



WP7 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY

1st Workshop - of the DONAUREGIONEN+ project
– Introductory and methodology workshop –
15th and 16th July 2009
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Vojtech Hrdina

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7.1. Analysis and comparisons

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Donauregion within the European space

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The Donauregion area is characterized by common transportation issues, environmental problems, natural and cultural heritage, and tourism and economic potential as well. The Danube waterway tends to international co-operation, which, in some forms, already exists in this area. The CEE co-operation within the Donauregionen convention, however, represents a more comprehensive and mutually supporting framework for their intensification and further development.

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Donauregion area within the European space will/can play an important role as a new development axis. This should be connected with the global development of all participating countries.

The consequence of previous development, when the Danube River was a border line, are the areas with insufficiently developed crossborder regions and low level of spatial cohesion.

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The steps of the analysis and comparisons are:

1. Brief SWOT analysis
2. Definition of indicators characterizing the social-economic situation of the whole Donauregionen Area (according to the WP4 and WP5 outputs)
3. The analysis and the evaluation of the national regional policies and spatial plans of the countries (integration of the outputs of the WP5)

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The steps of the analysis and comparisons are:

4. Donauregion and the European and national development policies
 - 4.1. Review of the adaptation of the ESDP in the area
 - 4.2. Review of the ESPON-project in the area
 - 4.3. Review of the other relevant projects in the area
5. Analysis of several transnational initiatives

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7.2. Scenarios

Donauregion as the development axis within the European space

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The creation of Donauregion as a development axis supposes to create a common strategy of participated countries. Common strategy should include whole Donauregion area, as well as strategies of individual subregions.

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Common strategy will come out from co-operation factors between individual regions, and involvement of endogenous sources supported with exogenous sources of individual subregions and crossborder units.

Common strategy of development axis Donauregion will come out from strategic goals analysis and expected conditions of co-operation.

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Strategic goals are:

- a) promotion of conservation and restoration of the endogenous sources focusing on the internal cohesion (pessimistic scenario)
- b) promotion of the endogenous sources with external supporting focusing on the subregional cohesion (optimistic scenario)
- c) promotion of the endogenous areas sources focusing on the crossdanube regional cohesion (realistic scenario)

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Each goal will be explained by:

- problem definition
- main challenges
- (necessary) inputs of cooperation areas
- contribution of D+ project

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The promotions in the three strategic goals will be characterised by:

- spatial
- transport
- socio-economical
- environmental

factors. The implications on these factors will be explained as well.

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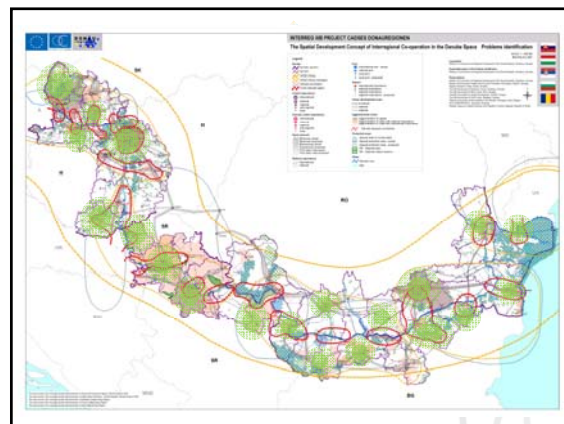





Pessimistic scenario:

a) promotion of conservation and restoration of the endogenous sources focusing on the internal cohesion

This scenario prefers the renovation of internal forces, mainly the own internal development with minimal connection on national concepts and with minimal effort for crossborder cohesion.

