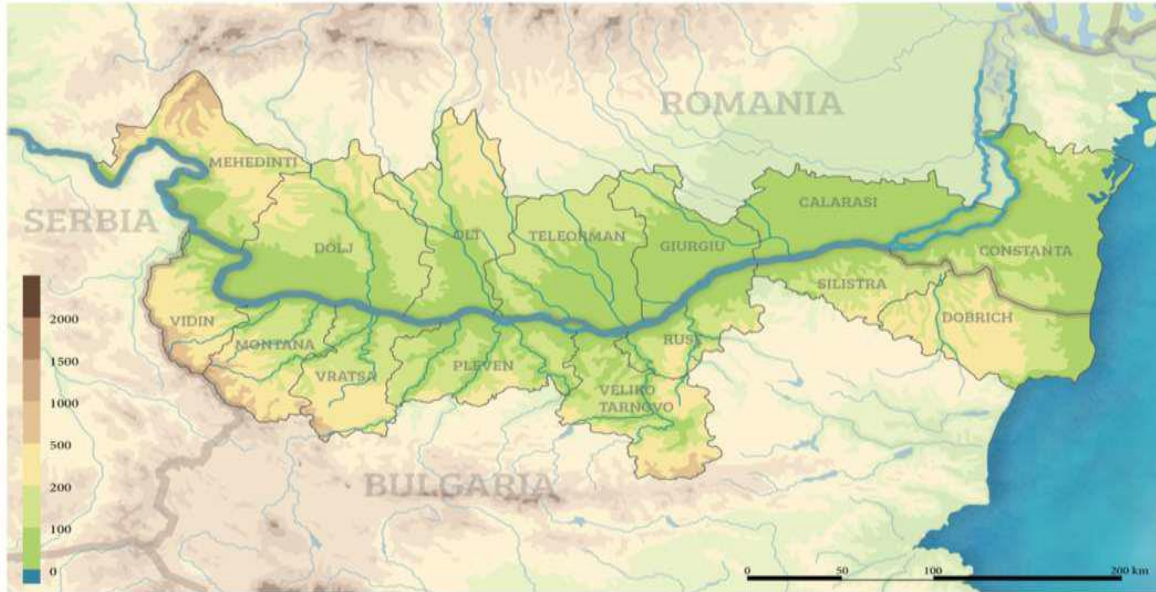


INTERREG VI-A ROMANIA-BULGARIA PROGRAMME

14th of July 2022

EUSDR Embedding week



- **Surface:** 69,285 km², 19.8% of the total area of the two countries
- **Population:** > 4 million inhabitants (1.35 million in Bulgaria and 2.85 million in Romania)
- **Border:** > 630 km length of which 470 km unfolds along the Danube river
- **Territorial coverage:** 7 counties in the Southern part of RO and 8 districts in the Northern part of BG
 - **Romania:** Mehedinți, Dolj, Olt, Teleorman, Giurgiu, Călărași and Constanța
 - **Bulgaria:** Vidin, Vratsa, Montana, Veliko Tarnovo, Pleven, Ruse, Dobrich and Silistra
- **Budget (excluding TA funds)**
 - **ERDF:** 152,801,310 MEUR
 - **Total:** 191,001,637.50 MEUR

PRIORITY 1

A well connected region
21,40 mil. euro ERDF

• *SO 3.2. Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility*

• CONNECTION TO EUSDR

- Pillar 1 - CONNECTING THE REGION
- improving the performance for transport of the Danube, PA 1a - Waterways mobility and to PA 1b - Rail-Road-Air Mobility

PRIORITY 2

A greener region
73,61 mil. euro ERDF

SO 2.4. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and, resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

SO 2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

CONNECTION TO EUSDR

Pillar 2 - PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

contributing to EUSDR PA5- *Environmental Risks* by supporting efforts to achieve significant reductions of flood risk events (Target 2), improve knowledge and information sharing on accident hazard spots (Target 3) and support the assessment of disaster risks in the Danube Region, encouraging actions to promote disaster resilience, preparedness and response activities (Target 4).

contributing to EUSDR PA 6- *Biodiversity and landscapes, quality of air and soils*, particularly by preventing the deterioration of species and habitats

contributing to EUSDR PA 10-*Institutional Capacity and Cooperation* by supporting capacity building actions, information exchange and coordination among the relevant stakeholders across the border

PRIORITY 3

An educated region
12,84 mil euro ERDF

• *SO 4.2. Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training, and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training*

• CONNECTION TO EUSDR

- Pillar 3 - BUILDING PROSPERITY
- PA 9 People and skills, Action 6 (High quality knowledge, skills and Competences) and 7 (Lifelong learning and learning mobility)

PRIORITY 4

An integrated region
55,64 mil euro ERDF

• *SO 5.2. Fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security, in areas other than urban areas*

• CONNECTION TO EUSDR

• Pillar 1 - CONNECTING THE REGION

- contributing to EUSDR PA 3- *Culture and tourism* by developing the region as an important EU tourist destination and establishing the Danube as a transnational cultural and natural travel route (aiming to develop sustainable forms of tourism and sustainable mobility solutions along the Danube region, promoting the development of quality products, infrastructure and innovative forms of tourism and culture by direct support of SMEs and public private partnerships)

\ PRIORITY 2: A GREENER REGION

SO 2.4. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and , resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches

Actions in the field of risk prevention and resilience (non-exhaustive list) to be implemented through strategic projects

- Improving risk prevention and intervention capacity in the cross-border region, by developing joint operational centres and joint intervention plans.
- Increasing the capacity of intervention and reaction through investments in equipment and vehicles, IT systems etc.
- Developing common training curricula and deployment of joint exercises, including the voluntary response services.
- Improving cross-border coordination and capacity for adaptation to climate change and its associated risks (floods, fires, hydrological droughts, pollution).
- Developing joint methodologies for risk assessment and risk monitoring in the cross-border area (risk of floods, including torrential floods, risk of drought).

