PA7 activities **Possible Modes of Cooperation** on EUSDR Embedding and Programmes' Implementation Tomáš Tabiš & Jaroslava Szudi

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PA7 "Knowledge Society" approach



towards the EUSDR Action Plan

To promote **coordination of national, regional and EU funds** to stimulate excellence in R&D&I, in research areas specific for Danube Region

To promote participation of Danube countries in EU R&I Programmes, in particular in Horizon Europe

To strengthen cooperation among universities, research organisations and SMEs in the Danube Region

To increase awareness and visibility of science and innovation in the Danube Region

To support exchange of information and experience for the purpose of preparation of future strategic R&I documents applicable in the new programming period

To promote horizontal cooperation in S&T across all PAs and other MRSs







4 Specific Objectives (previously known as WPs) SO1, SO2



SO1 Governance

- enhancing transnational, inter-sectorial and inter-institutional cooperation
- besides political representatives of the 14 participating countries also **experts from various research fields** (such as environment, IC, health etc.) and representatives of the international, European and national institutions (such as DG R&I, EACEA, JRC, funding Agencies, Horizon Europe support structures etc.) will be involved in the work of the SG

SO2 To support policy development and policy initiatives

- contributing to full compliance of the Danube countries with ERA objectives and priorities
- supporting participation of the Danube countries in the EU funded programmes and ERA actions
- mid-term evaluation of the Danube countries participation in Horizon Europe including resulting recommendations
- **political position** of the Danube countries for designing the new 10th EU framework programme for research and innovation
- support to development of the S3 and S4 strategies of the Danube countries







4 Specific Objectives (previously known as WPs) SO3, SO4



SO3 To support ongoing projects and development of new projects

- supporting participation of the Danube countries in **Horizon Europe**, **EIT**, **COST**, **EUREKA**, **ERASMUS+**, **etc**.
- PACs will ensure continuation of successfully established platform the Danube Funding Coordination Network
- Flagship projects

SO4 To enhance cooperation between core PA stakeholders

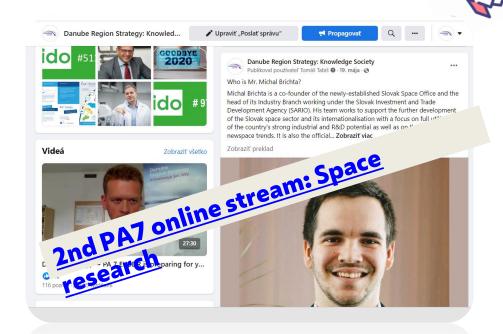
- PACs will cooperate with DSP and disseminate information on funding possibilities within DRP
- information on embedding the EUSDR in national operational programmes will be shared
- supporting awareness of young generation on environmental issues, in particular connected with water online educational activities and discussions with relevant experts will be organised in cooperation with PA4







Recent "success stories"





WG on ERA: #1/2022 Quarterly Newsfeed on EU R&D&I

Dear PA7 readers, supporters, and followers.

With the first coming spring days and Easter holidays, we are pleased to share with you a brief quarterly Newsfeed on European Research, Development, and Innovation.

Highlights

Cooperation with PA7 SG members and stakeholders



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"Danubius Young Scientist Award" competition is now open for nominations!

Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Education, Science and Research



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2023-2025 PROJECTS: MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC A TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THE REGION

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mber 16, 2022

Short description

The purpose of this call is to support the mobility of researchers among the participating c research projects. In this regard, funding will be made available for visits and exchanges of research.

Participating countries: REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA / REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA / CZECH R FRANCE / MONTENEGRO / REPUBLIC OF SERBIA / SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Aims of the Call

Call for nominations **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2023**

This year the BMBWF, in cooperation with the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), is honoring scientific talent from the countries of the Danube region already for the tenth time.

The Danubius Young Scientist Award is a prize for young scientists to stimulate young scientists (up to 5 years after receiving their Masters/PhD) to deal with the Danube and the region from a variety of scientific perspectives

In addition, the prize should contribute to promoting the excellence of the scientific community in the Danube region.

One scientist in each of the 14 countries of the Danube region will receive the award. The prize is endowed with 1,350 euros per person.

Candidates are nominated by the scientific organization (university, academy of sciences, research institute, etc.) where they work or have

The selection is then made by an international jury.

Deadline for nominating candidates is May 5th, 2023

The award ceremony is planned for an event in October 2023. Details on this will be announced at a later date.

In addition, thanks to the generous support of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, the winners will receive a personal invitation to visit one of their research facilities in Ispra, Italy, probably in 2024.

Excellent example of Embedding







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GLOBSEC launched its new Danube Innovation Tracker in Prague. The launch brought together representatives from both the public and private sectors to introduce the tracker's value for the innovation ecosystem within the whole Danube region.

The tracker assesses the current state of the inno stakeholders, start-ups and unicorns, venture cap Danube Valley. A platform where all the data will Germany to Moldova is provided by the Danube Te

The Danube Innovation Tracker will contribute to b within the ecosystem that hinder its level of mastakeholders. Besides, such a comprehensive mastakeholders to provide a platform for the stakeholders and opening the door to growth opportunities.









