



**The Spatial Development Concept of
Interregional Co-operation in the Danube Space
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**WP1
Transnational project
management and coordination**

**WP 6 - Crossdanube strategy development
Methodology**

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Introduction

The task of workpackage 6 (WP6) is to summarize a set of strategic objectives and planned development projects for each crossdanube region (CDR). The task will be realized by summary of existing objectives and proposed projects from different types of documents related to particular CDR (documents of structural and regional policy, physical planning documents, social economic development programs, strategies of cross border cooperation etc.). The summary will be focused on all relevant documents at national, regional, cross border and local level related to particular CDR.

The task of WP6 is not a creation of new strategies for CDRs, however the work will be challenging and will need involvement of number of the stakeholders in each CDR.

WP6 is directly linked to WP5. Both work packages are focused on summary of strategic objectives and development projects, the difference is in scope of the area: WP5 is focused on NUTS 3 regions while WP6 is focused on CDR. Thus the results of WP5 will be important source of data for WP6.

The important source of data will be also the outputs of WP4 – the analytical descriptions of NUTS 3 regions according sectors (general schemes). These data will be adjusted for the requirements of analysing the CDRs.

Concerning the whole structure of DONAUREGONEN+ project, the outputs of WP6 will serve for creating comprehensive strategy in WP7.

The tasks of WP6 will be carried out within 21 CDRs defined by DONAUREGIONEN project. The high number of CDRs located in different countries cause a lot of specifics by which CDRs vary from each other. This concerns also the different level of crossdanube linkages within particular CDRs.

The processing of outputs of WP6 will be the task of the project partners responsible for the particular CDR. One of their key tasks will be the creation of suitable institutional framework consisting of the relevant regional stakeholders.

The objectives of WP6

The main objective of WP6 is to:

Identify, summarize and review the existing strategic objectives and projects from strategic documents for each CDR.

The achievement of the main objectives requires realization of number of partial tasks defined by the following set of **specific objectives**:

- 1. Identify the areas of CDRs according the established and agreed criteria***
- 2. Analytically describe the CDR within the sectors (general schemes)***
- 3. Identify relevant development documents related to CDR, identify relevant regional stakeholders***

Inputs of WP6

The outputs of WP4 will serve for elaboration of the analytical description of current situation of the CDR. WP4 describes the situation in four sectors (general schemes) within each NUTS 3 region. These sectors are: 1. natural conditions, 2. settlement structure and human resources, 3. transport and technical infrastructure, 4. economy.

The outputs of WP4 (at the level of NUTS 3) will be completed and deepen in order to analyse the smaller regions with specifically defined borders. The integration of data from both sides of Danube will be needed (since they are parts of different NUTS 3 regions) in order to describe the CDR as a single region.

WP4 is focused on updating the analytical data elaborated in previous phase of project. There is no possibility to use such data in case of countries which became projects partners only in second phase of the project. The elaboration of analytical description of regions within countries of new project partners will be thus a challenging task.

WP 5 focuses on identification and summarization of strategic documents relating to the NUTS 3 level. The contents of WP5 and WP6 are essentially very similar. The main difference is in the scope of examined area. The outputs of WP5 will be the key input data for WP6. The data of WP5, summary of strategies concerning NUTS 3 level, will be used in WP6 and completed by the relevant documents of lower level.

A database of Donau Daten Katalog will be also useful source of information, mainly for identification of relevant documents and stakeholders in region. During the elaboration of WP 6 this database will be also filled up and updated with newer information.

Outputs of WP6

The final result of WP6 will be Summary description in form of publication for each CDR. The structure of contents of the Summary description is as follow:

1. Identification of the area of CDR
2. Description of current situation within four general schemes
3. Identification of relevant stakeholders within CDR
4. Identification of relevant planning and strategic documents and existing problems
5. Strategy summary in structure of: objectives, priorities, activities
6. SWOT analysis
7. Map outputs

The mentioned parts will be described more detailed below, in form of steps leading to final output of WP6.

1. Identification of the area of CDR

Based on the analysis and agreement of project partners in the previous phase of the project, 21 CDRs were defined. The definition is more or less lacking the spatial boundary of the CDRs. The exact definition of each CDR is first important task of WP6.

For each CDR will be defined a balance area and the self area of CDR. The balance area will consist of NUTS 3 regions in which the CDR is located. The self CDR area will be divided into inner and outer zone.

