

A Smart Danube Region

Possibilities planned in national and regional ERDF programmes

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Interreg

Unique position of MRS

EU Policies

EU direct management programmes, and initiatives

Horizon Europe, incl. Twinning

CEF

Projects of common interest (PCI)

S3 Platforms

Vanguard initiative

Danube Lighthouse

Pan/European networks, e.g., ERA-Net

EU Open Science Cloud

Hydrogen Valleys

National and regional policies, and initiatives

Shared management programmes

CEITEC - Central European Institute of Technology

DANUBIUS-RI

NDICI and IPA programmes

New Valley Regional Digital Knowledge Centre

Danube digital innovation hubs



The Danube Tech Valley Initiative

Cooperation topics

Although the description of potential cooperation actions often remain general to allow bigger flexibility in planning, here are examples of some topics highlighted in 2021-2027 ERDF programmes



Exchange, synergies, mutual learning

Institutional capacity, expert involvement, practice exchange, knowledge and information exchange, synergies (AT, BG, DE, HU, RO, SK, CZ)



University and R&D cooperation

Investments in research infrastructure, science mobility, joint research (AT, BG, CZ, DE, HU, SI, SK)



Clusters and SME support

Cluster platforms, business intermediaries (AT, BG, RO), Upstream development by SMEs, market entry (AT, HU)



Prototyping, technology transfer

Including prototyping funding (DE (BW))

How? A few examples

These examples are taken from
2021-2027 programmes



Coordination mechanism

By using ad hoc consultations with members of the EUSDR steering groups/committees (CZ, 1.1.), through joint events, ICPDR meetings (DE (BY))



Additional points and evaluation criteria

For projects having cooperation component, and/or show relevance to the strategy (RO, SK)



National synergies and capitalization calls

It will be possible to use national synergy-capitalization calls to highlight contribution to EUSDR (SK)



Synergies between different strands

Building closer links between Interreg programmes and the mainstream ERDF programmes by inviting to meetings (RO)



Summarising...

Cooperation potentials **planned** in the programmes.

However, a **clear offer from MRS** is needed to use the possibilities for MRS benefit (highlighting topics, bringing forward specific initiatives)

EUSDR **MA networks** are **instrumental** to coordinate countries and regions efforts.

Steering group member role in promoting MRS topics, initiatives, promotion **events**.

Next Steps

There is a **need for robust data** on the impact of Strategies, including mobilised funding for the implementation of the strategies.

Quantitative data transfers will not show the picture, mostly highlighting the amounts allocated. Can data on specific projects collected through national and regional monitoring systems? Can contribution to MRS be included in annual review meetings with the Commission (Art.41)?

Cooperation works