

Invitation & Draft Agenda

Joint meeting of ERDF & CF managing authorities and
IPA & NDICI programming authorities
on Embedding the EUSDR into EU funding programmes

Tuesday, 12 November 2024

10.00 – 12.00 CET

Online (Webex)

Registration link:

<https://whservice.webex.com/weblink/register/rca3551294a548da70d02bccd400c3c3b>

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Aim:

The managing/programming authorities of the Danube Region (ERDF/CF and IPA/NDICI & invitation of ESF+) meet to update and exchange about ideas, develop joint activities, and enhance the efficiency and impact of programme-Strategy cooperation in the field of Embedding. The meeting is organised by AT EUSDR PCY together with the DSP. This group will serve as a platform to demonstrate what the Strategy can offer the programmes in terms of Embedding, for sharing experiences, addressing challenges, managing expectations, finding joint solutions, spreading success stories, and promoting best practices. Since the exchange is a two-way process, also the programmes have the opportunity to express their expectations, needs, ideas and proposals to the Strategy when it comes to embedding the Danube Region Strategy's priorities into the programmes in a more efficient and targeted way.

Objective:

The group can discuss about mutual technical support, tools, and consultancy to help to improve programme management and implementation when it comes to MRS. It will also function as a sort of a think-tank, analysing and promoting project outcomes, and advocating for the importance of external cooperation and EU enlargement. By fostering collaboration across programmes and the EUSDR, the group can encourage joint initiatives. During the meeting in 11.2024, the contribution for the forthcoming MFF/ Post 27 discussion shall be included by collecting ideas/expectations/key positions from the perspective of programmes.

More information on the embedding process and available tools can be found [here](#).

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09.45 – 10.00	<i>Registration (connection to Webex)</i>
10.00	Welcome and Introduction <i>Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i> <i>Danube Strategy Point</i>
10.10	<i>Input for discussion</i> “Active Embedding from a Strategy point of view” <i>Danube Strategy Point</i> Q&A, discussion
10.40	<i>Input for discussion</i> “Active Embedding from a Programme point of view” <i>Programmes of the Network</i> Q&A, discussion
11.10	<i>Input for discussion</i> Presentation of the EUSDR “Future Perspectives” Studies under the Austrian EUSDR Presidency <i>Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i> Q&A, discussion
11.30	<i>Input for discussion</i> Further process, cooperation actions and utilisation in the next MFF/post-27 <i>Ilze Ciganska, Interact</i> Q&A, discussion
11.50	Summary and Outlook <i>Austrian EUSDR Presidency</i> <i>Danube Strategy Point</i>
12.00	End of Meeting

In case of questions, please do not hesitate to contact: office@eusdr-dsp.eu

Guiding questions:

1) Agenda item “Active Embedding from a Strategy point of view”

- What specific aims do you identify in the Embedding Paper that are aligned with your programme and how do the presented tools and processes align with your expectations for practical outcomes in your programme implementation in the context of the Strategy?
- In your experience, what aspects of the Strategy do you believe can effectively support the EMB process in your programme and where do you see limitations or gaps in the Strategy that you foresee impacting its applicability within the EMB framework in your programme?
- What additional tools or resources (to the ones presented) would you suggest to enhance the effectiveness of the Strategy in the EMB process in your programme?

2) Agenda item “Active Embedding from a Programme point of view”

- Based on the previous ‘active embedding’ integration into the various stages of the programme cycle (e.g., calls, project selection, evaluation, capitalisation), what aspects of the initiative do you find most applicable to your work or the context of your programme for the future?
- Are there any challenges or barriers, where you would need support from the Strategy, you anticipate in applying the presented initiative(s) within your own processes in your programme? What additional support or resources would enhance the applicability of the initiative in your programme?
- How do you believe the active embedding initiative could influence the overall success of the programme cycle and its outcomes?

3) Agenda item “Further process, cooperation actions and utilisation in the next MFF/post-27”

- What are your expectations regarding the long-term impact of the Strategy on your programme?
- How should stakeholder engagement (of Strategy and programmes) develop in order to provide a successful implementation model between MRS and programmes?
- What expectations do you have for the Strategy to further facilitate the implementation of (similar/different) embedding initiatives in the future?