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Danube Region



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Thematic webinar 5

- New funding for accessible, inclusive, and effective labour markets

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10.00 – 12.00 CEST

Call for proposals





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Background



- **SO 3.1 - Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets**
- SO_{3.2} - Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning
- SO_{3.3} - Socio-economic development through heritage, culture and tourism



SO 3.1 & the 1st Call



First Call SO 3.1 in numbers														
Number of applications	15													
Number of partners per country	AT	BG	CZ	DE	HR	HU	RO	SK	SI	BA	MD	ME	RS	UA
	17	9	12	4	12	19	12	7	20	14	7	2	15	6
Number of applications moving to the 2nd step	6													
Number of applications selected	?													



The 2nd Call



	Opening date	Closing Date	Project Start
	End of October 2023	End of March 2024	Jan/Feb 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd Call is a one-step application procedure • Application via electronic submission through Jems • Partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -LP principle • - Minimum of 3 financed partners from 3 countries (min 1 from EU) • - Associated Strategic Partners can be added • - The LP can be from any of the 14 countries apart from the Ukraine • - The inclusion of non-EU partners is encouraged • No overall budget restrictions but typical projects are 1.5m-2.5m • The duration of projects must not exceed 36 months • EU contribution to the projects is at a co-financing rate of 80% (No pre-financing) 			



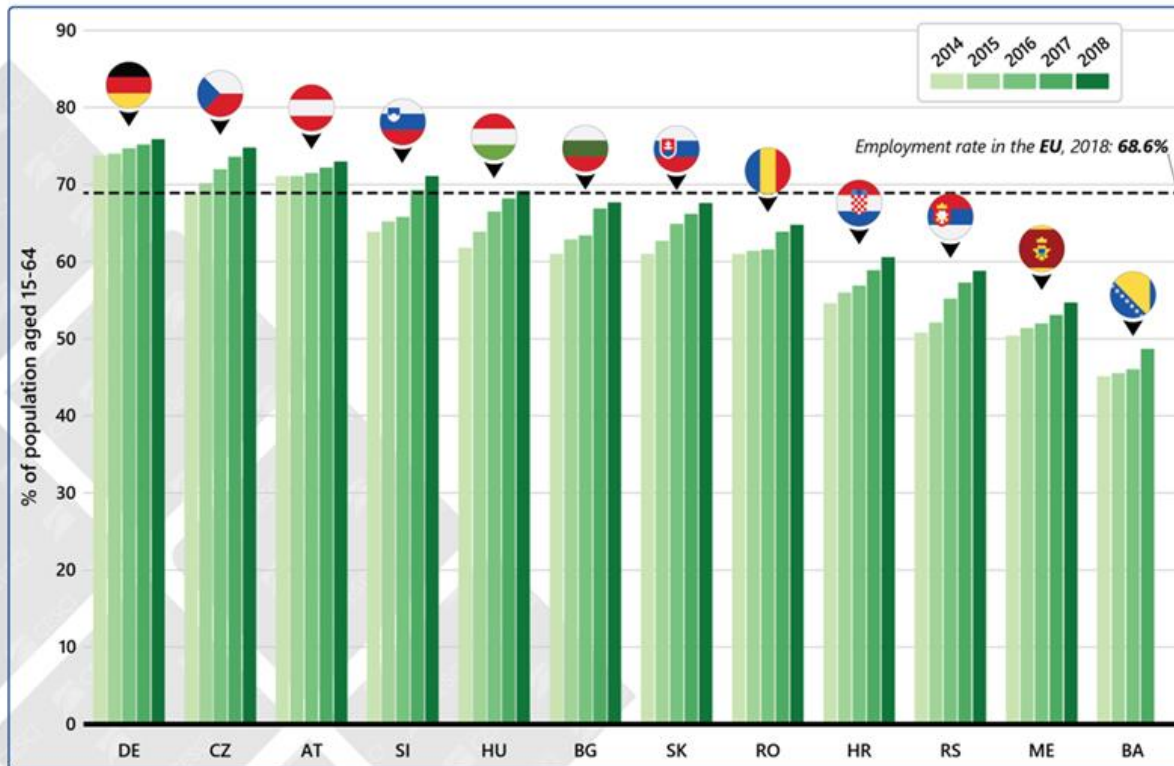
Needs and Challenges(1)



