

# Danube-INCO.NET

## Advancing Research and Innovation in the Danube Region

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workshop

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# What is Danube-INCO.NET

- Coordination and Support Action for International Cooperation in Research and Innovation
- Project start: January 1, 2014
- Project duration: 36 months
- Received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration (FP7) under grant agreement no 609497
- EC funding: approx. 2 Mio. EUR





# 19 partners from 14 countries

## PARTNERS



DLR Project Management Agency



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# Workpackage structure

WP1 - Project Management

WP2 - Policy Dialogue

WP3 - Tackling Societal Challenges: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in a Bio-based Economy

WP4 - Analytical Evidence on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region

WP5 - Promoting Innovative and Inclusive Danube Societies

WP6 - Scaling up Danube Funding Mechanisms

WP7 - Communication and Dissemination






# Current status

- General Assembly 2014-12-10/11
- 1<sup>st</sup> year assessment – reporting to EC after 18 months
- All WPs active and contributing to EUSDR activities
- Addressing directly and indirectly the Priority Areas
  - Supporting Working Groups & Policy Dialogue
  - Analysis and Peer Reviews
  - Concrete Pilot Actions





# Danube-INCO.NET website


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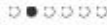
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**THE DANUBE REGION IS MULTIFACETED AND HAS MANY STRENGTHS - CHECK OUR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ON HOW TO USE THIS POTENTIAL**



LATEST ENTRIES

EVENT

04.11

Event | Date: November 4, 2014 | Posted on: 09.09.2014 | Created by: Dorothea Haas

**Brokerage Event in NoGAP project**

The first Brokerage Event of NoGAP will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 4 November 2014. It will offer opportunities for networking and finding potentials...

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PROJECT

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Project | Posted on: 09.09.2014 | Created by: Henriette Kovacs

**Hortus Croatiae - The Garden of Croatia**

The project involves construction of a holistic wellness & health resort with an additional attraction in the form of tropical gardens, geothermal...

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Document | Posted on: 09.09.2014 | Created by: Henriette Kovacs

**Baltic Sea, Danube and Macro-Regional Strategies: A Model for Transnational Cooperation in the EU?**

With the European Union's (EU) enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe and the resulting enriched diversity of the Union, the importance of territorial...

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Event | Date: August 29, 2014 | Posted on: 09.09.2014 | Created by: Henriette Kovacs

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EVENT CALENDAR


INTERNAL


EXTERNAL


SEPTEMBER 2014

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DANUBE REGION NEWS FEED

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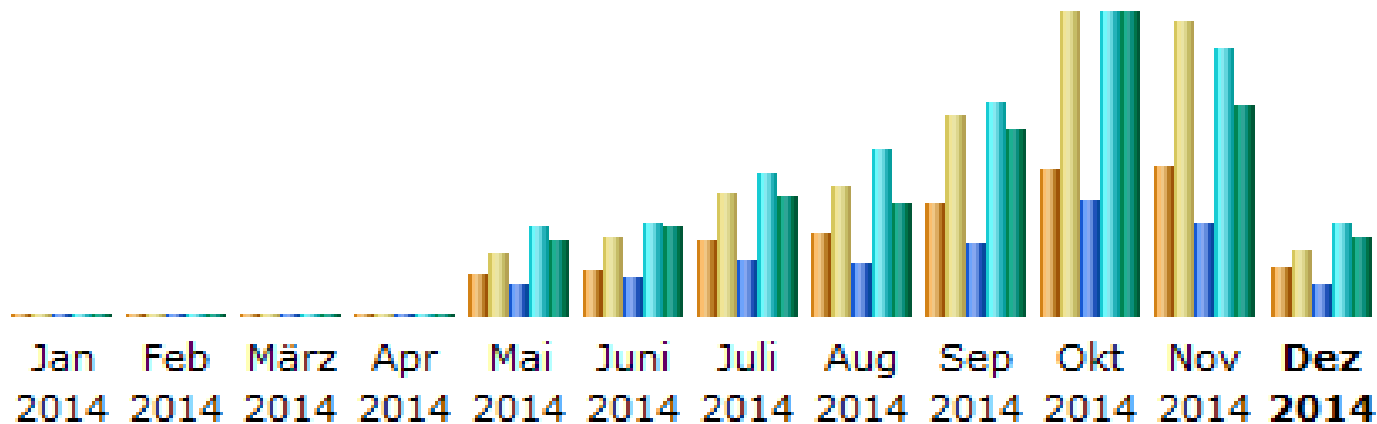
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# Danube-INCO.NET portal (statistics)

