



# Danube Transnational Programme

*Bucharest, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

A stream of cooperation

# DTP – My story



# What is DTP?

**DTP is a financing instrument**

One of the 107 Interreg Programmes 2014-2020  
(transnational, cross-border, interregional)

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## What DTP mission?

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DTP 2014-2020 finances projects implemented by large transnational consortia aiming at improving the public policies and institutional cooperation in the Danube region.

## What DTP is NOT!

### DTP is **NOT**:

- The Danube Strategy Programme!
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region!
- The only financing instrument for EUSDR!
- A Programme addressing Danube riparian areas only!
- A Programme for big infrastructure!
- A research Programme!
- A Programme aiming at mere networking!



# Programme structure



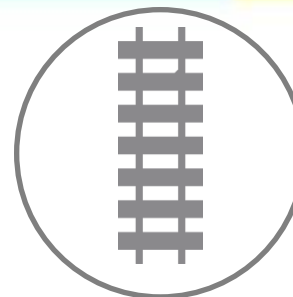
## **Innovative and socially responsible Danube Region**

- 1.1: Improve framework conditions for innovation
- 1.2: Increase competences for business and social innovation



## **Environment and culture responsible Danube Region**

- 2.1: Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention
- 2.2: Foster sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage and resources
- 2.3: Foster the restoration and management of ecological corridors
- 2.4: Improve preparedness for environmental risk management



## **Better connected and energy responsible Danube Region**

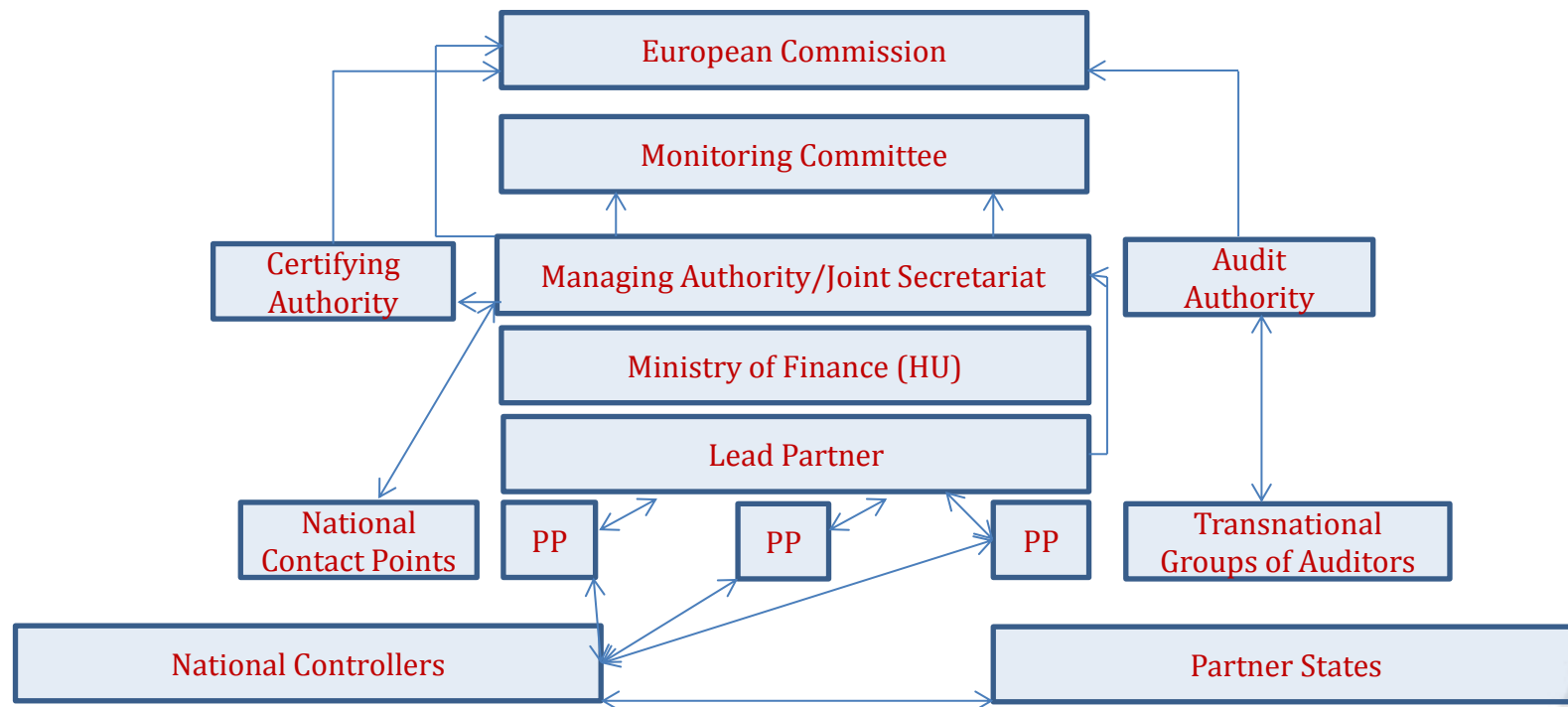
- 3.1: Support environmentally-friendly and safe transport systems and balanced accessibility of urban and rural areas
- 3.2: Improve energy security and energy efficiency



