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# Building the future of the **Danube Region**

The European Union Strategy for the Danube Region: **14 countries cooperate** to meet **common challenges** for the **benefits** of the **115 million people** in the region

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'A number of objectives are shared by the entire region and solutions to common challenges need stronger cooperation. The Strategy contributes to solving the major bottlenecks and ensuring that growth opportunities are used. Success will belong to the Danube Region: building its future is something only its citizens can achieve for themselves.'

**Johannes Hahn**, Member of the European Commission  
in charge of Regional Policy

## The Strategy in action:



**Danube Business Forum:** SMEs and universities meet annually in order to translate research findings and innovations into marketable products and services.



**Innovation technology for Danube ships:** Renewing the Danube fleet in order to increase transport volumes and minimise environmental impacts.



**Stronger cooperation in the field of security:** Establishing a common security policy to fight organised crime, trafficking and corruption, involving EUROPOL and the newly formed Conference of Danube Police.



**Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund:** The Fund aims to pool national and regional research and innovation funds of the region, and with increased force and effectiveness boost innovation and fight brain drain.



**Sediment balancing in the Danube:** Working towards a dynamic Danube riverbed and improved sediment transport for better navigation and healthier natural habitats.



**Danube tourism – One brand:** Positioning the Danube region in the global tourism market.



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