

# Danube Region Strategy

## PA7 Knowledge society

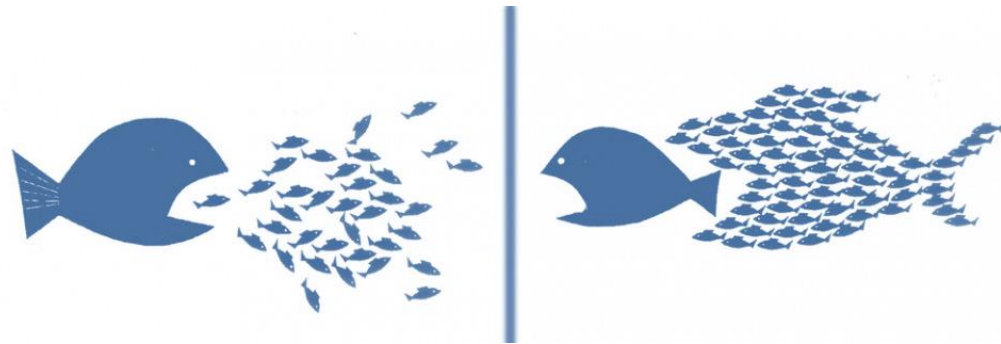
PA7 PAC project proposal 2023 -2028



# PA7 „Knowledge Society“ approach towards the EUSDR Action Plan

PA7 supports development of the knowledge society via education, research and ICT elements

- **horizontal** character; **cross-cutting** priority area
- **higher education, research and innovation** are not only highly relevant issues per se, but they also form an **integral and essential part of other priorities**; from energy, water and environment, to culture and security



# PA7 – Actions

To promote coordination of national, regional and EU funds to stimulate excellence in R&D&I, in research areas specific for Danube Region

To promote participation of Danube countries in EU R&I Programmes, in particular in Horizon Europe

To strengthen cooperation among universities, research organisations and SMEs in the Danube Region

To increase awareness and visibility of science and innovation in the Danube Region

To support exchange of information and experience for the purpose of preparation of future strategic R&I documents applicable in the new programming period

To promote horizontal cooperation in S&T across all PAs and other MRSs



# PA7 new (3<sup>rd</sup>) PAC project proposal SO1, SO2

## 600 000 EUR, both partners, 6 years

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> EU framework programme for research and innovation
- support to **development of the S3 and S4 strategies** of the Danube countries



# PA7 new (3<sup>rd</sup>) PAC project proposal 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





# PA7 flagship project: MSTC

## Aims of the Multilateral Scientific and Technological Cooperation in the Danube Region (MSTC)

- contribute to scientific advancement by funding researchers' mobility in the frame of joint research projects;
- contribute to research capacity development in the region;
- support the advancement of cross-border research cooperation;
- provide an opportunity for young/female researchers to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers.
- **Participating countries:** Austria; Czech Republic; Serbia; Slovakia; France (from 2019), Bulgaria (2022), Montenegro (2022)
- **Pilot Call:** launched in 2016; 55 applications, 19 projects funded
- **Second call:** launched in 2019; 55 applications, 20 projects funded
- **Third call:** launched on 9 November 2022



# PA7 flagship project: Western Balkans R&I Information Hub

- New **Coordination and Support Action for R&I POLICY making, implementation AND Support in the WEsteRn BalkanS**
- Organising **policy dialogue** events such as Ministerial and Steering Platform meetings and ad-hoc policy coordination meetings
- Carrying out **analytical activities** such as mapping and monitoring ongoing activities related to the implementation of the WB Agenda
- Designing informed policy recommendations to decision makers in the region, **addressing the EU's key priorities** such as: digitalization, green economy and health, and aligning them



# PA7 flagship project: DTVI

PA7 with the think tank GLOBSEC will be cooperating in creating an **inclusive platform Danube Tech Valley**

## Objectives:

- To create a leading **open, voluntary and inclusive platform** facilitating bottom-up cross-border **interactions and initiatives** among diverse stakeholders in the Danube Region.
- To **boost the innovation potential** of the Danube Valley Region by laying down foundations for a regional innovation ecosystem.
- To enhance the innovation performance of the Region by **mutual cooperation** in areas where cooperation leads to synergies without creating in-region competition.
- To provide a horizontal platform **connecting existing start-up associations and innovation initiatives**, both national and cross-border ones, with the aim of maximising their impact and providing mutually beneficial effects.
- To **strengthen the main innovation ecosystem pillars** in the region by developing specific projects and initiatives for each of the following pillars: financial capital; human capital; markets; regulatory framework; support systems and culture.
- and more information about the **possibilities of cooperation with PA8** will follow ...







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