Positive recent trend of increased overall employment rates and lower unemployment rates but:



Territorial differences in **employment rate**
in the Danube Region, 2014 - 2018



- Regional differences persist
 - nationally
 - peripheral regions
- Disadvantaged groups
 - e.g. ethnic minorities, women, youth, aged, disabled and rural communities



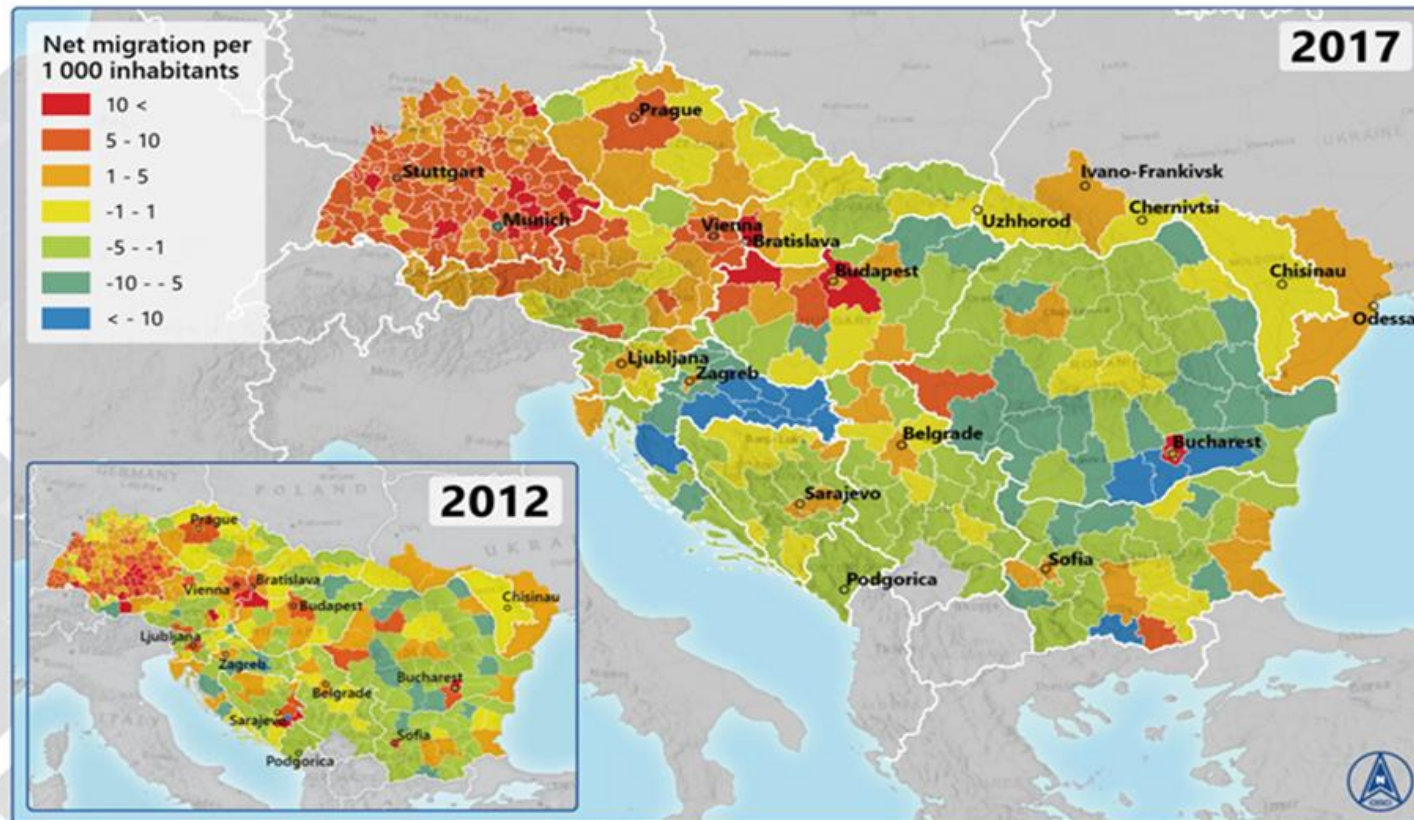
Needs and Challenges(2)



