

| Progress on EUSDR targets as reported by the Priority Area Coordinators to the Danube Transnational Programme for 2018 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| PA 1A                                                                                                                  | Target 1: Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Delayed progress                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 2: Solve obstacles to navigability and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 3: Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports by 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 4: Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2020                                                                                                                                                                                          | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 5: Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
| PA 1B                                                                                                                  | Target 1: Support efficient freight railway services and improved travel times for competitive railway passenger connections between major cities in the Danube Region (DR) by 2030.                                                                                                                                          | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 2: Support fully functional multi-modal TEN-T Core Network Corridors by 2030.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 3: Support the development of efficient multimodal terminals at sea, river and dry ports in the Danube Region and ensure their connectivity and access through the integration of all modes of transport and efficient logistics services by 2030.                                                                     | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 4: Support improvement of the regional air connectivity and the implementation of the Single European Sky initiative.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 5: Facilitate the improvement of secondary and tertiary roads in the DR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 6: Support safe and sustainable transport and mobility in the Danube Region.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
| PA 2                                                                                                                   | Target 1: To help to achieve the national targets based on the Europe 2030 climate energy targets                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Delayed progress                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 2: To remove existing bottlenecks in energy to fulfill the goals of the Energy Union within the Danube Region                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 3: To better interconnect regions by joint activities with relevant initiatives and institutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
| PA 3                                                                                                                   | Target 1: Develop a Danube Brand for the entire Danube Region based on already existing work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No data                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 2: Support the implementation of a harmonised monitoring system, dedicated to tourism, able to provide complete and comparable statistical data in all the 14 states part of the EUSDR                                                                                                                                 | No data                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 3: Develop new and support existing Cultural Routes relevant in the Danube Region                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No data                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 4: Develop green tourist products along the Danube Region                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No data                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 5: To create a 'Blue Book' on Danube cultural identity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No data                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 6: Ensure the sustainable preservation of cultural heritage and natural values by developing relevant clusters, and networks of museums, interpretation and visitors centres within the Danube Region                                                                                                                  | No data                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 7: Promoting exchange and networking in the field of contemporary arts in the Danube Region                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No data                                                                           |
| PA 4                                                                                                                   | Target 1: Achieve the management objectives set out in the Danube River Basin Management Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 2: Reduce the nutrient levels in the Danube River to allow the recovery of the Black Sea ecosystems to conditions similar to 1960s                                                                                                                                                                                     | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 3: Elaborate a Danube Delta Analysis Report as a step towards completion of the Delta Management Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Delayed progress                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                        | Target 4: Secure viable populations of Danube sturgeon species                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Satisfactory progress                                                             |
| PA 5                                                                                                                   | Target 1: Provide and enhance continuous support to the implementation of the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan - adopted in 2015 in line with the EU Floods Directive - to achieve significant reductions of flood risk events by 2021, also taking into account potential impacts of climate change and adaption strategies | Satisfactory progress                                                             |