## **Well governed Danube Region**

- 4.1: Improve institutional capacities to tackle major societal challenges
- 4.2: *Support the governance and implementation of the EUSDR*

# Management structure



# What activities are financed?

## **DTP supports joint cooperation projects which:**

- Develop institutional capacity and ensure knowledge transfer
- Pave the way to new investments
- Support the development of a common framework for policy implementation in various fields



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## **DTP supports joint cooperation projects which:**

- Support policy harmonisation in various fields
- Develop innovative solutions to common problems

## Partnership requirements

- Minimum **three financing partners** from **three different countries** of the programme area
- At least one from EU Member State of DTP area ➡ **Lead Partner**
  - No max. limit for number of project partners

# Eligible applicants

- Local, regional, national **public bodies/ bodies governed by public law**
  - “body governed by public law” according to Article 2(1) of DIRECTIVE 2014/24
  - Including EGTCs (Article 2(16) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)
- **International organisations** (under national (DTP Partner State) / international law);
  - Fulfil EU, programme and national requirements in terms of control, validation of costs and audits
- **Private bodies** (non-profit & profit, funded by private law)
  - Legal personality
  - Make available results of the project to general public
  - Apply principles of public procurement

# Eligible applicants

## ➤ Private non-profit bodies

- Can be LP, PP, ASP

## ➤ Private profit oriented bodies (private enterprises)

- Cannot be Lead Partner
- Private enterprises not eligible as IPA or ENI PP

**Private bodies** whose main scope of activities is limited to **project management, communication**, or other activities of **supporting character** cannot be PPs, but must be subcontracted

## Geographic eligibility

- Direct EU financing only for **PPs located in Programme area (including MD\* & UA\*)**
- Legal entities in **DE & UA outside Programme area**
  - Competent in their scope of action for eligible area
  - Activities for benefit of the Programme area
  - Fulfil general eligibility



# Type of Partners

Type of Partner		Location	Budget	Budget lines
Directly financed partners	LEAD PARTNER	Only EU part of Programme area	Separate	All
	ERDF PARTNER	Only EU part of Programme area	Separate	All
	IPA PARTNER	Only Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia	Separate	All
	ENI PARTNER	Moldova and Ukraine	Separate	All
Indirectly financed partners	Associated Strategic Partners (ASPs)	<div><div>➤</div><div>EU countries</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>Non-EU countries of the Programme Area</div></div>	Part of a "sponsoring" ERDF PARTNER budget	TRAVEL and ACCOMODATION



# Who can apply?

## Associated Strategic Partners (ASP)

**Added  
value for  
the  
partnership**

**EU countries  
Non-EU  
countries from  
eligible area**

**No budget**

# What type of funds do I have?

## ERDF

- PPs from EU MS
- ASPs

## IPA

- PPs from BiH, RS, ME

## ENI

- PPs from MD, UA



# DTP – My third Call



## When will it be launched?

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**INDICATIVELY, end of 2018 - beginning of 2019**

**BUT**

- Applicants Manual
- EoI templates
- Guidelines for EoI

**ARE AVAILABLE AT <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/calls/calls-for-proposals/third-call-for-proposals>**

# What are the application steps?

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**Step 1: Expression of Interest (EoI)**

**Step 2: Application Form (AF)**

➤ **On line application through eMS system**



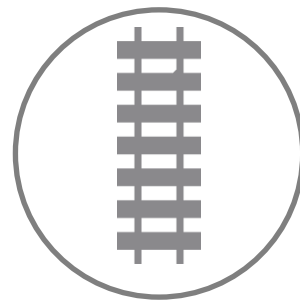
## Which PAs can be addressed?



