



# EUSDR Strategic Projects

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## **EUSDR STRATEGIC PROJECTS – State of Play**

- Concept newly developed by the DSP on the basis of suggestions and commitments of EUSDR Foreign Ministers;
- Concept confirmed and finalised - last NC meeting and PAC meeting (March 2016);
- “Flexible and Rolling concept”;
- Invitation sent to all PAs – 18 March 2016;
- Deadline for submission – 30 April 2016;
- Actual cut-off date for NC/PAC Meeting – 13 May 2016.

# EUSDR Strategic Projects - Purpose

- To contribute to stronger and clearer strategic focus to the EUSDR PA's activities;
- To further encourage joint cooperation between Danube states/regions - introducing more strategic focus;
- To establish strategic ground for projects/processes to be considered in 2015/2016 revision process (EUSDR targets, actions, milestones, roadmaps);
- To strengthen and improve communication on the strategic focus and efforts of the EUSDR;
- Could serve as pilot examples for possible strategic support for embedding projects in funding programs/sources.

# EUSDR Strategic Projects : Scope & Criteria

## Scope :

- In terms of structure:

- 1) Single project, contributing to a PA or PAs;
- 2) Group of projects, contributing to a PA or PAs;
- 3) Process (e.g. network, new cooperation mechanism, etc.), contributing to a PA/PAs.

- In terms of readiness:

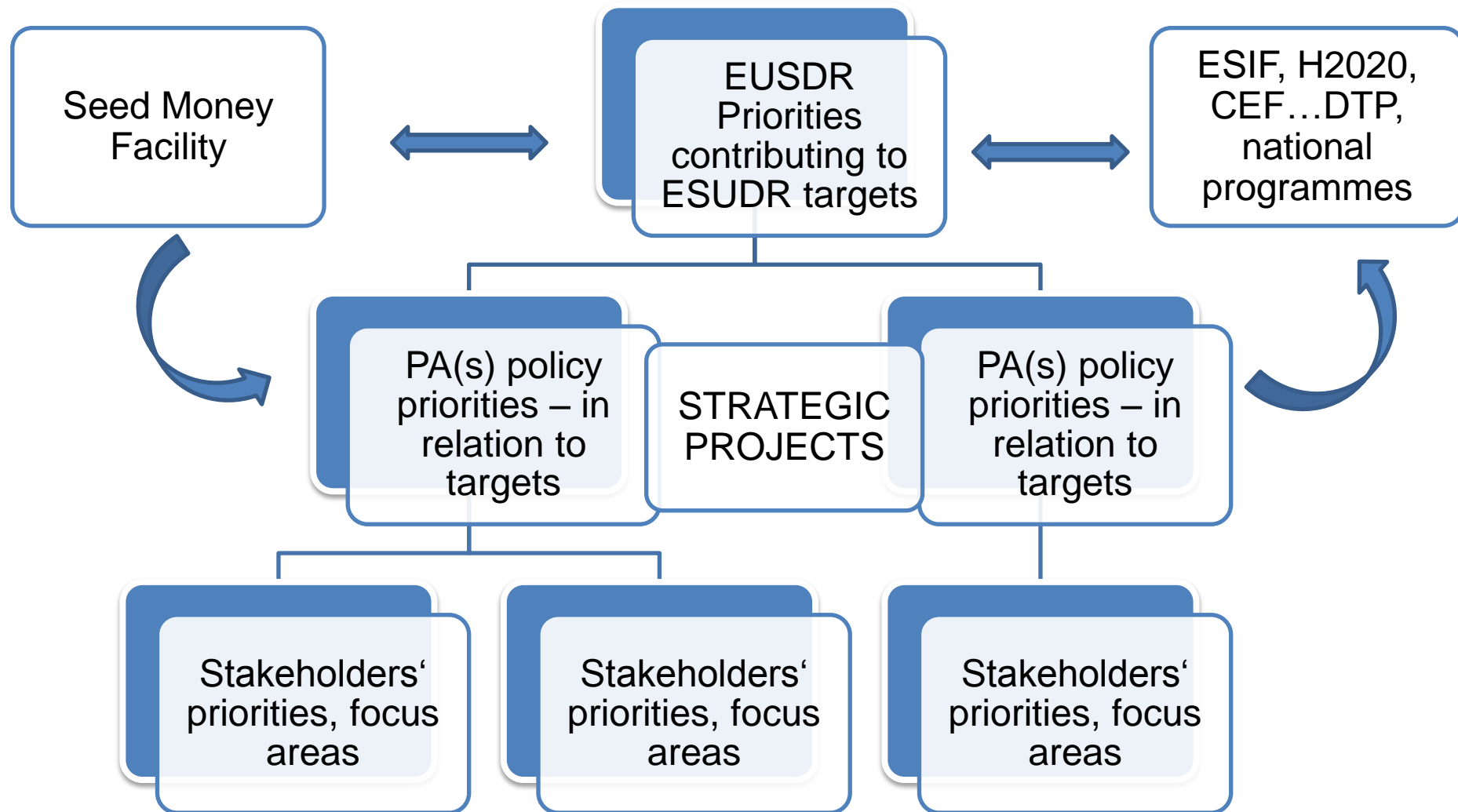
- 1) Preparatory projects
- 2) Investment projects

## CRITERIA:

- I.) it clearly contributes to a EUSDR Targets;
- II.) it clearly and substantially supports a EUSDR Action;
- III.) it has evident and high macro- regional dimension (at least 3 Danube countries/regions);
- IV.) it is approved/supported widely by the Danube countries;
- V.) it is realistic in terms of objectives, activities, timeframe and results;
- VI.) it has clear financial plan, clearly linked to SP activities, timeframe, deliverables.

# EUSDR Strategic Projects : Logical framework

## NOTHING NEW, HOWEVER...



# EUSDR Strategic Projects – Identification & Selection Process

Main actors and tasks:

## I. EUSDR PAs (PACs and SG Members )

- identify potential strategic processes/projects;
- prepare an EUSDR Strategic Project Data Sheet for each of the processes/projects identified;
- submit the identified projects in the required format (SP Data Sheets) & by the agreed deadline.

## II. Danube Strategy Point (DSP)

- carries out the screening process against the set criteria;
- provides feedback, comments to the relevant PAs;
- ensures coordination with the EC/DG REGIO throughout the selection process;
- provides the NCs with the final outcome of the screening process, and
- proposes the projects to be considered for final validation & approval.

## III. EUSDR National Coordinators (NCs)

- endorse the outcome of the selection process;
- decide on granting the EUSDR Strategic Project/Process label.

## **EUSDR STRATEGIC PROJECTS – State of Play**

- **Contributions received from 3 PAs (1a, 9 and 10);**
- **in total 30 SP proposals received;**
- **12 returned for revision (template and information revision), 1 information/format not presented.**

## EUSDR STRATEGIC PROJECTS – General Comments

- co-relation an contribution to MR/EUSDR;
- co-relation an contribution to targets of the PA or PAs;
- contribution to Actions (Action Plan);
- MR/transnational effect and wide support from Danube Countries;
- project management issues (work packages, deliverables, timeframe...);
- financial management issues (financial structure and financial plan...).



## EUSDR STRATEGIC PROJECTS – Next steps

- 3 PAs to receive more detailed comments from DSP – June;
- “one-to-one meetings” – per PA and per project organised – end June or September (side meetings to SMF consultation);
- EUSDR Strategic Projects proposals submitted to NCs for review and endorsement – after September 2016.

# Thank you for your attention!

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