Actions related to climate change adaptation (non-exhaustive list) to be implemented through targeted/regular calls for proposals

- Supporting behavioural change, by raising awareness, building networks of communities and stakeholders and implementing educational activities on the negative effect of the climate change, especially among the local communities, tourists and forest owners.
- Developing joint methods and tools to improve the planning, decision-making and intervention capacity of relevant stakeholders, including public engagement, in the adaptation to climate change.
- Developing methods and tools to support adaptation planning and decision-making on climate change adaptation measures.
- Identifying, assessing and reducing the negative implications of climate change on socio-economic activities in the area.
- Implementing joint ecosystem-based measures for climate change adaptation, for example:
 - Reforestation, conservation and forest protection measures, including implementing community-based forest monitoring systems related to climate change;
 - Preventing and reversing desertification through integrated management of land and water;
 - Supporting water and land management through green solutions.

CONNECTION TO EUSDR I The planned actions will contribute to EUSDR PA5- Environmental Risks by supporting efforts to achieve significant reductions of flood risk events (Target 2), improve knowledge and information sharing on accident hazard spots (Target 3) and support the assessment of disaster risks in the Danube Region, encouraging actions to promote disaster resilience, preparedness and response activities (Target 4). They also support EUSDR PA 10-Institutional Capacity and Cooperation, by supporting capacity building actions, information exchange and coordination among the relevant stakeholders across the border.

Budget: ERDF: 40,801,310.00 MEUR Total: 51,001,637.50 MERU

PRIORITY 2: A GREENER REGION

SO 2.7 Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

Actions related to the following fields (non-exhaustive list):

- Reducing all types of pollution.
- Supporting the development of green infrastructures.
- Enhancing biodiversity conservation, recovery and sustainable use and protection of natural heritage, including Natura 2000 and RAMSAR sites.

- Promoting, facilitating and encouraging citizens engagement in protecting biodiversity, including its conservation and sustainable use.
- Conservation of biodiversity and habitats through application of best practices from government agencies, research institutes, non-governmental organizations, as well as active participation of civil society.
- Protection and restoration of nature and biodiversity, located within and near settlements through appropriate joint solutions, including through the creation of new access passages / green infrastructure, etc.
- Supporting data collection and information sharing in respect to biodiversity between the two sides of the border;
- Joint evaluation, enhancement and promotion of ecosystem services on local and regional level;
- Developing ecosystem services to support biodiversity and reduce pollution;
- Sharing good practices and implementing eco-friendly and innovative solutions that address invasive alien species and strengthen sustainable environment management practices;
- Supporting the establishment of seed banks, restocking of soil organic matter and organisms that promote higher plant establishment and growth, and reintroduction of selected species;
- Developing green infrastructures and supporting biodiversity and protecting nature in human settlements, including by: roofing and facade greening, gardening, promoting green eco-friendly solutions for replacing pesticides and herbicides in urban areas etc.;
- Developing green areas, including connections between green spaces (urban parks, green sport facilities, forests, riverbank greens);
- Raising awareness of the benefits of green spaces, including in urban areas, encouraging local actions for greener settlements and rehabilitation of brownfields, driving behavioural change in respect to enhancing nature and biodiversity protection and preservation, and reducing pollution,
- Improving pollution control by supporting investments in monitoring and data collection on air, soil and water pollution, particularly in urban areas, including through setting up tools for measuring the air, soil and water quality and providing real-time data (e.g. networks of sensors and applications and platforms to allow reporting by the public).

CONNECTION TO EUSDR I The planned actions will contribute to EUSDR PA 6- Biodiversity and landscapes, quality of air and soils, particularly by preventing the deterioration of species and habitats. They also support EUSDR PA 10-Institutional Capacity and Cooperation, by supporting capacity building actions, information exchange and coordination among the relevant stakeholders across the border.

Budget: ERDF: 28,000,000 MEUR Total: 35,000,000.00 MEUR

PRIORITY 2 - A greener region

SO 2.4. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches (actions in the field of risk prevention and resilience)

Project Title	Lead Beneficiary	Partners	Objective	Estimated ERDF budget (mil, EUR)
Streamlining cross-border cooperation: Joint approach in disaster resilience - STREAM 2	General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations from Romania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directorate General Fire Safety and Civil Protection, Bulgaria 2. “Dobrogea” Constanța County Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, Romania 3. Territorial Inspectorate of Border Police Giurgiu, Romania 4. Academy of Ministry of Interior, Bulgaria 5. National Association of Volunteers in the Republic of Bulgaria 	Increasing the safety and protection of the population in the eligible area by improving and enhancing the intervention capacity of the institutions with responsibilities in the field of emergency situations.	19,50
Danube Risk Prevention (Danube RISK)	Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests Romania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Administration „Romanian Waters” 2. Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria 3. Danube River Basin Directorate, Bulgaria 	Improved transboundary coordination, knowledge and capability for climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience in the RO-BG transboundary area through the development and implementation of long-term policies for climate change risk management.	14,00

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