MRS Week 2023

4th EU Macro-Regional Strategies Week - Transform to thrive (Energy, Skills and Funding), 24-28 April 2023



MRS Week 2023 – session prepared by DVTI in cooperation with PA7 WG ERA

The contribution of the Regional Innovation Valleys to cohesive EU via funding & shared knowledge.

The gaps in innovation progress & the funding countries receive within the New EU Innovation Agenda priorities are challenges in strengthening the EU's innovation ecosystems and creating Regional Innovation Valleys (RIV). Despite the CEE's innovation rapid growth & increasing investment, it's demanding to catch up with a constantly accelerating innovation pace. We will discuss mitigating measures, best practices & the learning curve in funding innovation, developing RIV and role of MRS.

- Katarina CSEFALVAYOVA, Executive Lead of the Danube Tech Valley Initiative in Globsec
- Johan MAGNUSSON, Team Leader Danube and Baltic Sea Regions; Directorate General Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- Luke INCORVAJA, Chief Innovation Office; Europe institute of Innovation & Technology
- Peter ŠOLTÉS, the Board Member of Directors of IT Valley Košice, CEO of Promiseo
- Kaloyan RATCHEV, Vangavis' Founder, a founding board member of the Bulgarian Artificial Intelligence Cluster, a Steering Committee Member of the European AI Forum







Knowledge Driven Society



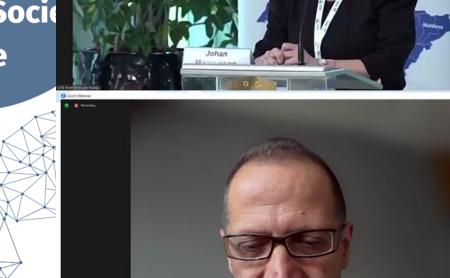








17 - 18 May 2023 Congress centre Brdo, Slovenia



PA7 InfoDay on Horizone Europe

Twinning Call



Infoday on Horizon Europe Twinning Call

The PA7 Coordination team invites you to save your dates to the online **Infoc 2023**, which will take place on **Wednesday 24 May 2023**, between 9.30 and 12.

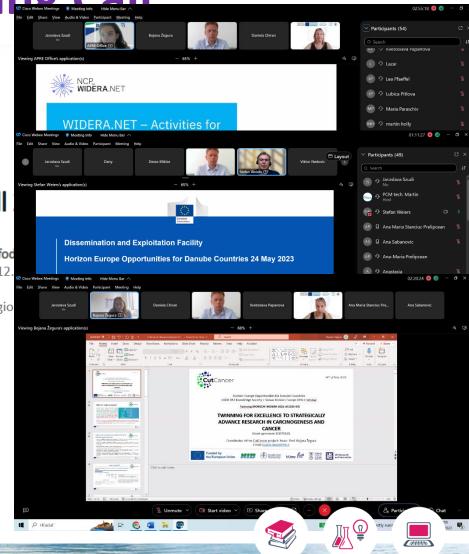
This event aims to bridge the potential applicants from the Danube Regio Twinning call in order to foster participation in the programme.

Important details for the participation are available below:

<u>Agenda</u>

Registration link: https://forms.gle/7NHNvanNYvMAf2WC8

Link for connection to Webex is: https://video.nti.sk/join?u92epbmncfc



Activities focused on Youth

(Youth = key element in leading the innovation revolution)



Meeting with the DYC (14 December 2022 and 27 February 2023)

- **Involving** DYC members in the PA7 working groups activities (online streams, podcasts), **keeping them informed** about all relevant issues, **inviting** them to PA7 events
- Shaping together activities focused on youth

Danube Young Ecosystem Champion (new award)

- **Youth** = key element in leading the innovation revolution
- In cooperation with our flagship project Danube Tech Valley Initiative we plan to contribute to the preparation of the scheme to award innovative accomplishments made by youth particularly in environmental advocacy projects and technology ventures

Danubius Young Scientist Awards (since 2014)

- 10th anniversary this year
- The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers, enhances the visibility of the scientific community in the region and encourages young scientists to engage more concretely with topics/questions specifically related to the Danube region
- For more information: https://www.idm.at/en/activities/awards/danubius-young-scientist-award/



PA7 as an Associated Partner in DRP



<u>SkillSet</u>

• the main objective is the partnership to develop cooperation mechanisms between the innovation support organisations (FabLabs and Makerspaces) and creative SMEs from traditional industries in the Danube region, which would close the SMEs' skill gaps when it comes to digital transformation

HARMONYMISSIONS

- the main objective is to harmonise the implementation of the European missions on the Danube region level, as there are significant disparities in the level of understanding, setup, and implementation of 5 European missions
- this project aims to minimalize these disparities and help set up an effective Missions governing model on the Danube region level, especially in the following Missions:
 - Adaptation to Climate Change: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030
 - 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030







Creating synergies



 Cooperation with PA4 on youth involvement and stakeholders involvement (via common online streams and promotion of water related educative topics to wider public)

- On national level SK is co-coordinating 2 EUSDR priority areas (PA4 and PA7)
- Slovakia's **National Recovery and Resilience Plan** adopted in 07/2021 allocates more than 6 mill. € in grants for its implementation
- The Plan is strongly focused on the green transition and digital transformation
- The EUSDR was successfully embedded into the Plan, and at the moment the SK NCteam in cooperation with the PACs investigates the possibilities, topics and measures for its successful implementation







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