- Total of > 19.000 unique visitors since launch
  - Approx. 4.000 unique visitors per month now
- Total of > 34.000 visits
  - 7 pages per visit
  - Approx. 20 hits per visit

## Monatliche Historie





# Danube-INCO.NET newsletter

- Currently a bi-weekly information service conveying all news, calls, events, etc. published on the project website
- First issue on 28/05/2014
- 9 issues sent so far, 1 more to come in 2014
- 11.973\* recipients (+1.507 recipients in 7 months)
- Reach us at [office@danube-inco.net](mailto:office@danube-inco.net)

\* As of 03/12/2014



# Danube-INCO.NET going social

- To pass from monologue to dialogue
- To reach new audience with less interest in conventional channels
- To create more sense of ownership of project and actions among community
- FACEBOOK, TWITTER and LINKEDIN
  - (492 – 72 – 65)

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# Policy Framework coordination

- Analysis of EUSDR stakeholders in RTDI, synergies, cooperation possibilities -> report & presentation
- Events to present activities to identified key stakeholders (budget for co-organisation)
- Targeted activities for non-EU member states (implementation of *acquis*; Innovation Union & ERA)  
1<sup>st</sup> event in Serbia – results and recommendations, webinar, next in Ukraine)



# Cross-fertilizing PA7 / PA8

- Working group meetings budgeted (some logistics, some travel for partners & budget to pay for travel costs of invitees approx. 7.500 Euro)
- 3 meetings possible (Germany/Romania/Bulgaria?)
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be scheduled (two meetings 2015?): meeting in spring and/or back-to-back with **Ulm**
- Possible topics:
  - START Call follow-up
  - Policy support S3 implementation
  - Information sharing (labelling, Eureka)
  - Etc.



# Labelling of projects

- Labelling of strategic projects of the EUSDR and proposes the framework for a joint approach and coordination of all PAs
- Supports the evaluation of project proposals through “Letters of Recommendations” certifying their “relevance for the Danube Strategy”
- Pilot case: Horizon 2020 – WIDESPREAD Twinning



