

WP6 Crossdanube strategy development

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Crossdanube regions

21 Crossdanube regions have been identified in the previous project, in following groups as ARGE subregions:

- **SH** : Bratislava–Moson, Dunajská Streda–Győr, Nové Zámky–Komárom, Štúrovo–Esztergom–Visegrad, PEST, Szekesfehervar–Kecskemet
- **HCS** : Paks–Szekszard–Pecs–Baja–Osijek–Sombor, Vukovar–Novi Sad, Belgrade–Pancevo, Smederevo–Moldova Nuova
- **SRB** : Drobeta Tumu Severin–Dolni Milanovac, Vidin–Calafat, Kozloduj, Tumu Magurele–Svishtov
- **RB** : Bucuresti–Giurgiu–Ruse–Razgrad, Silistra–Calarasi, Czarna Voda–Constanța
- **RMU**: Galati–Braila, Tulcea–Izmail, subregion MD/UA, subregion UA/Odessa

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Basic Principles

The strategies development will respect and follow the *Guiding Principles for Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent (CEMAT)*:
Principles of planning policy for sustainable development in Europe could be briefly listed:

1. Territorial cohesion
2. Development by urban functions, improvement of town-country relationship
3. More balanced accessibility
4. Access to information and knowledge



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Basic Principles (2)

5. Reduction of environmental damage
6. Natural heritage and resources protection and enhancing
7. Cultural heritage enhancing
8. Developing of energy resources while maintaining safety
9. High quality, sustainable tourism enhancing
10. Limitation of the impacts of natural disasters

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Inputs of the strategies

Sectoral analysis (WP 4)
 Analysis - 4 general schemes + comprehensive evaluation will provide basic inputs for the identification of the development potential of each subregion

Sectoral strategies (WP 5)
 Relevant existing strategies (at national, NUTS 3 and major settlements level) will be identified for each crossdanube region (CDR)

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Contents of the strategies

Output of each strategy will be a **Summary description** which will be structured as follows:

- Description of the current situation of the CDR based on the results of WP4
- SWOT analysis as a summary of the analysis
- Identification of development objectives and main planned activities (projects) in the region, based on data from existing strategies relevant to particular region (WP5)

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Contents of the strategies (2)

- Identification of objectives and main planned activities from the documents relevant to the area of particular CDR
- Setting up the strategy of each CDR follows the log frame principle – the achievement of the objectives will be ensured by related priorities, measures, and activities, based on identification key stakeholders, problems and objectives tree
- Map outputs

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Institutional background

- The strategy for each CDR will be set up by the regional working group which should include representatives of key stakeholders:
 - regional authorities (its planning organisations)
 - major local municipalities
 - research organisation (in the fields of 4 general schemes)
 - relevant state organisations
 - key entrepreneurial subjects

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Institutional background (2)

- Particular project partner, who is in charge for the elaboration of the strategy, will be also responsible for setting up of the working group in each CDR

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Institutional background (3)

Tasks of the working groups:

- To define the CDR area of interest divided in following zones: core, inner, outer
- To identify the matches and disparities among the identified objectives and planned developmental projects (from WP5)
- To solve the potential disparities between the intents from different strategical and planning documents (from the different sides of the Danube river)
- To define the objectives (if possible quantitatively measurable) and main projects

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Summary descriptions as the output of WP 6

The final output of WP 6 will be 21 Summary descriptions of the 21 crossdanube regions which will include:

1. Description of current situation within the 4 general schemes
2. SWOT analysis
3. Identification of the area of the region
4. Identification of the key stakeholders
5. Identification of the all relevant strategical and planning documents and existing problems
6. The strategy in the structure of : objectives, priorities and activities
7. Map outputs

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Development of the strategies in steps

1. Identification of working groups partners
2. Specification of CDR area of interest
3. Identification of the relevant strategical and planning documents of CDR
4. Summary of the objectives and key projects
5. Identification of the main matches and disparities between documents from both sides of the Danube
6. Setting up the structure of the (measurable) objectives and development aims
7. Creating the map outputs

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1. Identification of relevant partners in each CDR

- *Project partner responsible for particular region identifies relevant partners – key stakeholders in order to form the working group*
- *The results of DDK should be a data source*
- *The members of working group are chosen following the general schemes*
- *The members are representatives of: selfgoverning regions (NUTS 3), major municipalites, relevant state organisations, experts, entrepreneurs and potential investors*




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2. Definition of the areas of the crossdanube regions

- *One of the first tasks of the working group is to specify the area of the CDR, in zones: core, inner, outer*
- *The specification will be done according to following criteria: time accesibility, commuting distances, housing quality etc.*
- *The criteria should ensure compatibility and comparability of the summary descriptions*




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3. Definition of the relevant strategic and planning documents

- *Responsible project partner must take into consideration number of disparities between regions across Danube, e.g:*
 - *planning methods*
 - *system of spatial planning*
 - *structure of public administration etc.*
- *On the other hand, implementation of the European Regional Policy represents suitable starting point for integration of the strategical planning methods and documents (CBC OPs, Strategies of Euroregions).*




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4. Main projects and objectives summary

- *The objectives and main projects are summarized within the structure following the four general schemes*
- *The database of relevant intentions and projects for each CDR is created in form of project pipeline, respecting vertical and horizontal structure*
- *The database provides information about current state of the project intentions and the degree of the fulfilment of stated objectives*

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5. Identification of the main matches and disparities

- *Between the existing development strategies and their objectives (at the opposite sides of the Danube) could exist more or less strong disparities*
- *The task of working groups is to identify them and after discussion to find mutually acceptable solution*
- *The implementation of EU planning tools and methods within EU Regional Policy is a promise of moderation of the possible disparities*

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6. Setting up of the structure of (measurable) objectives, priorities, measures and development activities

- *Working group will define set of objectives based on study and summary of relevant documents*
- *For the setting up of the set of objectives is used the intervention logic as a basic planning tool within the EU Regional policy*
- *The objectives thematically follow the four general schemes*
- *Main project specification reflecting intentions of individual regions as well as potential synergies*

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Creating the map outputs

- Each CDR sector will be presented by specific map + map with key project intentions summary it means:
 - map of natural resources,
 - map of spatial structure
 - map of transport infrastructure (including zones of accessibility)
 - map of technical infrastructure,
 - set of cartograms and cartodiagrams describing main social and economic development factors
- The scale of maps will be 1:200 000
- The base for the elaboration of the maps will be GIS prepared within WP 4 and WP 5

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DDK as a tool for WP 6 elaboration

- DDK will serve as a database for identification and description of stakeholders, documents and strategies
- DDK will be updated and further developed by the results gained during the elaboration of WP 6

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Contribution of the WP 6 outputs

- Identification of the area of interests of CDR
- Mapping of the potential of the regions by their summary description
- Summary of the strategical and planning data in project information system (DDK and GIS)
- Setting up platform for further discussion about CDR integrated strategies
- Input for Danube comprehensive strategies scenarios in WP 7

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Thank you for you attention !

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