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EU Strategy for the Danube Region

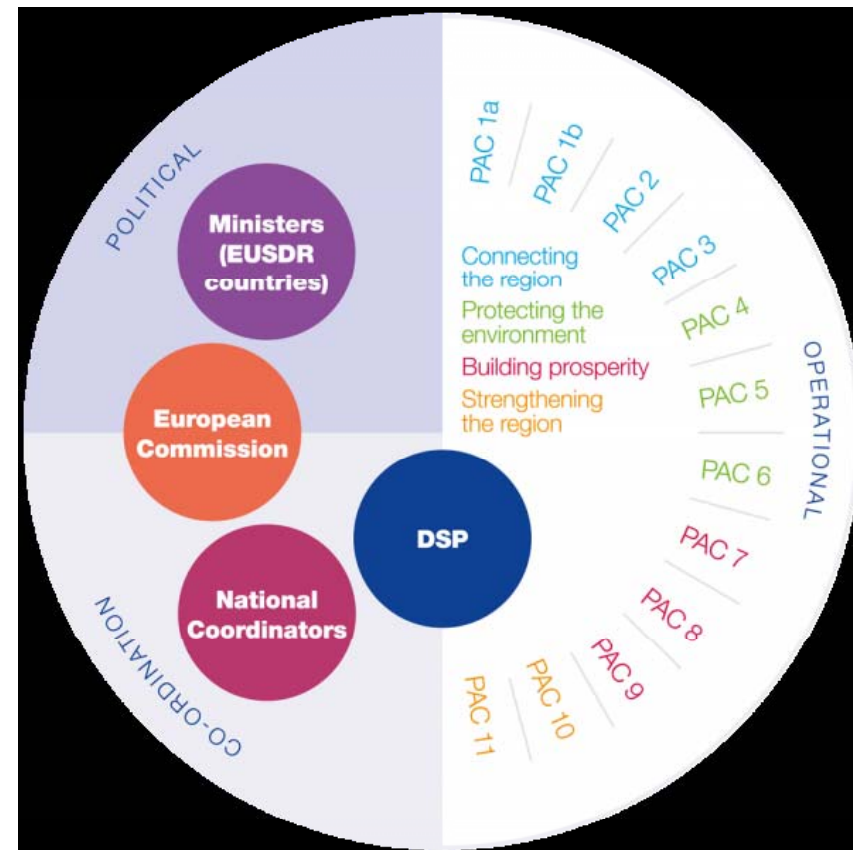


EUSDR Governance Structure



The three NO's: no new funds, no new institutions, no new laws-
reiterated in the Council
Conclusions on MRS in April 2017

Since it's start in 2011 the strategy works towards its aim to address common challenges and to create synergies through cooperation within the Danube Region. The strategy addresses **4 pillars, 11 priorities**



Priority Areas and countries in charge of coordination

Priority Area	Countries in charge of coordination
P1 Mobility and intermodality	Inland waterways: Austria, Romania Rail, road and air: Slovenia, Serbia
P2 More sustainable energy	Hungary, Czech Republic
P3 Culture and tourism, people to people	Bulgaria, Romania
P4 Water Quality	Hungary, Slovakia
P5 Environmental risks	Hungary, Romania
P6 Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soils	Germany (Bavaria), Croatia
P7 Knowledge society (research, education and ICT)	Slovakia, Serbia
P8 Competitiveness of enterprises	Germany (Baden-Württemberg), Croatia
P9 People and skills	Austria, Republic of Moldova
P10 Institutional capacity and cooperation	Austria (Vienna), Slovenia
P11 Security and organised crime	Germany, Bulgaria

Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills"

PA9 Targets



- Contribution to a higher employment rate in the Danube Region, especially through tackling youth and long-term unemployment
- Contribution to improved educational outcomes and relevant skills and competences in the Danube Region, focusing on learning outcomes for employability, entrepreneurship, innovation, active citizenship and well-being
- Contribution to increased quality and efficiency of education, training and labour market systems
- Contribution to ensuring inclusive education and training and promoting inclusive labour markets, equal opportunities and non-discrimination as well as the promotion of civic competences and lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Contribution to a closer cooperation between educational, training, labour market and research institutions, in particular on transnational, regional and bilateral levels

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How it works ...



- Priority Area 9 (PA9) is coordinated by **Austria and the Republic of Moldova** with the involvement of a wide network of key players and stakeholders from the 14 States of the Danube Region and in cooperation with the European Commission.
- **Eight Work Areas** (four related to the area of education and training, four related to the area of labour market):
- **PA9 activities:**
 - Coordination (e.g. maintaining a network of relevant stakeholders, ...)
 - Implementation (e.g. compiling a list of on-going projects, providing assistance ...)
 - Communication (e.g. providing relevant information, participating in relevant conferences ...)

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Some achievements and results ...



- PA 9 has successfully established a **network of different stakeholders guaranteeing efficient cooperation** between relevant actors, i.a. through involvement of existing regional cooperation networks (e.g. ERI SEE, CECE) and initiatives.
- In order to provide a cooperative framework and to boost discussions and exchange in the area of education and training / labour market, i.a. **14 Steering Group Meetings** (two meetings per year), **5 Stakeholder Conferences** and several thematic seminars and workshops were organised by PA 9.
- More than **70 cross-border and regional Danube networks, projects and project ideas** were started and labelled in the framework of PA 9.
- **Project folders** were published which provide an overview of on-going and selected finished projects and project ideas.

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PA 9 Projects – Selected Examples



- **Work Area 1: To enhance performance of education systems through closer cooperation of education institutions, systems and policies**
 - To increase attractiveness and quality of VET: **DALIVET – Development of Apprenticeship Learning in IVET in Romania**
 - **EDU-LAB** aims at improving institutional capacities to increase the labour market relevance of higher education with a view to retain more young talents studying and working in the region
- **Work Area 2: To foster cooperation between key stakeholders of labour market, education and research policies in order to develop learning regions and environments**
 - Bilateral Exchange in Labour Market Policy Austria – Moldova with a focus on apprenticeship learning
- **Work Area 3: To support creativity and entrepreneurship**
 - To promote transversal key competences as well as entrepreneurship education and innovative learning: **Danube Competence Centres for Creativity and Entrepreneurship** (Lead: BG – Business Support Centre for SME, Ruse)
- **Work Area 4: To support life-long learning and expanding learning mobility**
 - Lifelong learning: **Milestones of Learning Development** – Strategic improvement and development of Life-long learning programmes within Danube Region

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PA 9 Projects – Selected Examples



- **Work Area 5: To promote equity, social cohesion and active citizenship through education and training**
 - Social Cohesion: Concordia Vocational Training (Lead partner: Concordia Foundation)
- **Work Area 6: To improve cross-sector policy coordination to address demographic and migration challenges**
 - SEEMIG – Managing Migration and its Effects in South-East-Europe (partners from Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia) (finished)
 - Central European (CE) Knowledge Platform for an Ageing Society aimed to minimize negative effects and impacts of demographic change in CE (finished)
- **Work Area 7: To fight poverty and social exclusion of marginalized communities in the Danube Region, especially the Roma communities**
 - Thara – Labour Market Initiative for Roma and Sinti in Vienna
 - RID - Roma integration across the Danube: Best practices and social entrepreneurships models exchange between Romania and Bulgaria



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