



EUSDR EMBEDDING WEEK

A REVIEW



Edition 2022



The EUSDR Embedding Week was held in 2022 for the first time in the EUSDR to provide stakeholders with a concise and engaging platform for sharing multilevel, cross-thematic and cross-macro-regional ideas and experiences. The EUSDR Embedding Week took place from 11 to 15 July 2022 online and addressed the potential and challenges of embedding, gathering around a virtual table speakers and participants representing national and regional programmes, managing and programming authorities, EUSDR NCs and PACs, the Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency, the European Commission, TESIM, and others. The present booklet provides an extensive follow-up review of the events organised during the 1st EUSDR Embedding Week by the Danube Strategy Point. The final agenda and a summary of the event are also published on the EUSDR website.



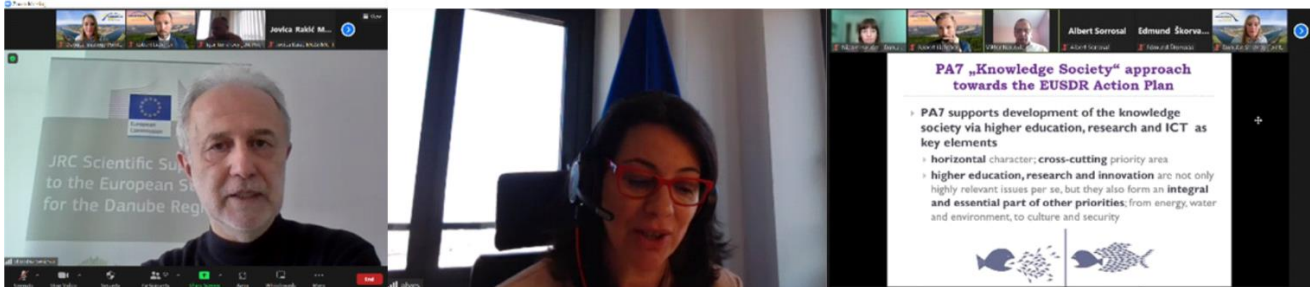
A smarter Danube Region

(11th July, online)

- # Inclusive European Research Area
- # Bridging innovation gaps through capacity building
- # Promoting research excellence
- # Smart Specialisation Strategies
- # Research and innovation as crisis response

SO 1.1

The EUSDR Embedding Week started with the first workshop on R&I, S3 and responses to new current challenges in the Danube Region.



A common strategic frameworks working thematically and focus oriented, such as those created with the S3 Platform, bundling initiatives, for example between programmes and with other MRS, was one of the key learnings for the EUSDR.

The invited speakers, representatives of EC/DG REGIO and JRC, Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency, MA of the Slovak Republic, TESIM and EUSDR Priority Area 7 Knowledge Society, prepared a strategic framework for further discussions of the EUSDR Embedding Week. Relevant studies and agendas - both at EU funding and Priority Area level - were presented and discussed around the thematic focus. In addition, specific needs of MAs, such as an international network for evaluation, were addressed.

Further reads:

- > [EUSDR Embedding](#) (process, tools etc.)
- > [2022 Strategic Foresight Report](#)
- > [New European Innovation Agenda](#)
- > [Launch of the CoR-JRC Pilot Action on Partnerships for Regional Innovation](#)

- > [EUSDR EMBEDDING LEAFLET for MAs](#)
- > [EUSDR Priority Area 7](#)
- > [PA7 analysis on the participation of Danube region researchers in H2020](#)
- > [PA7 Publications and Studies](#)
- > [PA 7 supported by PA 9 leading the Task Force on Home-schooling](#)

Presentations:

- > [D1 P1 MA SK ŠKORVAGA](#)
- > [D1 P2 TESIM SORROSAL](#)
- > [D1 P3 Nedović](#)