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socially responsible  
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**Environment and  
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**Well governed  
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 *Opening of SO 4.1 is subject to approval of the programme budget reallocation by the EC.*



## Thematic seminars

**Bucharest (RO), 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Transport  
Ecological corridors**

**Prague (CZ), 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Water management and flood protection  
Natural and cultural heritage  
Energy**

**Stuttgart (DE), 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Innovation**

**Bratislava (SK), 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Governance**

**Maximum duration of projects:**  
**30 months**

# How much money do I have?

## Budget\* of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals in EUR

PA	ERDF	IPA	ENI MD	ENI UA	Total
PA1	13,463,630.97	795,801.87	594,479.00	648,471.95	15,502,383.79
PA2	16,460,009.81	974,337.27	743,098.00	810,590.70	18,988,035.78
PA3	11,068,880.71	671,049.92	520,168.50	567,413.00	12,827,512.13
PA4	9,918,396.26	858,974.77	625,000.00	625,000.00	12,027,371.03

***\* All amounts in the table are subject to EC approval.***

# Key elements of DTP projects



# How to develop a successful project?

## Start with...

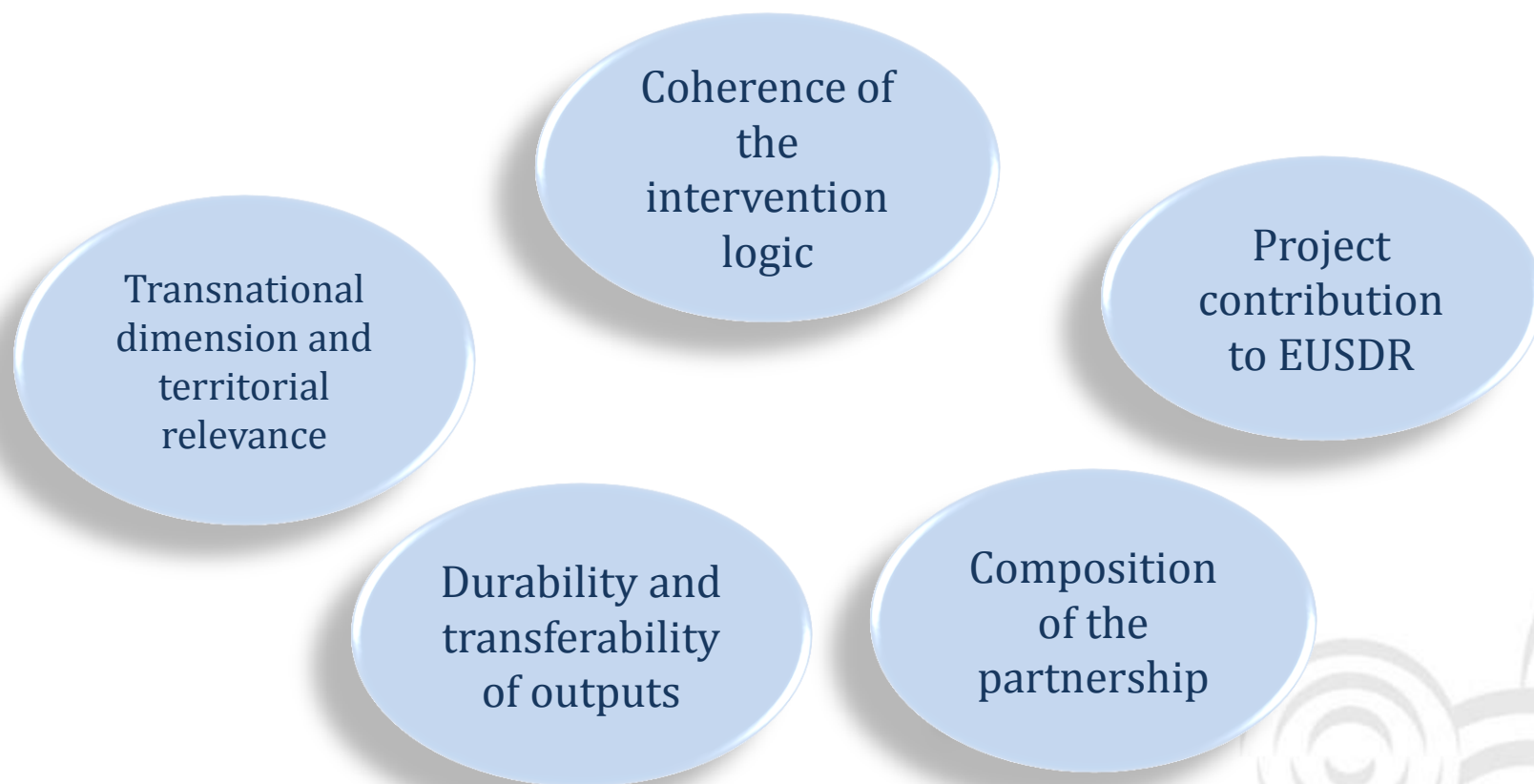
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- ... the project idea...
- Look for the most appropriate partners...
- **Develop the intervention logic...**
- Develop the workplan...
- Create synergies and capitalise...