| Comments by PACs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <i>The achievement of the target is largely dependent on external framework conditions, which are beyond the direct control of the priority area.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Project management and project development activities by supporting energy efficiency and sustainable energy projects. Project financing conference, Darlinge, 3Smart, Energy Barge projects.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>In the fields of diversification of supply and gas market integration, studies were issued and stakeholder seminars were organised:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Studies: Promoting sustainable energy use in the transport sector of the Danube Region (2018), Sustainable Energy Storage Innovations in Danube Region Countries for the EU-Goals of the Paris Climate Agreement (2019);</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Stakeholder seminar: 'Can we complete gas market integration in the Danube Region by 2020?'</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Cooperation with other macro-regional strategies, initiatives and institutions is a key issue for PA 2, aiming at building an international network in energy. The Priority Area organised several joint events, invited experts to its own events and participated at several workshops. Interact organised the first workshop for the energy priority areas of the four macro-regional strategies, where PA 2 was also active, during the preparation phase. PA 2 has an updated extensive stakeholder database.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>Diversity and Cultural Heritage from Media Perspective</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>The Department for Interethnic Relations (DRI), Government of Romania initiated the project "Cultural Identity in the Danube Region" in partnership with the Ministry for Regional Development and Public Administration (MDRAP), in 2014. The initiative is under EUSDR Priority Area 3 (PA3) – Culture, tourism and people to people contacts– and addresses the 5th target of PA 3. The main objective of the project is to consult and exchange experiences with journalists and experts from Romania, dedicated to promoting cultural, linguistic and religious heritage from multi-ethnic regions of the country and interested in EUSDR issues and to extend this project at Danube Region level, if possible.</i>                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>In 2018, DRI organised the fifth stage of the project under the title of "Diversity and cultural heritage from media perspective. Cultural heritage in the context of European Year of Cultural Heritage. Documenting visit and exchange of good practices for journalists and experts from the Danube Region. Brasov, Mures and Sibiu counties". The participants visited ethnic communities from the above mentioned counties and the fortified churches/citadels from this region. DRI noticed that there is a high interest in this project both from the side of the experts and journalists and from the side of the local communities' representatives, who acknowledge that their cultural heritage constitutes a value of the community and could contribute to its development and should be at the same time preserved and presented to the public.</i> |
| <i>Also see project "Cultural Identity in the Danube Region" as described under Target 5.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|       | <p><b>Targets 2:</b> To continuously update the existing database of accident risk sports (ARS inventory), contaminated sites and sites used for the storage of dangerous substances</p> <p><b>Target 3:</b> To address the challenges of water scarcity and droughts in line with the Danube River Basin Management Plan - Update 2015, the report on the impacts of droughts in the Danube Basin in 2015 (due in 2016) and the ongoing work in the field of climate adaptation</p> | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PA 6  | <p><b>Target 1:</b> by 2020 strengthen the work on halting the deterioration in the status of all species and habitats covered by EU nature legislation in order to achieve a significant and measurable improvement</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 2:</b> enhance the work on establishing green infrastructure and the process of restoration of at least 15% of the degraded ecosystems, including soil, in order to maintain and enhance ecosystems and their services by 2020 in the Danube Region and to improve air quality</p>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 3:</b> Encourage achieving significant progress in identification and prioritization of Invasive Alien Species and their pathways in order to control or eradicate priority species, to manage pathways and to prevent the introduction and establishment of new Invasive Alien Species in the Danube Region by 2020</p>                                                                                                                                                | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 4:</b> Continue the ongoing work and efforts to securing viable populations of Danube sturgeon species and other indigenous fish species by 2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PA 7  | <p><b>Target 1:</b> To increase the effectiveness of investment in R&amp;I through establishment of a funding coordination network aiming to initiate a minimum of 2 dedicated EUSDR activities each year (e.g. Joint calls)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 2:</b> To increase the number of EPO and PCT patent applications filed from the Danube Region by 20% by 2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Other                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 3:</b> To enhance regional research and education cooperation to reach 20% of academic mobility within the region by 2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 4:</b> To increase the annual output of co-publications in the region by 15% by 2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Other                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 5:</b> To develop RIS3 in all Danube countries (or their regions) by 2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PA 8  | <p><b>Target 1:</b> Improvement of the innovations and new technologies transfer through establishing measures like consulting services by chambers and other</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 2:</b> Establishing a cluster network with focus on connecting companies in bio-based industries and Analysis of Smart Specialization Strategies for the bio-based industry within Danube region</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Completed             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 3:</b> Improvement of the technological knowledge and implementation level of environmental technologies through presentation of the latest know-how and Best Practices in the area of sewage treatment, solid waste management, generation of energy from renewable sources etc., and through identification of the regional decision-makers responsible for submission of project application</p>                                                                     | Completed             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 4:</b> Improvement of framework conditions, support programs and capacity building of stakeholders, to enhance competitiveness and added value in rural areas and in particular of the agricultural sector</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Completed             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 5:</b> Development of best practice models for vocational training oriented towards employability and skills demand (theory and practice) by the implementing pilot projects</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Completed             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 6:</b> Improvement of the entrepreneurship education in order to enhance the competitiveness of enterprises, especially SMEs through further development of the lifelong entrepreneurial learning system based on the identified set of strategic goals in line with Human Capital Dimension of the SBA for Europe</p>                                                                                                                                                  | Delayed progress      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 7:</b> Improvement of business support in particular to strengthen the competitiveness of SMEs for international cooperation and trade</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PA 9  | <p><b>Target 1:</b> Contribution to a higher employment rate in the Danube Region, especially through tackling youth and long-term unemployment</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 2:</b> Contribution to improved educational outcomes and relevant skills and competences in the Danube Region, focusing on learning outcomes for employability, entrepreneurship, innovation, active citizenship and well-being</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 3:</b> Contribution to increased quality and efficiency of education, training and labour market systems</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 4:</b> Contribution to ensuring inclusive education and training and promoting inclusive labour markets, equal opportunities and non-discrimination as well as the promotion of civic competences and lifelong learning opportunities for all</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 5:</b> Contribution to a closer cooperation between educational, training, labour market and research institutions, in particular on transnational, regional and bilateral levels</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PA 10 | <p><b>Target 1:</b> Improve World bank governance indicators related to government effectiveness, regulatory quality and control of corruption in comparison to 2011</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Delayed progress      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 2:</b> 80% of participating countries involve national, regional and local authorities and CSOs through annual National (provincial) Hearings in cooperation with the National Coordinators of the EUSDR</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Satisfactory progress |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       | <p><b>Target 3:</b> The UPDR helps to generate, through the exchange of information and the support, on all levels of cooperation, for 25% of UPDR Member organisations at least one Urban Danube Project</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Delayed progress      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       | <p><i>The status of this action was changed from the original "Delayed progress" to "Satisfactory progress" for this document, due to the fact that one international DCP Event was organised in 2017 (gathering more than 200 participants) by which the competitiveness for international cooperation and trade was supported.</i></p> |

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|              | <b>Target 4:</b> Increase the average absorption rate of EU funds in the Danube Region in comparison to 2007-2013 period                                            | Other                 |
| <b>PA 11</b> | <b>Target 1:</b> Security offensive - Enhancing police cooperation with the aim of improving security and tackling serious and organised crime in the EUSDR         | Satisfactory progress |
|              | <b>Target 2:</b> Developing strategic long-term cooperation between law enforcement actors along the Danube river by strengthening networks for cooperation by 2020 | Satisfactory progress |
|              | <b>Target 3:</b> Improving the systems of border control, document inspection management and cooperation on consular related issues in the Danube region            | Satisfactory progress |
|              | <b>Target 4:</b> Promoting the rule of law and the fight against corruption                                                                                         | Satisfactory progress |

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