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# **DRP – EUSDR Seed Money Facility 2024**

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3 DRP direct support measures to the EUSDR



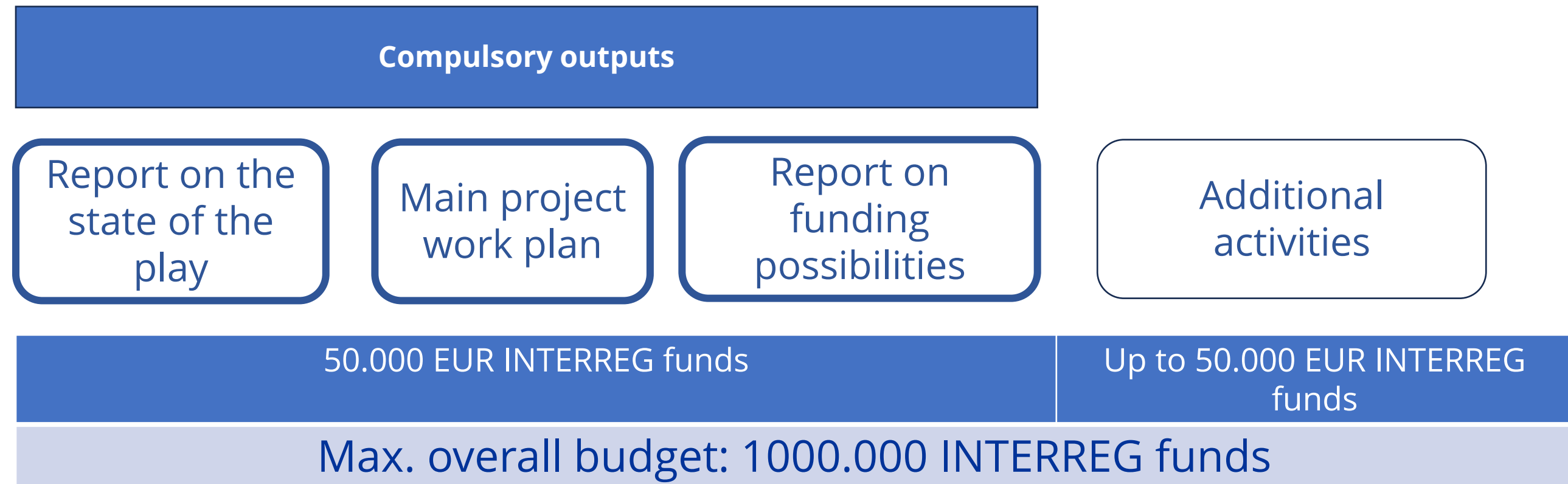
Danube Region Programme document: „A seed money facility (SMF) shall serve as tool to kick-start strategic projects and for initiating and preparing of large-scale initiatives. The set-up of a SMF shall ensure effective ownership through EUSDR PAs and shall be fully aligned to the EUSDR Action Plan.”

# Danube Seed Money Facilities

## Two SMF editions so far

- Danube Transnational Programme 2016
  - Joint development of the scheme
  - Thematic focus set by EUSDR PA
  - Call run, assessed and implemented by the Programme
  - Ownership through EUSDR: ?
  
- Danube Region Programme 2024
  - Joint development of the scheme
  - Thematic focus set by EUSDR PA (in case)
  - Call run and implemented by the Programme
  - Joint promotion of the SMF and DRP-EUSDR co-assessment of proposals

# DRP SMF Structure



# DRP SMF Assessment

## Two step assessment

- EUSDR relevance filter
  - 2 assessment questions on the thematic fit and relevance of a proposal in relation to one or more Priority Areas
  - Threshold function: proposals had to reach at least 60% scoring to pass to the EUSDR assessment
  - 4-eye-principle: two EUSDR assessors appointed by each PA for each proposal
  
- DRP strategic assessment
  - 10 assessment questions (transnationality, workplan, partnership, target groups, value for money)
  - 4-eye-principle: two DRP assessors appointed for each proposal

# DRP SMF – key figures

- 49 proposals received, 46 eligible
- 36 proposals approved
- Overall committed budget: 2,692,883.90 € (INTERREG Funds) / 3,366,104.93 € (Total)
- All PAs addressed but PA11
- Project implementation started on 1st September, project duration up to 1 year

# SMF CfP – lessons learned

- PAC involvement into assessment did bring in a distinct EUSDR perspective and lays the ground for increased ownership of the SMF through the EUSDR
- Assessment procedure very „heavy“ due to PAC involvement (extremely high number of assessors compared to the number of proposals/scope of the SMF as such)
- Challenge ahead: to follow up the now kick-started initiatives from seed-stage over main project(s) to impact