- **Real transnational character**
- **Result-oriented approach**
- **Sustainable development**
- **Durable and transferrable outputs**
- **Integrated territorial approach**
- **Qualitative partnership**
- **Efficiency in terms of mobilised resources**

## What to consider when applying?



DTP core principle → *result-orientation*

**Theory of change** → illustrates how and why a desired change is expected to happen in a particular context

*Intervention logic* → reflects the path of the project and steps leading to change

# Intervention logic

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Transparent

Simple

Consistent

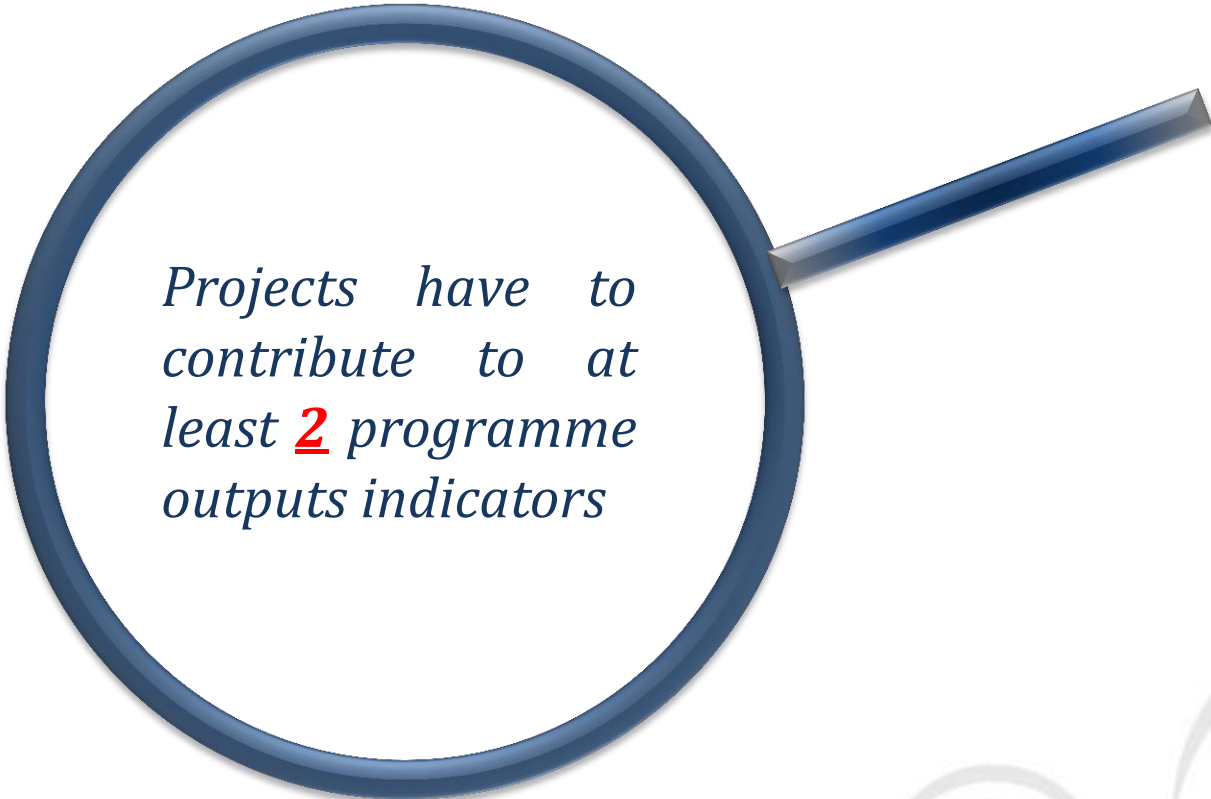
Sustainable

Easy to monitor and implement

TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITION
Main objective	Describes the <b>strategic and long term</b> change for the benefit of the target groups.
Specific Objective	Describes the <b>specific and immediate effects</b> of the project that can be realistically achieved within the implementation period.
Result	Constitutes the <b>immediate advantage</b> of carrying out the project, telling us about the benefit of using the project main outputs.
Output	What has actually been <b>produced</b> for the money given to the project. It can be captured by a <b>programme output indicator</b> , and directly contributes to the achievement of the project results. <i>E.g.: transnational strategy</i>
Deliverable	<i>Is a <b>side-product or service</b> of the project that contributes to the development of a project's main output.</i> <i>E.g.: country analysis of the status quo in a certain field (side product that is contributing to the strategy mentioned above)</i>

OUTPUTS	DELIVERABLES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Main outcome of a content work package</li><li>➤ Contribute to achievement of the expected project result</li><li>➤ Follow output typology and linkage to programme output indicator</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Reflect the product of single activities or their intermediary steps</li></ul>





*Projects have to  
contribute to at  
least **2** programme  
outputs indicators*

## How to build the intervention logic?

1. Define the project **main objective** and **result** and link them to the programme intervention logic
2. Define the **project specific objectives** (max 3)
3. Define the **project outputs** and link them to the programme output indicators
4. Develop the **work plan**

# Typology of outputs

## Programme output indicators

### 1. Horizontal output indicator – mandatory for all the projects:

“**documented learning interactions**” - the process of acquiring/ enhancing institutional knowledge in transnational cooperation context through joint work aimed at a practical solution, transfer of know-how, capacity building, exchange of experience, peer-reviews or any other type of learning processes

!!! It is **expected** that each project develops, implements and documents at least **three** joint learning interactions

## *Practical hints – documented learning interactions:*

- *Should be jointly developed at transnational level*
- *Activities related to durability should be planned*
- *Newly gained skill should be used already for the benefit of the project*