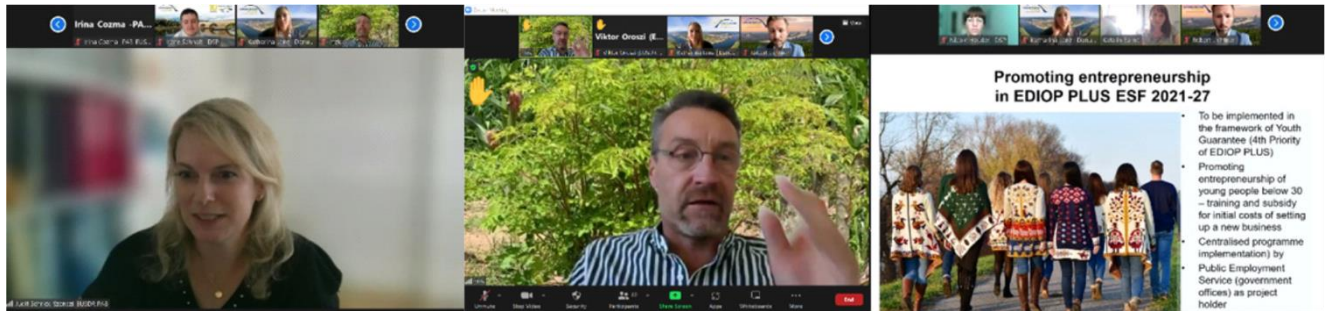
A more competitive Danube Region

(12th July, online)

Cluster development
Female entrepreneurship

SO 1.3

A more competitive Danube Region in relation to cluster development and female entrepreneurship were the thematic focal points of the second day.



The session has shown, that both above mentioned topics are clearly of cross-cutting nature - at EU level, but also in the entire Danube Region Strategy - and therefore e.g. also provide links for the Priority Area 3 Tourism and Culture.

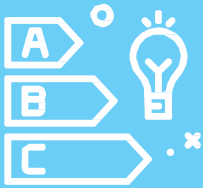
The speakers, representing the Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency, the OP of Hungary, TESIM and the EUSDR Priority Area 8 Competitiveness, further discussed cross-cutting cooperation opportunities. They also paved the way for further discussions on national and regional initiatives, such as strategies and coordinated calls on the proposed topics. In the end, it became clear: a stronger and more targeted synchronisation of the embedding process into concrete initiatives will be much needed in the future.

Further reads:

- > [EUSDR Embedding](#) (process, tools etc.)
- > [EUSDR Action Plan](#)
- > [EUSDR ESF MA Network](#) ([Priority Area 9](#) and [Priority Area 10](#))
- > [Embedding initiatives such as labelling of projects](#)
- > [Video from the EFIGE. – Cross-border Ensemble. Heritage Confluence on Danube project](#)
- > [EUSDR Priority Area \(PA\) 3](#)
- > [EUSDR Priority Area \(PA\) 8](#)

Presentations:

- > [D2_P1 EDIOP LOSONCZI-BALOGH](#)
- > [D2_P2 EDIOP BARNÁ](#)
- > [D2_P3 TESIM PAIENTKO](#)



A more energy efficient Danube Region

(13th July, online)

Energy efficiency
Decarbonisation of heating & cooling systems

SO 2.1

The workshop on the third day was dedicated to topics around a more energy efficient Danube Region with a focus on energy efficiency and decarbonisation of heating and cooling systems.



The presentations and the discussion has shown, that these topics, which are increasingly relevant at the European level, with the introduction of the European Green Deal (EGD) and worldwide with the COVID-19 crisis and the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, are once again particularly pertinent and urgent.

The speakers, representing DG REGIO and DG ENER of the European Commission, the Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency, the Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency/OP of Slovakia, OPs from Hungary, TESIM and the EUSDR Priority Area 2 Sustainable Energy, presented and discussed different forms of labelling used in MAs/programmes, but also by the EUSDR in projects and initiatives. A best practice example from Hungary showed how embedding initiatives can be taken up and implemented on national levels.