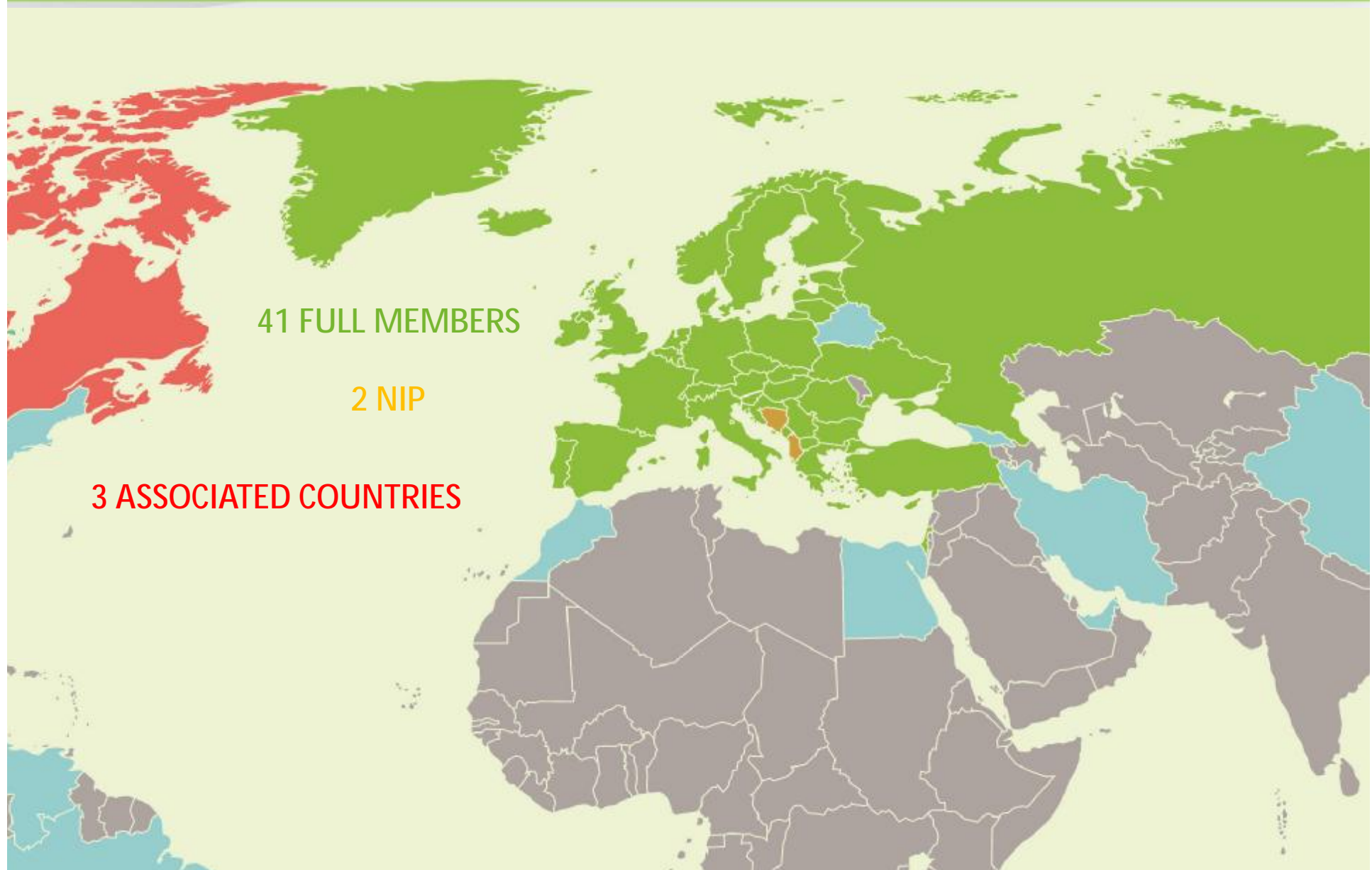
# Funding Parties Platform

- close cooperation/synergies with
  - EUREKA network/contact points in Danube region
  - Ulm Follow-up Working Group
  - EUSDR PA7 DRRIF-Working Group and Feasibility Study
  - STI funding agencies, networks/associations in Danube region & EU countries (regional/national level)
- Support to a possible STI funding call under DRRIF during project implementation period



