

# Highlights

## Cooperation with PA7 SG members and stakeholders



## Representation at the Danube Strategy Annual Foras



## PA7 capitalisation activities (and support to projects)



Thank you all for creating these memories and making the Danube Region worth!

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# Danube Region Strategy PA7 Knowledge society Storybook



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## FOREWORD

### WHAT THE DANUBE STRATEGY GAVE ME

We should probably not be asking what the Danube strategy gave us, but what we gave to the strategy. For me, the biggest challenges of the strategy have been the heterogeneity of the Danube region and the fact that the strategy itself is not a financial instrument. On the other side, the involvement of the non-EU member states in activities linked to the implementation of the strategy has brought significant development impulses.

We in Priority area 7 – Knowledge society try to support regional cooperation in the field of science, research and education through strengthening existing networks and developing new ones.

We believe that our efforts contribute to an increased level of regional cooperation, as demonstrated by our latest studies. We are also committed to raise the awareness of the role of science and innovation and present the Danube region as a smart region, so that in particular young people can see that it is worth studying, working and living here.

Lubica Pitlová, Slovak PA7 Coordinator



### THE BEAUTY OF THE STRATEGY

The beauty of the strategy is its pan-European character: it creates networks and cooperation among EU member states and the countries on their way towards EU. It opens possibilities to collaborate, learn, exchange, support further development of less developed regions along the Danube River.

Taking into account the Priority Area 7, we focus on the creation of supporting mechanisms in fields of science and research, research infrastructures, higher education and mobility, innovation. To make it possible we have developed strong cooperation links with the DG JRC, DRC, DTP, EUREKA, COST, Interact, and with various stakeholders in the Danube region and beyond.

In the future, we will focus on more structured cooperation offering more tangible results and concrete solutions.

Prof. Viktor Nedovic, Serbian PA7 Coordinator



## ABOUT PA7 KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Mission of PA7 is to develop the knowledge society through research, education and information technologies and via implementing [the new EUSDR Action Plan \(2020\)](#).

### PA7: POLICY IMPACT

- **Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund (DRRIF), June 2015**

The main objective of the study was to analyze the possibilities to support research and innovation activities in the Danube Region, including information on absorption capacities of re-research and development in the Danube area, potential cooperation of the Danube countries with existing grant schemes and analysis of potential research priorities in the region.

- **Position Paper of PA7 on Promoting Research and Innovation for the Danube Region in the upcoming EU-funding period after 2020 adopted on 27 June 2017;**
- **Position Paper of PA7 on Reducing remuneration gaps for researchers in the upcoming EU-funding period after 2020, adopted on 23 November 2018** (with the exception of Austria and German Federal States participating in DTP Interreg);
- **Joint Proposal of PA7, 8 and 9 on better embedding of the EUSDR's prosperity pillar into suitable funding instruments within the new MFF (2021-2027) adopted on 10 December 2018.**

The main objective of these three policy papers was to give recommendations on the better functioning of EUSDR and the DTP Interreg programme in the upcoming funding period between 2021-27. The policy papers focus on main areas where synergies should be sought in order to address the common challenges faced currently by the Danube Region from a financing and implementation perspective of projects.

- **A report on "Participation of the Danube Region Countries in Horizon 2020"** describes the strengths and gaps in terms of participation of Danube Region researchers in Horizon 2020 (and other EU grant schemes) and aims at better understanding of the differences in the national support mechanisms. The results helped to formulate policy recommendations to increase participation in Horizon Europe.

- **Analytical studies on Evaluation of the knowledge society in the Danube region (2010 – 2020)** aim to assess the current state and progress in the area of knowledge society in the Danube Region countries, as well as to bring recommendations for improving the situation in the region.
- **RIS3 oriented analytical studies** introduce the data connected to RIS3 development in the Danube Region, screen common priorities and funding possibilities and define policy recommendations on RIS3 implementation, evaluation, and monitoring in the Danube Region.

### PA7: COOPERATION, PROJECTS AND CAPITALISATION

The Danube Transnational Programme (DTP) designed in 2018 a **Thematic Capitalisation Strategy** in order to valorise and build upon the knowledge resulting from working in a similar thematic field, complementary thematic specialisation, experiences, methodological approaches or geographical scope.

Its aim is also to increase the visibility of the projects and the programme and to ensure their impact on the policy making process and to encourage the wider take-up of project outcomes.

In this sense our priority area cooperates widely with the project partners, organizations and institutions from the thematic fields touching upon science communication, research excellence, RIS3 topics, enhanced participation in the EU R&D&I programmes.

**Our main partners** are DSP, DTP (DRP), DG JRC, DRC, Interact, other macroregional strategies and colleagues from other priority areas.

Our work would not be possible without existing strategic partnerships and existing projects, such as Excellence-in-ReSTI, Made in Danube, ResInfra@DR, EDU-LAB, SEED-Hub, Previous flagship projects Danube-INCO.NET, DRRIF, DREAM, Danube:Future, DANUBIUS, HINO, INTVET and DO-IT, our current Danube strategy flagships Danube Tech Valley Initiative, Multilateral Danube Call and POLICY ANSWERS and neither without the support of dedicated SG members and working groups.