Further reads:

- > [EUSDR Embedding \(process, tools etc.\)](#)
- > [EUSDR Priority Area \(PA\) 2 sustainable energy website](#)
- > [EUSDR PA 2 Study on energy performance of buildings in the Danube Region](#)
- > [Website of the Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency \(SIEA\)](#)
- > [Improving the efficiency of district heating and cooling systems \(RE-based\) – see NRDIO, Energy Community Call for Proposals \(in HU\)](#)
- > [EUSDR Action Plan \(2020\)](#)
- > [Workshop at EUSEW 'How to accelerate natural gas phase-out in Central Eastern Europe?'](#)

Presentations:

- > [D3 P1 EC ENER REZESSY](#)
- > [D3 P2 SIEA OP SK MILOSOVIC](#)
- > [D3 P3 HU EDIOP TSDOP EEEOP ARANY](#)
- > [D3 P4 TESIM SORROSAL](#)
- > [D3 P5 EUSDR PA 2 NÁDOR](#)



A more resilient Danube Region

(14th July, online)

Energy efficiency
Decarbonisation of heating & cooling systems

SO 2.4

The session on day 4 focused on a more resilient Danube Region, highlighting issues such as climate change adaptation and flood and disaster management.



Complex and overarching issues like climate change and flood and disaster management will continue to challenge the whole Danube Region and therefore must involve more than just one Priority Area as they present very much interconnected and cross-cutting challenges that require joint approaches and holistic solutions.

The speakers, representing the EC DG REGIO, the Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency, the Interreg Romania-Bulgaria CBC Programme, TESIM and #EUSDR Priority Area 5 #Environmental Risks shed light on different ways to tackle the effects of climate change. Several concrete examples of successfully implemented projects were showcased and some future project ideas were discussed.

Further reads:

- > [EUSDR Embedding \(process, tools etc.\)](#)
- > [Interreg Romania-Bulgaria CBC Programme website](#)
- > [EUSDR Priority Area \(PA\) 5 Environmental Risks website](#)
- > [EUSDR PA4 Water Quality](#)

Presentations:

- > [D4 P1 CBC RO-BG GLODEANU](#)
- > [D4 P2 TESIM PAIENTKO](#)
- > [D4 P3 Danube Risk Project RINDASU](#)



A greener Danube Region

(15th July, online)

- # Traffic stakeholders/plane routes
- # Endangered umbrella species
- # Green infrastructure
- # Soil-related ecosystem services

SO 2.7

The EUSDR Embedding Week concluded with a greener Danube Region discussion focusing on endangered umbrella species, green infrastructure and soil-based ecosystem services.



With the introduction of the European Green Deal (EGD), the discussed topics have shown what the EUSDR has been working on for years via its EUSDR Action Plan and by the Priority Areas.

The speakers, representing DG REGIO and DG ENV of the European Commission, the Ukrainian EUSDR Presidency, the Slovenian Managing Authority for ERDF, ESF and CF, Interreg CBC RO-HU, TESIM and EUSDR Priority Area 6 Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air & Soil Quality, shared experiences, challenges and most importantly opportunities in funding and implementing Policy Objective 2. In summary, a very positive and promising conclusion was drawn: PO2 is not only considered in many programmes, there are also concrete proposals as well as initiatives such as extra points for projects/initiatives and their capitalisation – all of these prove that embedding works!

Further reads:

- > [EUSDR Embedding](#) (process, tools etc.)
- > [EUSDR Action Plan](#) (2020)
- > [Interreg Romania-Hungary CBC Programme website](#)
- > [EUSDR Priority Area \(PA\) 6 Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air & Soil Quality website](#)
- > [PA 6 Study on exploiting funding opportunities](#)

Presentations:

- > [D5 P1 EC DG ENV BIANCHINI](#)
- > [D5 P2 MA SI DRAGAR](#)
- > [D5 P3 CBC RO-HU IVANCEA](#)
- > [D5 P4 TESIM PAIENTKO](#)

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