# EUREKA

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Innovation across borders





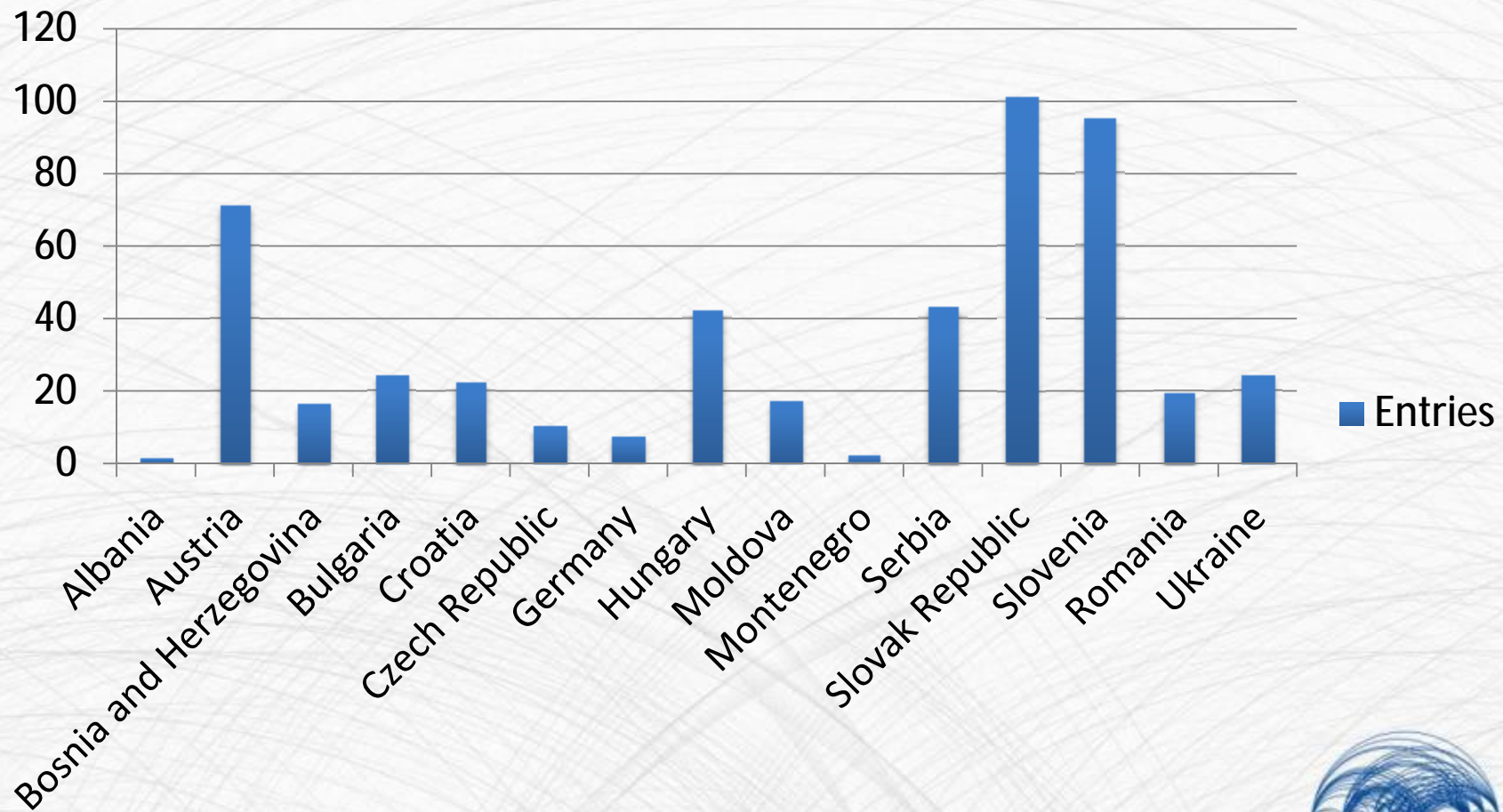
# Specific activities

## “energy.bioeconomy”

- Stakeholder database
- News alert
- Support to a working group (PA8)
- Clustering meetings (3 meetings upcoming)
- Call for pilot activities (approx. 100.000 euro total available)
- Triple helix networking and networking4innovation events (SK and HU)



# Stakeholders mapped so far per country





# Providing analytical evidence

- Co-publications (data analysis, priorities)
- Co-patents (data analysis, priorities)
- Analysis of project cooperation (mapping of results)
- Barriers to cooperation (open survey to stakeholders and researchers)



# Peer reviews and exchange

- Policy mix peer review in selected countries (non-EU Member States), suggesting further good practices
- Danube Transfer Centers (tool box to implement technology transfer)
- Project labelling (relevance for EUSDR)
- Peer exchange on smart specialization strategies (matchmaking and exchange)



# Various initiatives aiming at reaching the same goal ...



## Mission:

- PA7: Building ecosystem for innovation in the Danube Region
- Creating linkages with stakeholders – Danube Rectors' Conference, DRRIF, JRC, etc.

## Limitations:

- No budget for projects
- Institutions /personnel dedicated part time...
- Low impact in reaching regional/national MAs responsible for the ESIF OPs and Horizon 2020 activities and establishing/facilitating dialogue/coordination at macro-regional level



## Mission:

- FP7 funded coordination and support action to enhance R&I cooperation in the Danube joining 19 partners from 11 Danube countries, Italy and JRC-IPTS

## Limitations:

- Not always reaching the right R&I cooperation partners
- Low impact in reaching regional/national MAs responsible for the ESIF OPs and Horizon 2020 activities and establishing/facilitating dialogue/coordination at macro-regional level



## Mission:

- Provide professional advice to EU countries/regions for the design of the R&I strategies for smart specialisation (S3) and reinforce S3 in the regional and national R&I strategies – strong impact on the MS/regions' policy process!
- Facilitate alignment of European, national and regional innovation roadmaps and creation of synergies between S3 strategies and priorities, and assist cooperation across regions/MS – Advantage: S3P specific focus on macro-regions

## Limitations:

- 3 staff members dedicated part time to the Danube (JRC Support to the Danube, Danube-INCO.NET)





# Workshop Danube-INCO.NET & PA7

- Validation and dissemination of preliminary results
  - Main focus: bibliometric study -> workshop (ZSI)
  - Stakeholder analysis (RCISD)
  - Project results (BIC)
  - Smart specialization (IPTS)



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**Thank you for your attention!**  
**Enjoy the workshop!**