**2. Specific programme output indicators** – are developed based on a typology of outputs pre-defined at programme level

## A. Strategy and action plan

- Starting point-**definition of joint problems/ challenges** of the participating countries/ regions
- Sets up clear mid and long term objectives and priorities reflecting also the common vision of the Danube Region in the specific field
- **Should aim at policy integration** in the Danube area in the selected fields and act as policy drivers below EU level but above national level



## Action plan:

- Breaks down the strategy goals and objectives into specific actions
- Should include the sequence of steps to be taken, or activities that must be performed, for a strategy to succeed

**!!! Each developed strategy/action plan, whether implemented or not, should be only counted once under the respective output indicator. Project management and communication-related strategies such as e.g. the project communication strategy should not be considered under this output indicator.**

## *Practical hints – Strategy and action plan:*

- *Plan also the implementation phase of the strategy/ action plan(s)*
- *Describe clearly the involvement of target groups in activities and deliverables*
- *Plan sustainability related activities (e.g. uptake of strategy/ action plan into policies)*

## B. Tools

- The **means for achieving a specific task**.
- Should be jointly developed at transnational level and be innovative.
- Can be **tangible** (physical or technical objects) and **intangible** (methods, concepts or services).

### *Examples of tools:*

- Databases, management concepts, ICT tools etc

## ***Practical hints - tools:***

- *Clearly describe the main features of the tools*
- *Plan testing/ application through pilot actions, if relevant*
- *Plan sustainability related activities*

## C. Pilot action

- **Practical implementation of newly developed solutions** (e.g. services, tools, methods or approaches, even an investment)
- Has an **experimental nature** which aims at testing, evaluating and/or demonstrating the feasibility and effectiveness of a scheme
- A pilot action is **limited in its scope** (area, duration, scale etc.) and must be unprecedented in a comparable environment

### *Examples of pilot actions:*

- *Pilot implementation of innovative management models*
- *Pilot implementation of solutions for sustainable mobility concepts*
- *Pilot application/ testing of new technologies, services etc.*

## ***Practical hints – pilot actions:***

- *Results of pilot actions should be transferable. They should be used at transnational level in the project, e.g. to further feed into an output like a strategy or tool.*
- *Scope of the pilot is limited in terms of area, duration, scale etc.*



## Need help?



<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/contacts/national-coordination-and-contact-points>

**... and if you are successful**

## You have to...

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- ... work and report activities
- ... spend and report costs
- ... ensure the quality of the outputs
- ... be available for controls and audits

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