

EMBEDDING EUSDR into EU programmes (ESIF, IPA III, NDICI)

EuroAccess connects programmes and potential beneficiaries, providing a user friendly online information and search tool on EU-funding available in the four EU Macro-Regions (EUSDR, EUSBSR, EUSALP, EU-SAIR).

For the EUSDR, potential project implementers can search for suitable sources of EU funding. EuroAccess offers calls for proposals in the Danube Region.

www.euro-access.eu collects and streamlines funding data from more than 350 EU funding programmes and calls for project proposals.

All new open calls are announced online and can be subscribed to via a regular newsletter.

Why embed EUSDR into national and regional EU financed programmes?

EUSDR allows countries and regions to ensure a stronger and more efficient policy coherence, regarding both the programme design and implementation, among all territorial levels concerned (from EU to macro-regional, national, regional and local as appropriate).

EUSDR provides orientation for cooperation by offering an agile and strategic framework: platforms of exchange, guidance and networking, coordination of policies and joint actions far beyond physical and psychological borders.

“Embedding is expected to increase programmes’ impacts through better cooperation and coordination, in addition to providing the MRS with the means to achieve their objectives. It will also allow beneficiaries of EU funds to achieve better results with their action while contributing to the strategic objectives of the MRS”.

“[...]a proper coordination with the MRS and among programmes in the macro-regions would greatly increase the impact of this support.”
Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Implementation of EU Macro-regional Strategies, COM(2020) 578

How does EUSDR contribute to the implementation of the 5 Cohesion Policy Objectives?

The EUSDR addresses a wide range of issues and topics divided among four Pillars and 12 thematic Priority Areas. With the revision of the EUSDR action in 2020 (SWD(2020) 59 final) a better compatibility of concrete defined actions and targets with other programmes and funding instruments was achieved, to allow a targeted embedding into the programmes’ objectives and to define potential synergies and complementarities. The core EUSDR stakeholders agreed on a shortlist of concise strategic (transnational) topics, which was endorsed by the all 14 EUSDR participating states providing a consolidated and concise guidance for “project pipelines”.

Danube Region Strategy – Prosperity through Diversity

Europe and its regions are in a time of transition. The Danube Region, like other EU macro-regions, faces challenges beyond borders – pollution, climate change, unemployment or lack of connectivity – that affect the lives of over 115 million people.

To unlock the full potential of the Danube Region, strategic questions of connectivity, digital transition, demographic changes or sound and democratic local and regional administrations need to be coordinated across the borders, jointly and with mutual interest.

To this end, the countries in the Danube basin came together and established the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and identified common needs, problems and opportunities that can be fully exploited only in cooperation that goes beyond borders.

All together, we need to protect our nature and people, to build a prosperous region with a healthy environment, equal societies and high living standards. We need to create sustainable jobs and open up fair opportunities – all the way between the Black Forest and the Black Sea. Environment protection, sustainable transport, faster ITC connectivity, competitiveness of European businesses, security in the region need to be backed by sustainability, supporting circular economy and led by knowledge-based and information society.

Our aim is to make our Danube Region stronger, more resilient and attractive to live in!

The Danube Region connection for efficient cooperation

On the national level, networks bring together National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators, Steering Group members and Managing Authorities (MAs) to learn and link national initiatives to macro-regional strategies (MRS) processes for greater impact.

On the transnational level, the national and regional organisations benefit from exchange with colleagues from other countries and regions and join the Danube Networks of ESIF managing authorities.