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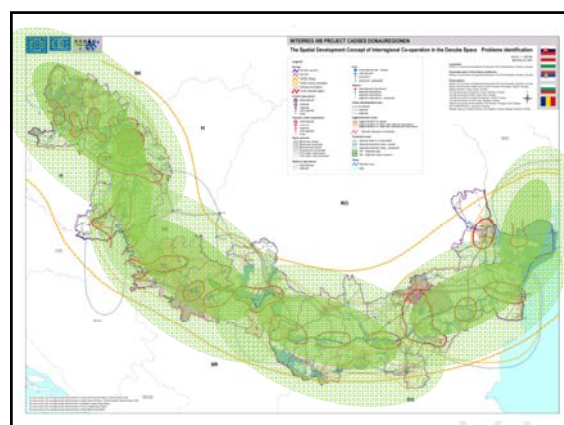





Optimistic scenario:

b) promotion of the endogenous sources with external support focusing on the subregional cohesion

Optimistic scenario is characterized with optimal connection of internal and external sources on behalf of the best and fastest possible creation of cohesion on the crossborder and transnational level.

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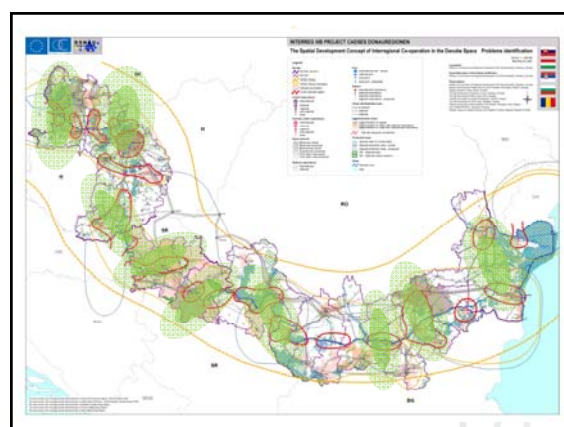






Realistic scenario:

c) promotion of the endogenous areas sources focusing on the crossdanube regional cohesion

This realistic scenario supposes mobilization of internal forces with the support of external conditions aimed on creation of crossborder cohesion of individual regional units and reinforcement of cohesion on subregional level.

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7.3. Conclusions and recommendations

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The main tasks of this phase are the preparation of the synthetic document

„Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area“

and to indicate several policy options for following actions.

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Coordination and policy recommendations in frame of the D+ project will content:

1. spatial coordination (head towards to the polycentric network)
2. transport coordination (TEN-T and other transnational transport network)
3. environmental coordination (natural protection and human activities)
4. socio-economical coordination (transborder social and economical networks).

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Institutional background of WP7

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General time frame for the WP7

1st July 2010 – 31st December 2012

The time shdedule of the steps will be prepared after the common discussion about the methodology and with interface on the WP4, WP5, WP6

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Background, for the developing of the „Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area“ in frame of WP7 are:

- the strategy will be based on the outcomes from the WP6 and WP7
- the strategy will be prepared on the basis of the top down and bottom up information and data

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Background, for the developing of the „Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area” in frame of WP7 are:

- top down information and data coming out from the relevant European and national projects, strategies and conceptions
- bottom up information and data coming out from the relevant subregional and crossdanube regional level prepared in the WP6

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Organization of work

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    A[analysis and comparisons] --> B[scenarios from national point of view]
    B --> C[D+ scenarios]
    C --> D[Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area]
  
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Institutional background , for the developing of the „Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area” consist of:

- WP7 lead partner
- WP7 working group
- WP7 task force

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Lead partner for the WP7 is ERDF PP1, which will:

- be the coordinator of the WP7
- be the head of the working group and the task force
- to initiate preparation and put together the methodology of WP7
- to initiate the meetings and sessions of working group and task force
- to prepare common draft texts and final text of „Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area”

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Working group will consist of one representative of each participating partners. The tasks of the working group are:

- to prepare and guarantee the national, subregional and crossdanube regional data and background information
- to prepare national background study of the three development scenarios according the common methodology
- to ensure the feedbacks to the prepared draft texts and final draft text

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Task force will consist of one representative of each country (SR, HU, CRO, SRB, RO, BG, MO, UA). The tasks of the task force are:

- be the main initiator in the relevant country for the preparation of the relevant data and information, and for the country background study as well
- to prepare methodology together with lead partner of WP7
- to ensure the parts/sections of analysis and comparisons according the accepted methodology
- to prepare relevant parts of texts for the drafts and final version of „Comprehensive Strategies in the Donauregionen Area”
- to coordinate the co-operation with the WP6, and to ensure the outcomes from the WP6 to the WP7

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