Decline of working age populations:



Spatial distribution of **net migration** in the Danube Region



- Migration
- Demographic change



Needs and Challenges(3)



Capacity of support structures to respond to change:



- Structures and processes
- Knowledge and skills



SO 3.1 : Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets

Focus 1	The integration of vulnerable groups into the labour market, with special attention on regions that display high proportions of disadvantaged
Focus 2	Retaining skilled labour and developing a more sustainable migration of educated people
Focus 3	Capacity building for employment support bodies (information and data systems; coordination; training e.g. in social economy)



SO 3.1 : Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets

Activity 1	Joint coordination of policies and planning aimed at integrating disadvantaged groups ...
Activity 2	Support for designing innovative policies and planning to retain skilled labour and a more sustainable migration of educated people
Activity 3	Creation of an information system and support for the provision of information and data about life events connected to periodic and permanent migration of workforce
Activity 4	Coordinated policies and strategies to tackle active ageing...

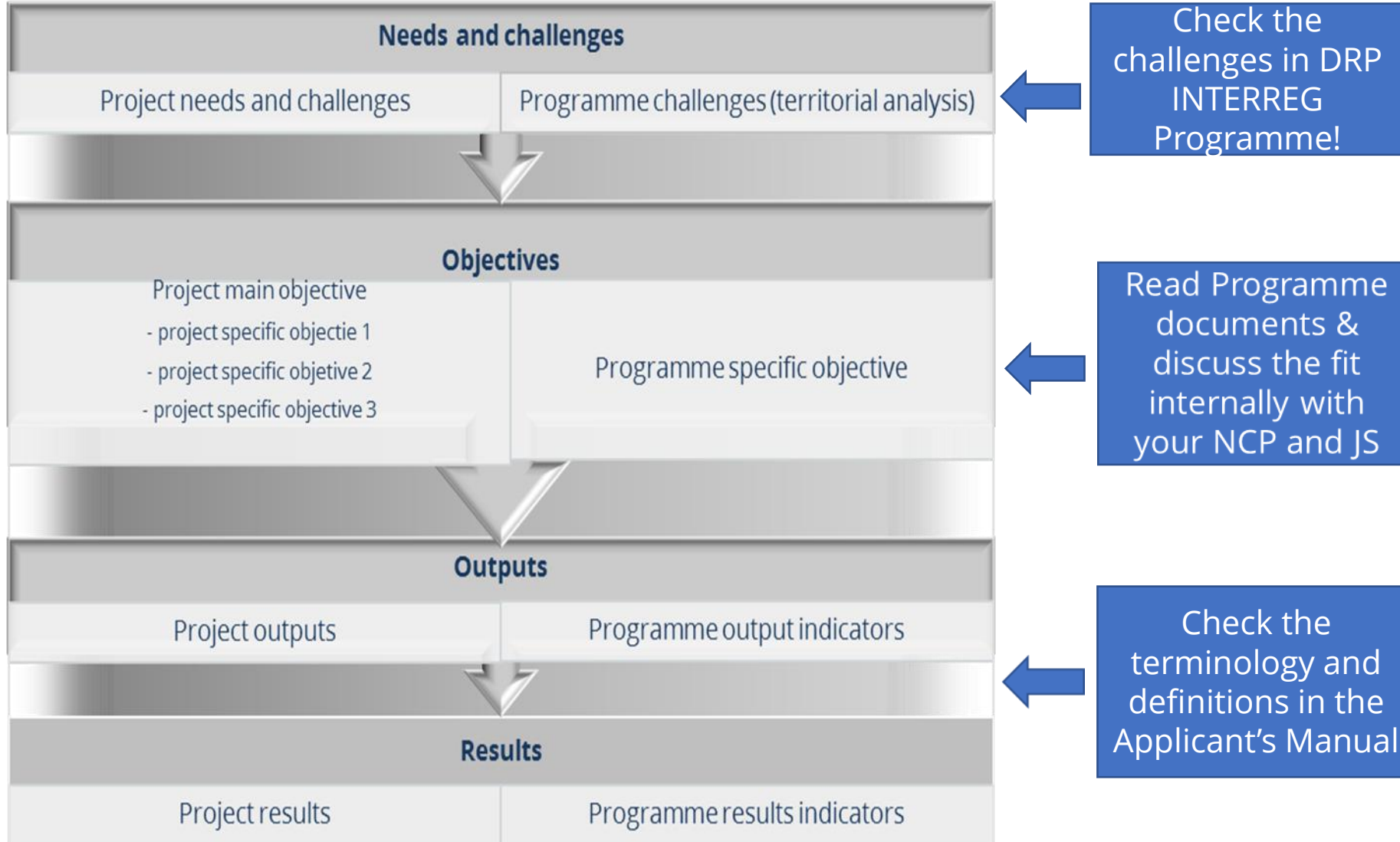


SO 3.1 : Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets

Activity 5	Developing cooperation and innovative planning between bodies responsible for labour market integration and the private sector towards enhancing the inclusion of the disabled in the labour market
Activity 6	Build-up of a “Danube observatory system” about labour migration and its impacts on cohesion; involving public bodies responsible for monitoring & evaluation, academia and civil society
Activity 7	Developing models to explore and demonstrate the effectiveness of remote working ...
Activity 8	Restructuring and diversification of employment by the implementation of territorially integrated action plans for employment



Project ideas and the Intervention logic (IL)



Applicant's Manual (section II. 7 - and Annex 1) & webinar on IL



Stakeholders & target groups



Public	Social/Community	Education/Research	Employer/ Employee Orgs	Example Other
