ResInfra@DR

ResInfra@Danube Region – Project Results & What is Next

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Context – ResInfra@DR project

✓ **Facilitating a macro-regional scope and link-up to socio-economic actors of Research Infrastructure in the Danube region**

✓ **Co-funded** by European funds, ERDF and IPA – INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme

✓ **Mission:** to improve framework conditions for research infrastructure and innovation in the Danube region.

Main activities

- ✓ a **dialogue** focusing on relevant regional, national and macro regional but also EU level policy fields involving also end-users of RIs;
- ✓ special **trainings** for defined target groups, thus contributing to capacity building with an outreach to the entire macro-region and beyond the partnership involved;
- ✓ a collection of a **dataset of competent and qualified reviewers for RI assessments**;
- ✓ two **pilot activities**

Name	Type	Country
Centre for Social Innovation	Lead Partner	Austria
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna	ERDF Partner	Austria
Applied Research and Communications Fund	ERDF Partner	Bulgaria
Ministry of Education and Science	ERDF Partner	Bulgaria
Ministry of Sc…		
Institute of Ph… Centre for Sci…		
Centre for Eco… of Sciences		
UEFISCDI - Ex… Development…		
Slovak Centre…		
Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Srpska	ERDF Partner	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development	ERDF Partner	Serbia
Central European Initiative Executive Secretariat	Associated partner	Italy
Ministry of Research and Innovation	Associated partner	Romania
Academy of Sciences of Moldova	Associated partner	Moldova

What was done?

WP 3	**4 Dialogue Workshops**	Country notes	**3 Guides** for evaluating and monitoring RIs
WP 4	3 Training sessions (Sofia, Banja Luka, Bucharest)	Registry of reviewers of RIs	**Disseminating the Registry**
WP 5	**PA1. Peer learning process between RIs from 9 countries**	**PA2a. Support to RIs or to parent organisations of RIs**	**PA2b. Support to public entities managing and financing RIs**

Planning & establishing Ris

Evgeni Evgeniev

Operating, managing and monitoring RIs

Allen Weeks

Long-term financial sustainability of RIs

Vlastimil Růžička

Results and impacts of RIs in practice

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Nationality		Country of current residence	
Albanian	5	Albania	3
Austrian	3	Austria	5
Belgian and Slovak	1	Belgium	3
Belgian	2		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14	Bosnia and Herzegovina	22
Bosnian/Serbian	4		
Bosnian	4		
Bulgarian	23	Bulgaria	23
Canadian	1	Canada	1
Croatian	11	Croatia	11
Czech	6	Czech Republic	6
Egyptian	1		
Estonian	2	Estonia	2
Finland	1	Finland	1
French	2		
French/Serbian	1	France	2
German	1	Germany	2
Greek	9	Greece	8
Hungarian	13	Hungary	13
Hungarian and Italian	1	Ireland	1
Italian	8	Italy	10
Indian	1	Laos	1
Irish	1		
		Norway	2
Macedonian	1	Macedonia	1
		Malta	1
Moldovan	4	Moldova	2
Polish	4	Poland	4
Portuguese	1	Portugal	1
Romanian	**149**	**Romania**	**149**
Romanian and Canadian	1	Romania and Canada	1
Romanian & Hungarian	3		
Serbian	4	Serbia	5
Slovak	54	Slovakia	55
Slovene	1	Slovenia	3
Spanish	5	Spain	4
		Sweden	1
Trinidadian	1	Trinidad and Tobago	1
Turkey	1	Turkey	1
Ukrainian	1	Ukraine	1
USA	3	USA	2
British	2	UK	2

Romania 13-14 November

- METROFOOD - National Institute of Research and Development for Food Bioresources, IBA - Bucharest

- The team: Prof. Kostadin Kostadinov (team leader), Prof. Stoyno Stoynov, Raluca Ciobotaru, Ioana Spanache, PhD

Bulgaria 13-14 December

- Institute of Molecular Biology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia

- The team: Ioana Spanache, PhD (team leader), Nastasia Belc, PhD, Prof. Kostadin Kostadinov, Zlatina Karova
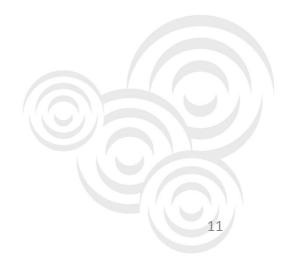
WP5 - Pilot Activities – PA 2

- **<u>Call LOT1 for EoIs is addressed to research organisations, ministries and agencies</u>**: The main purpose of this call LOT1 for EoIs is to identify interested research entities or parent organisations of RIs wishing to participate in the pilot activity focusing on Research Infrastructures in the Danube macro-region. Received EoIs will enable the local partners of ResInfra@DR to define useful support actions in a dialogue process together with the interested parties.

