Priority Axis 4 – Well governed Danube region

Specific Objective 4.1 – Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges

Under SO 4.1, the DTP tackles specific governance bottlenecks of the Danube Region. The main envisaged results are improved capacities of public institutions and stakeholders to cope with major societal challenges in fields such as: demographic change and migration, inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups, esp. Roma communities, labour market policies, education systems & policies, participatory planning processes and involvement of civil society, urban-rural cooperation and partnership, cooperation on safety, justice and security.

FURTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- ***Multilevel Governance:*** projects under SO 4.1 are expected to clearly stretch beyond regular cooperation schemes, promoting the ability of public institutions to interact across administrative levels and sectors (private and civil society) in order improve effective service provision and to increase trust among public actors and citizens

- ***Focused project generation***

For the 3rd Call, SO 4.1 is fully open. No preference will be given for proposals addressing a certain topic (as long as they stay within the general scope of the SO). Yet, in order to avoid duplications with projects funded so far under this SO and to avoid overlaps with other SOs, the DTP encourages the generation of focused projects within the thematic fields offered:

- Education: stronger focus on increasing the educational attainment, recognition of skill-level across borders and provision of educational services for vulnerable / marginalised groups. Emphasis to be put on the broader fields of education, vocational education and training and lifelong learning without direct link to innovation and research

- Labour market policies: clear focus on youth and access to quality employment for specific target groups (e.g. youth, elderly, woman, vulnerable groups)

- Migration: stronger focus on labour market implications, inclusive approaches regarding specific target groups (e.g. woman, low skilled) and service provision (e.g. health care or housing)

- Active citizenship and sustainable democracy

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