Public Employment Services (PES). National, regional and local bodies	Community and community service organisations (including youth, women and aged related)	Universities	Federation of industries	Relevant International organisations e.g. International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Labour market/ employment responsible ministries	Minority support organisations	Labour market research institutes	Chambers of commerce	PES Network
Ministries responsible for diversity and inclusion (incl. minorities and disabled)	Disability support organisations	Social innovation institutes	Trade union federation/organisations	
Ministry responsible for social welfare	Health supporting organisations	Education and Training support is primarily related to 3.2 but there could be a case for education boards along with VET providers and other education and training providers being part of 3.1 partnerships	Local Employment Partnerships	
Ministry responsible for rural affairs	Social enterprise associations		Economic chambers	
Regional public administration bodies	Associations focusing on social inclusion			
Local public administration bodies/municipalities	Cooperatives			
Labour market data & statistics agencies				



Synergy and capitalisation in SO3.1



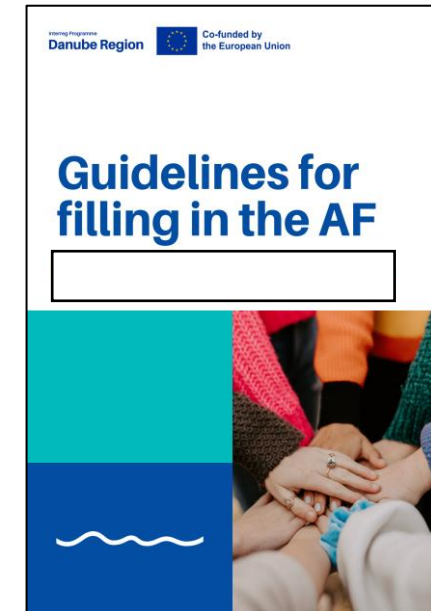
- Danube Region Strategy (EUSDR) PA 9: People and Skills
- Interreg Programmes
- ESF+
- Erasmus+
- Horizon Europe
- National/regional/local
- Other



Programme support for applicants



- Programme website
<http://www.interregdanube.eu>
- SO and LA webinars
- Consultations with project officers
- Matchmaking
- National Contact Points
- National level events
- EUSDR Priority Areas





Closing thoughts



- Transnationality - minimum of 3 countries with at least 1 EU **but** it means more than this...
- Added value
- Transferability and durability

AVOID

- Equipment and small investments unless it is essential for your idea and of clear added value
- Training replication – piloting towards a tested solution should be sought
- Main focus being towards research and studies



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<https://www.interreg-danube.eu/dtp-archive/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027>