

PA7 activities in the first half of 2023

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Objectives+Priorities of the new project proposal

Project duration:

- 01/2023 – 12/2028 (6 years)

Total budget:

600 000 EUR

Project partners:

- Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SK)
- University of Belgrade (RS)

Main aims according to the Call announcement:

- ensuring continuity, stabilization and further evolvement of the EUSDR governance in view of successful implementation of the EUSDR Action Plan;
- strengthening the internal governance of PAs and enabling the effective functioning of PA SGs;
- paving the way for a more strategic and comprehensive approach with regard to horizontal coordination among PAs, other EUSDR key stakeholders, other MRSs and relevant Managing Authorities of funding programmes.



4 Specific Objectives (previously known as WPs)

SO1, SO2

SO1 Governance

- **enhancing transnational, inter-sectorial and inter-institutional cooperation**
- besides political representatives of the 14 participating countries also **experts from various research fields** (such as environment, IC, health etc.) and representatives of the international, European and national institutions (such as DG R&I, EACEA, JRC, funding Agencies, Horizon Europe support structures etc.) will be involved in the work of the SG

SO2 To support policy development and policy initiatives

- contributing to **full compliance of the Danube countries with ERA objectives and priorities**
- supporting **participation of the Danube countries in the EU funded programmes and ERA actions**
- **mid-term evaluation of the Danube countries participation in Horizon Europe including resulting recommendations**
- **political position** of the Danube countries for designing the new 10th EU framework programme for research and innovation
- support to **development of the S3 and S4 strategies** of the Danube countries



4 Specific Objectives (previously known as WPs)

SO3, SO4

SO3 To support ongoing projects and development of new projects

- supporting participation of the Danube countries in **Horizon Europe, EIT, COST, EUREKA, ERASMUS+, etc.**
- PACs will ensure continuation of successfully established platform the **Danube Funding Coordination Network**
- **Flagship projects**

SO4 To enhance cooperation between core PA stakeholders

- PACs will **cooperate with DSP** and disseminate information on **funding possibilities within DRP**
- information on **embedding the EUSDR in national operational programmes** will be shared
- supporting **awareness of young generation on environmental issues**, in particular connected with water online educational activities and discussions with relevant experts will be organised in cooperation with PA4



Main outputs in the first half of 2023

SO1 Governance

PA7 project management:

- Regular PA7 team meetings
- Online Interview with KPMG HU on PA7 performance and PAC experience
- Review of the members of the PA7 SG – ministerial letters circulated
- PA7 reporting for the DRP

Participation in events:

- EUSDR PACs meeting (March 2023)
- 4th EU MRS Week (April 2023)
- EUSDR Presidency conference “Knowledge-driven society” (May 2023)
- New Seed Money Facility Call Meeting (May 2023)
- EUSDR Embedding Week (planned in June 2023)

Communication and visibility:

- News and updates on PA7 website and social media accounts



SO2 To support policy development and policy initiatives

- **Organisation of the info day “Horizon Europe Opportunities for Danube Countries” (May 24th)** with the aim to:
 - present the possibilities for the Danube region researchers to support their participation in Horizon Europe;
 - discuss the best practices and lessons learnt from the Danube Region on supporting participation in research programmes implemented on national level and
 - identify upcoming opportunities related to Horizon Europe from the perspective of the Danube Region, in order to enhance participation of the Danube region countries in Horizon Europe.
- Infoday was attended by **50-60 online participants**



SO3 To support ongoing projects and development of new projects

- Regular cooperation, communication and support to the **ongoing PA7 Flagship projects and Strategic projects**
- Identification of **new potential Danube Strategy Flagships**
- PA7 became an **Associated Partner** of two newly established DRP project consortia: Skillset and HARMONMISSIONS



SO4 To enhance cooperation between core PA stakeholders

- Organisation of a **matchmaking event with the Danube Youth Council** members (February 27th) – future collaboration opportunities were discussed
- **EU Macro-Regional Strategies Week** (April 24th - 28th) with the session prepared by the PA7 DTVI named The contribution of the Regional Innovation Valleys to cohesive EU via funding and shared knowledge
- Cooperation with **BLUEAIR project** in preparation of the event “Macro-regional perspective of smart specialization in sustainable blue economy” (May 29th)
- **Cooperation with PA4** on youth involvement and stakeholders involvement (via common online streams and promotion of water related educative topics to wider public)
- **EUSDR Embedding Week** (June 12th – 16th)



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