

REVISION of the EUSDR ACTION PLAN & *Public Consultations*

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- **Timeframe**
- **Consolidated Input of the Danube Countries**
- **Input of the Civil Society**

The Process of the Revision of the Action Plan

- May 2018: **Consensus** EC and Danube Countries to revise the Action Plan
- **Why**
 - + new challenges in the region,
 - + MFF 2020 – 2027,
- **Scope**
 - + improve political ownership,
 - + address new Strategic Objectives,
 - + new objectives, targets, actionsof Priority Areas,
 - + intensify the interplay with European Funding Facilities.

The Timeframe

May 2018: consensus for revision of the Action Plan

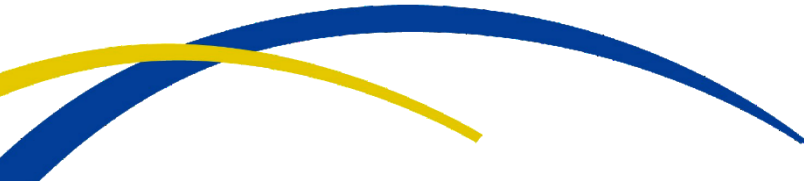
December 2018: Consultation Process on the relevant EUSDR levels

February 2019: Contributions of PACs after consulting PA Steering Groups

April 2019: National Contributions by Danube Countries

July 2019: Consolidated Input endorsed by Danube Countries
and presented to DG Regio,
drafting the revised Action Plan by DG Regio

Autumn 2019: Publication of the revised Action Plan



The Consolidated Input of the Danube Countries

5 Strategic Objectives:

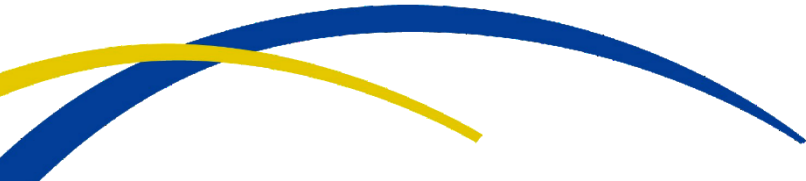
1. Counteracting Climate Change

2. Stimulating Sustainable Development

3. Establishing and enforcing Knowledge Society, stimulating the Economy and fight Poverty

4. Improving Mobility and Connectivity

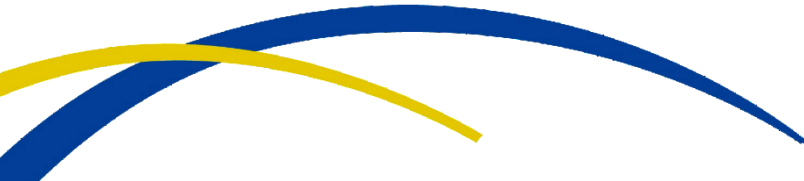
5. Enhancing Democracy, sound Administration and strong Involvement of Civil Society and Youth



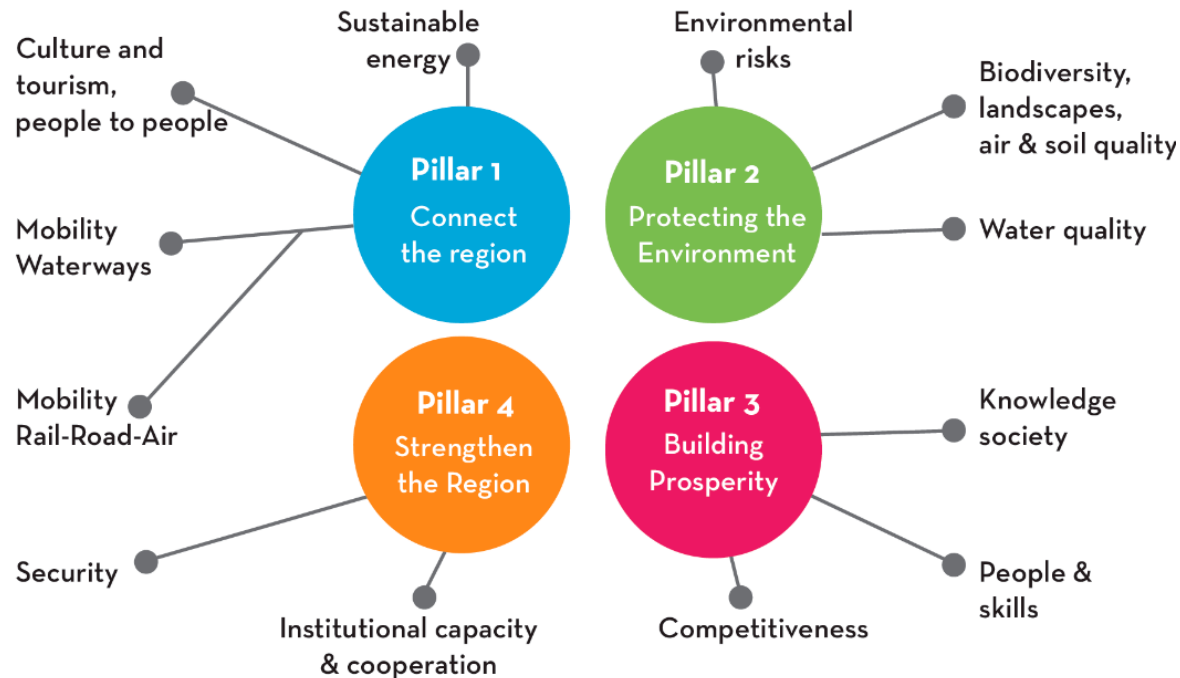
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2 Horizontal Frames:

- Digitalisation
- Migration and Demographic Changes



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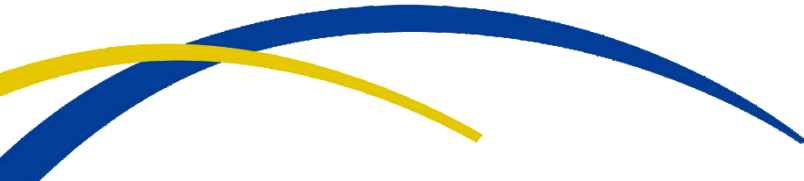
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12 Priorities in 4 Pillars

- Each Priority has its Specific Objectives and Targets, Actions and Strategic Projects or Activities (developed in a bottom-up process)

AND

- Cross-cutting Issues



The Input of the Civil Society

- Online Consultation
- Public Hearing
- Results to be sent to DG Regio

The Online Consultation

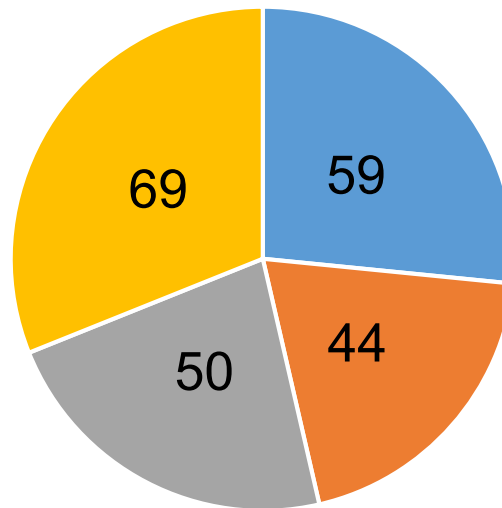
- Online between 4th April – 20th May 2019
- **4 Questions:**
 - *To your opinion, what is needed most in the Danube Region?*
 - 1. Funding,
 - 2. Infrastructure projects,
 - 3. Better Governance,
 - 4. Cooperation
 - Other (open question)
 - *What do you suggest should be improved in the 14 countries of the Danube Macro Region?*
 - *Which projects and processes would you personally like to be promoted in the Danube Region Countries?*
 - *Do you have any other ideas you personally are ready to launch?*

The Online Consultation

- 89 **responses** from 12 EUSDR countries (no CZ and MNE)
- **Civil Society Organisations**
- **Social Partners,**
- Local and Regional Administrations,
- The Academia,
- Project Implementers,
- Professional Regional Planners
- **Thematic proposals** covering all 12 Priority Areas of EUSDR

