

The Republic of Croatia is participating in two macro-regional strategies: EUSDR and EUSAIR. In order to ensure the funds for their implementation, Croatian strategic and programming documents for both mainstream and Territorial Cooperation programs provide links to macro-regional strategies.

In the course of the programming exercise, strategies have been taken into account and specific objectives of the operational programs were drafted in a way to reflect national priorities within each strategy.

During the selection of the Thematic Objectives and investment priorities, Croatian priorities in the context of Danube Strategy were analyzed and taken into account. As a result, for example, under OP Competitiveness and Cohesion 8 out of 10 priority axis, and 30 out of 46 specific objectives are contributing to the Danube strategy (the table showing correlations between EUSDR and OP CC and OPEHR specific objectives and RDP measures is attached to this e-mail).

It is expected that by supporting projects within identified specific objectives, a significant contribution to the implementation of macro-regional strategies shall be achieved.

At the moment there are no specific project selection criteria recognizing added value of the macro-regional projects and their contribution to the EUSDR or EUSAIR (bonus points) envisaged. It is planned that these specific criteria will be developed in the near future, through joint efforts of managing authorities and main governing actors of the strategies at the national level.

PILLAR	PRIORITY AREA	OP CC SO	RDP Measures	OPEHR SO
Connecting the Danube Region	To improve mobility and multimodality on a) inland waterways; b) roads, rail and air links	SO 7i1. Modernisation of key TEN-T inland waterways infrastructure SO 7ii2 Developing intelligent, sustainable and integrated low-carbon urban public transport SO 7iii1 Upgrading and improvement of the rail network to promote a modal shift SO 7b1 Enhanced regional mobility and connectivity through upgrading regional roads and elimination of major bottlenecks	NA	NA

	To encourage more sustainable energy	SO 4b1 Increasing energy efficiency and use of RES in manufacturing industries SO 4b2 Increasing energy efficiency and use of RES in private service sector (tourism, and trade) SO 4c1 Reduction of energy consumption of the public sector buildings SO 4c2 Reduction of energy consumption of the residential buildings (multi apartment buildings and family houses) SO 4c3 Improvement of the efficiency of the district heating system	Sub Measure 4.2 Type of Operations 03 and 05: Use of renewable sources of energy M08 - Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests	NA
	To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts	SO 6c1 Enhancing protection and management of cultural heritage for development of tourism and other economic activities SO 6c2 Increasing attractiveness and sustainable usage of natural heritage	Sub Measure 6.2 - Type of Operations 2: Support for investments in establishing non-agricultural activities; 04: Development of existing non-agricultural activities in rural areas M07 - Basic services and village renewal in rural areas M19 - Support for LEADER local development	
Protecting the Environment in the	To restore and maintain the quality of waters	SO 6ii1 Improvement of the public water supply system with the purpose of assuring quality and safety of water supply for drinking water	Sub Measure 4.3 Type of Operation 06: Water management	NA

Danube Region		SO 6ii2 Development of sewerage system and collection of waste water treatment with the aim to contribute to improvement of water status		
	To manage environmental risks	SO 5a1 Establishment of the system for climate change monitoring, forecasting and planning of climate change adaptation measures SO 5b1 Increasing capacities and equipping for risk management on the national and regional level	M05 - Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions M17 - Risk management	NA
	To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils	SO 6iii1 Improved knowledge on the state of biodiversity as a basis for effective management of biodiversity SO 6iii2 Improved framework for sustainable management of biodiversity (primarily Natura 2000) SO 6iii3 Restoration and protection of forests and forest land in protected and Natura 2000 areas, including mine clearance, forest fire protection and preservation of water resources, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem services SO 6e2 Upgrade of air quality management and monitoring system according to 2008/50/EC	Sub-measure 4.4 Type of Operation 08: Improvement of forest infrastructure Sub-measure 4.4 Type of Operation 09 Non-productive investments related to environmental preservation M08 - Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests M10 - Agri-environment-climate M11 - Organic farming M13 - Payments to areas	NA