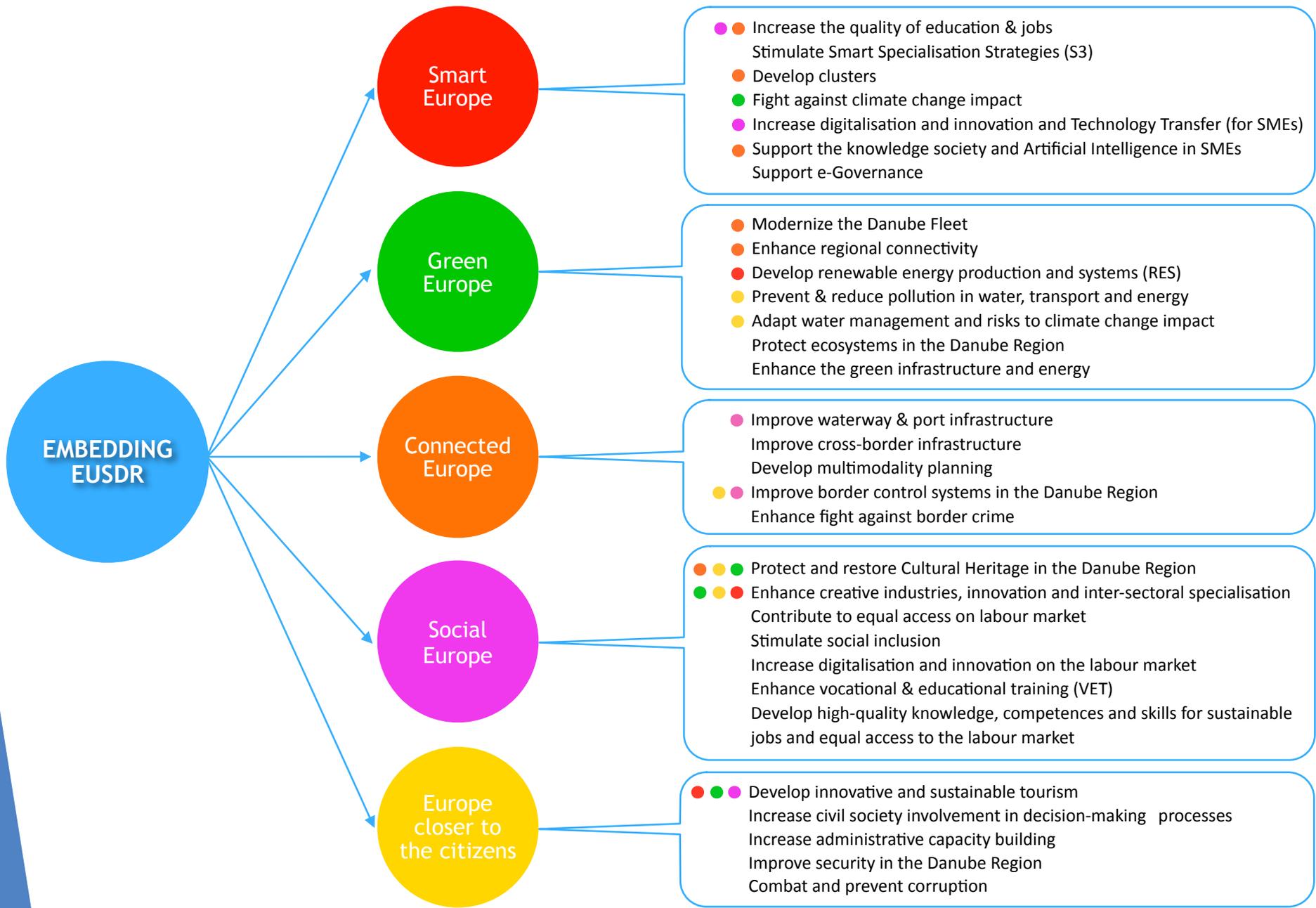
Benefiting from the MRS “project pipelines”

- Specific selection criteria benefiting MRS
- Targeted calls for proposals
- Inclusion of transnational component (Article 57 (4) of proposed REG (2018)375)
- Joint or synchronised call for proposals
- Complementary projects
- Labelling projects

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More details about the embedding of the EUSDR into EU programmes 2021-2027 process are available at: <https://danube-region.eu/projects-and-funding/embedding-2021-2027>

The EUSDR topics that can be linked to the funding sources available for the 2021-2027 are relevant for more than one Cohesion Policy Objective. Follow the colour in order to identify the actions/ strategic topics that may contribute to reaching the Policy Objectives.