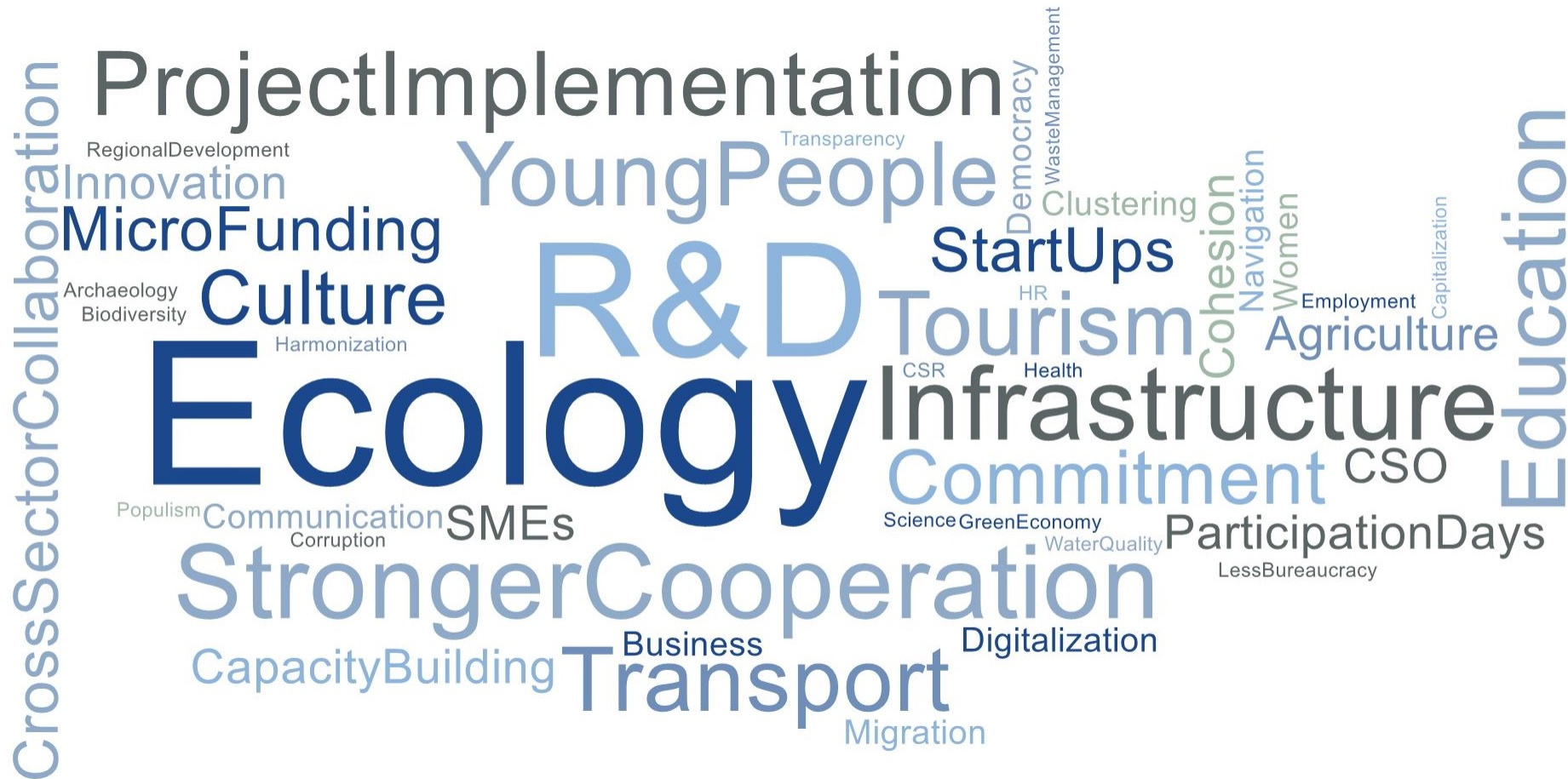
The Online Consultation

To your opinion, what is needed most
in the Danube Region?



- Funding
- Infrastructure projects
- Better Governance
- Cooperation

+ 25 further
single
answers each
on different
topic.



The Online Consultation

GOVERNANCE related proposals:

- Fostering participation and information flow top-down and bottom-up - promoting platforms for interaction such as Participation Days.
- More continuity in terms of actors on administrative level (like CSO).
- More commitment on national level (NCs!)
- More involvement of the local and regional level!
- Improve cross-sector collaboration, networking and cross-border-cooperation.
- Annual Meetings of CSO of all 4 MRS
- Improve the communication of EUSDR (narrative)

The Online Consultation

THEMATIC related proposals:

- Reaching out to young people and involving young generation
- Micro-funding programmes
- Joint educational projects (KiGa-Uni),
- Dual education, LLL,
- Joint scientific research/projects
- Climate change, ecology and sustainable energy sources
- Sustainable transport and infrastructure

The Online Consultation

- The consultation also provided new objectives and activities, PAs had not listed in their contributions to the Action Plan, e.g.:
 - **(Sustainable) Agriculture,**
 - **Clusters**
 - **Health issues**
 - **Democracy against right-wing tendencies, women rights, rights of refugees and migrants**
 - **Youth participation and youth empowerment**
- PACs and NCs were kindly asked to consider how thematic proposals and projects/processes may be covered by the Action Plan.

The Public Hearing

- 27th June 2019 as side-event of the **8th Annual Forum**
- **Input** will be **recorded**,
- **All proposals** will be documented and will be part of the
- **Report of DSP to DG Regio**
in parallel to the Consolidated Input of the Danube Countries



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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