME | on-site visit to the Ratac landslide pilot area near Bar to observe system functionalities in real conditions and discuss field applications
- **Danube Collaborative Center (DCC)** – digital platform to share collected data, research findings, best practices, and expertise in multidisciplinary domains



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HARMONMISSIONS

- 11-13 June 2025 | PA7 supported [EU Missions 1 & 4 Workshop and Brokerage event](#) connect European experts on key topics such as **Adaptation to Climate Change** and **Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities** to strengthen the engagement of EU Missions
- PA7 supported preparation of a **new project proposal HARMONAISE** with a focus on AI
- **three online platforms** were established

SHARED PLATFORM

The SHARED platform connects stakeholders across the Danube Region to resources, projects, and insights supporting EU Climate Missions. Together, we're working toward a more sustainable future through knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and innovation.

EUROPEAN MISSION OBSERVATORY (EMO)

The European Mission Observatory (EMO) platform is a dynamic hub designed to support and enhance engagement with the European Union's Mission policies across the Danube Region (DR). The EMO platform provides a central space for collaboration, information sharing, and community building among stakeholders from various sectors.

CLIMATE CITY CONTRACT (CCC)

The Climate City Contract (CCC) is a governance innovation tool designed to help cities collaboratively overcome barriers to achieving climate neutrality by 2030. It is part of the European Union's Cities Mission, which aims to support 100 cities in their transition to climate neutrality.



PA7 team supports COST Action SiDnet

**Science in Diplomacy Network: implementing multilateral policymaking in
intersectoral cross disciplinary & strategic domains | approved on 19 May 2025**



“Future of Businesses within the Danube Region”

Győr, Hungary

- 9 October 2025 in Gyor, ETO Park
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (EUSDR national coordination), with the professional support of the National Development Centre, Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Győr-



Activities – Online Stream

- 3 November 2025 | online stream **How did I turn Plastic Pirate** with **Dr Attila Molnár**, Hungarian environmental scientist

His session took us you through his journey from scientist to environmental activist, leading the Plastic Cup Initiative and combating riverine plastic pollution across the Tisza–Danube basin.

 **The full recording is available here:**

 <https://video.nti.sk/rec?11595514AU5990N27>

The event was organised in cooperation of **EUSDR PA4– Water Quality and EUSDR PA7 – Knowledge Society**, with the support of the **Danube Strategy Point**.



Future Plans



- Q4/2025 | Support to project proposals in a form of ASP by both (SK+RS) PA7 institutions (HARMONAISE, AI4Danube, DanubeWave)
- Q1/2026 | Workshop – Analyses of participation of the Danube countries in Horizon Europe – experiences of successful Danube countries – Czech Republic and Slovenia
- Q2/2026 | Online Stream with Oliver Ziegler and TiCCA4DANU
- Q2/2026 | Joint SG meeting of PA4 + PA7
- Q2/2026 | Digital conference organized by PA8 in Ulm on 3 July 2026 „Danube Region at the Turn of times – Shaping the Digital Future along the Danube“
- Q4/2026 | Workshop on Horizon Europe mission „Adaptation to Climate Change“ - Annual Forum Bulgaria



New Act on ERA

- Proposal for a Regulation in 2026 -

This initiative is a response to challenges like fragmented research regulations and uneven investment across the EU.

Key objectives:

- to improve the general environment for: generating innovation, reducing fragmentation and boosting the EU's competitiveness,
- to strengthen R&D investment and bring it up to the 3% GDP target,
- to focus research support more on strategic priorities,
- to strengthen alignment between the EU and Member States' funding priorities
- to promote the free movement of knowledge and talent across Europe.



New Act on ERA

- Public Consultation -

- **Consultation period 13 October 2025 - 23 January 2026**

The feedback will shape the legislative proposal for the ERA Act

- **The link to the consultation:**

https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/have-your-say-european-research-area-era-act-2025-10-14_en





New Act on ERA

PA7 input for consideration?

- Circulation of talents
- Development of European infrastructures
- Open Science
- Catch-up instruments
- Macro-regional focus





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