- **<u>Call LOT2 for EoIs is addressed to programme owners, ministries or funding agencies/funding authorities</u>**: The main purpose of this call LOT2 for EoIs is to identify interested ministries or agencies wishing to participate in the pilot activity focusing on Research Infrastructures in the Danube macro-region. Received EoIs will enable the local partners of ResInfra@DR to define useful support action together with the interested parties in a dialogue process.

PA 2 – Applicant from Romania

Examples of challenges:

- how to establish the desired centre
- how to develop appropriate financial instruments to finance a part of the operation
- how to create an online communication platform

A Practical Guide on
Ex-ante Evaluation for Research Infrastructures

Draft Version

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Who is it for?

RI managers

Funders

+ other interested actors

Policy-makers

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How it all started?

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Structure/ Sections

What's in it for me?

Introductory aspects

financing

steps in implementation

Who?

Landscape analysis

Baseline study

Make or buy?

Business plan

Methods

CBA

Gap analysis

Feasibility study

TBIE

"What's in it for me?"

Policy-makers
- how policy should be designed + actions => greater results;
- Types of actions => multiplying effects of the RI;
- Synergies and complementarities with other projects;

RI managers
- Basis for convincing decision-makers and funders;
- Better design for excellent results;
- Info on potential risks and measures;
- Reinforce RDM and increase sustainability;

Funders
- Identify ways for obtaining greater value for money;
- Ensure accountability and transparency;

RI staff members

- Clearer overview of what is to come;
- Better planning of their careers;
- Potential more commitment to the organisation;

Other actors

- Local firms and entrepreneurs;
- Firms interested in coming to the region;
- Local authorities.

Suggestions

Some glimpses of content

Why do ex-ante evaluation? What does it do?

Ex-ante evaluation	Interim evaluation	Ex-post evaluation
RI design stage	Implementation of RI	After a programme has ended
- identifies and documents the **needs that have to be addressed**; - documents **the results** that need **to be obtained**; - establishes the **feasibility** of the **planned activities**; - can **shape the design** of the RI; - can contribute to the selection of the next steps; - assesses the **likelihood of the success scenario**;	- document progress and implementation of the different interventions; - shapes RI operation/ programme implementation; - offers evidence on early effects;	- focus on results and the contribution of the RI to the produced changes; - contributes to policy review by assessing the effective use of public funds;

Steps in implementation

1. Scoping (context)
2. Intervention logic
3. Build evaluation design
4. Collect data
5. Integrate data & Reporting

Methods & Approaches

- List of options
- Mix & match
- Structure for presenting each method/ approach:
    - What does it do?
    - When to use it?
    - What circumstances are required before considering to use it?
    - What are its specificities?
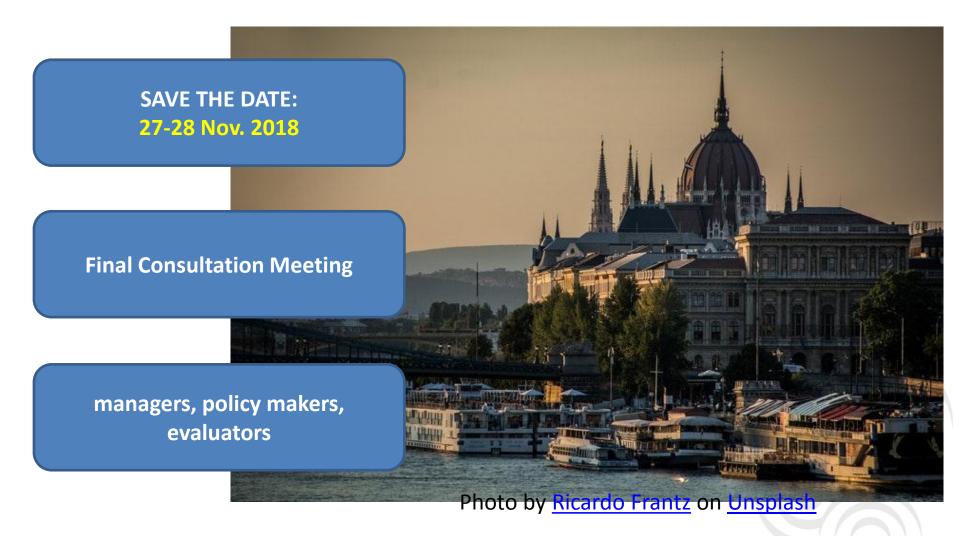   - Steps in implementation
    - And other

Lifecycle of RIs + Stages of the Evaluation Process

Context/ Needs	Design of an RI proposal			Design (final version) & build RI	Operation phase	Decommissioning	
Initial needs assessment	RI design – log frame	Planning of M&E	Baseline study	Implementation (Intermediary evaluation can be done during the operation phase)	Final ex-post impact evaluation	Learned lessons are used in designing future programmes/ RIs	
Initial assessment of context and needs	Ex-ante evaluation/ Planning			Monitoring & Evaluation			

What's next??

SAVE THE DATE:
27-28 Nov. 2018

Final Consultation Meeting

managers, policy makers, evaluators

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Thank you for your attention!

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