		directive	facing natural or other specific constraints	
Building Prosperity in the Danube Region	To develop the knowledge society through research, education and information technologies	<p>SO 1a1 Increased R&D&I ability for conducting top quality research and cooperation on national and international levels</p> <p>SO 1a2 Centres of Research Excellence performing excellent science</p> <p>SO 1a3 Research organizations conducting R&D&I projects directed towards the needs of economy</p> <p>SO 1b1 Increased R&D&I activities of enterprises</p> <p>SO 1b2 R&D activities of business sector increased through creation of favourable innovation environment</p> <p>SO 1b3 Social changes improving communities' quality of life introduced</p> <p>SO 2a1 Development of NGN broadband infrastructure in areas without sufficient commercial interest for investments in NGN broadband infrastructure, for maximum increase of social and economic benefits</p> <p>SO 2c1 Increase of the use of ICT in communication between the citizens and public administration through establishment of ICT coordination structure and</p>	<p>M01 - Knowledge transfer and information actions</p> <p>M02 - Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services</p> <p>M16 - Co-operation</p>	<p>SO 10 ii 3 Better research environment for human resources</p> <p>SO 10 iii 2 Promoting the access to lifelong learning, through upgrading key competences of students as well as the use of ICT in teaching and learning</p>

	<p>software solutions</p> <p>SO 10a1 To develop digitally mature schools ready to use the potential of ICT in education and development of 21st century skills needed on the job market</p> <p>SO 10a3 Increasing relevance of vocational education by improving the conditions for the acquisition of practical skills in targeted sectors of vocational education and vocational education at the level of HE</p>		
<p>To support the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development</p>	<p>SO 3a1 Easy access to finance for SMEs, including start-ups</p> <p>SO 3a2 Favourable environment for entrepreneurship development</p> <p>SO 3d1 Improvement of SMEs' performance and growth</p> <p>SO 3d2 Improvement of SMEs innovativeness</p>	<p>M04 - Investments in physical assets</p> <p>M05 - Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions</p> <p>M06 - Farm and business development</p> <p>M09 - Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</p> <p>M16 - Co-operation</p> <p>M17 - Risk management</p> <p>M18 - Financing of</p>	<p>NA</p>

		complementary national direct payments for Croatia	
To invest in people and skills	10a3 Increasing relevance of vocational education by improving the conditions for the acquisition of practical skills in targeted sectors of vocational education and vocational education at the level of HE	M01 - Knowledge transfer and information actions	<p>SO i 1 Increase employment of unemployed, especially long-term unemployed and those experiencing skills mismatch on the labour market</p> <p>SO i 2 Increase sustainable self-employment of unemployed people, especially of women</p> <p>SO 9 i 1 Combating poverty and social exclusion by promoting labour market and social integration of the vulnerable groups, and combating any form of discrimination</p> <p>SO 9 i 2 Enhancing active inclusion through the implementation of integrated pathways to the regeneration of 5 deprived pilot areas</p> <p>SO 9 iv 1 Sustainably improving the access to health care in deprived areas and for vulnerable groups and health promotion</p> <p>SO 9 iv 2 Improving access to high-quality social services, including support to the shift from institutional to community care</p> <p>SO 9 v 1 Increase the number of social enterprises and their employees</p> <p>SO 10 ii 1 Improving quality, relevance and efficiency of HE</p> <p>SO 10 ii 2 Increasing attainment rates</p> <p>SO 10 ii 3 Better research environment for human resources</p> <p>SO 10 iii 1 Improving access to education for disadvantaged students at pre-tertiary level</p> <p>SO 10 iii 2 Promoting the access to lifelong learning, through upgrading key competences of students as well as the use of ICT in teaching and learning</p> <p>SO 10 iii 3 Improving conditions for quality and relevance of education with focus on adult education system and upgrading skills and competences of adult learners.</p>

				SO 10 iv 1 Modernisation of VET provision and raising its quality in order to increase employability of students as well as possibility for further education
Strengthening the Danube Region	To step up institutional capacity and cooperation	NA	NA	SO 11 i 1 Improvement in institutional capacities, effectiveness and good governance reforms implementation in public administration SO 11 i 2 Enhancing quality and performance of the judiciary SO 11 ii 1 Developing capacities of civil society organisations, especially NGOs and social partners, and enhance civil and social dialogue for better governance
	To work together to promote security and tackle organised and serious crime	SO 6iii3 Restoration and protection of forests and forest land in protected and Natura 2000 areas, including mine clearance, forest fire protection and preservation of water resources, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem services	NA	NA