There are many different types of regions among all 21 CDRs (concerning economic level or the gap between economic level of crossdanube parts of a CDR, transport infrastructure, character and intensity of crossdanube linkages). In order to ensure consistent approach to definition of each CDR, use of identical method agreed by all project partners will be necessary. Time accessibility and commuting distances will be the basic criteria for definition the boundaries of CDRs.

2. Analytical description of current situation of CDRs within four general schemes

Each CDR will be described in terms of four general schemes. This description will be based on the results of WP4, which will analyse current situation at NUTS 3 level within general schemes.

For the purpose of detailed analysis of CDR a deepening (into some extent) of the outputs of WP4 will be necessary. The principle of four general schemes will remain.

There are two main challenges in analytical description of CDR:

1. Withdraw the relevant data for analysis of CDR from existing analysis of NUTS 3 region.
2. Ensure the compatibility of data from both sides of CDR for securing of the consistent analysis of the CDR.

The focus in analytical part should be on evaluation of the linkages between opposite sides of the Danube.

3. Identification of relevant stakeholders of CDR

Identified will be relevant stakeholders within CDR and stakeholders determining the situations in CDR. The relevant stakeholders are: major municipalities, self-governing regions, physical planning organizations, research organizations and experts, potential investors, local entrepreneurs etc.

The stakeholders could take part on the process of creating the set of strategical objectives. For setting up of the institutional background are responsible particular project partners.

Overall responsibility for elaboration of WP6 as a whole bears PP1¹. Following table provides distribution of responsibilities for elaboration of the outputs for CDRs among the project partners. All CDRs are distributed according the localization into five ARGE subregions.

¹ In the text are the project partners stated by abbreviations, the table with assignment of the abbreviations to the organizations will be a included in annex of methodology.

Subregion / CDR	Responsible partner	Involved partners
Subregion ASH	PP5	LP, PP1, PP2, PP3, PP4, PP5, PP6, PP7
CDR Bratislava - Moson	PP2	PP1, PP2, PP3, PP5, PP7
CDR Dunajská Streda - Győr	PP3	PP1, PP3, PP4, PP5, PP7
CDR Nové Zámky – Komárom	PP4	PP1, PP4, PP5, PP6, PP7
CDR Štúrovo – Esztergom - Visegrad	PP4, PP5, PP6	PP1, PP4, PP5, PP6
CDR Pest	PP5, PP6	PP5, PP6
Szekesfehervar - Kecskemet	PP5, PP6	PP5, PP7
Subregion HCS	10% PP7	LP, PP1, PP2, PP3, PP4
CDR Paks – Szekszard – Pecs – Baja – Osijek - Sombor	10% PP6, 10% PP7	PP 7, 10% PP6, 10% PP7
CDR Vukovar – Novi Sad	10% PP6, 10% PP8	10% PP6, 10% PP7, 10% PP 8
CDR Belgrade - Pancevo	10% PP5	10% PP5, 10% PP8
CDR Smederevo – Moldova Nuova	10% PP5	PP10, 10% PP5, PP8
Subregion SRB	PP10	LP, PP1, PP8, PP9, PP10, 10% PP5
CDR M. Nuova – Drobeta Turnu Severin – D. Milanovac	PP10, 10% PP5	PP 10, 10% PP5
CDR Vidin - Calafat	PP8, PP9	PP8, PP9, PP10
CDR Kozloduj	PP8, PP9	PP8, PP9, PP10
CDR Turnu Magurale - Svishtov	PP8, PP9	PP8, PP9, PP10
Subregion RB	PP8	LP, PP1, PP8, PP9
CDR Bucuresti – Giurgiu – Ruse - Razgrad	PP8, PP9	PP8, PP9
CDR Silistra - Calarasi	PP8, PP9	PP8, PP9
CDR Czarna Voda - Constanca	PP9	PP8, PP9
Subregion RMU	10% PP4	LP, PP1, PP9, 10% PP1, PP2, PP3, PP4
CDR Galati - Braila	PP9	PP9, 10% PP1, 10% PP2, 10% PP4
CDR Tulcea - Izmail	PP9, 10% PP2	PP9, 10% PP2, 10% PP4
Subregión MD / UA	10% PP1, 10% PP3	10% PP1, 10% PP3, 10% PP4
Subregión UA / Odessa	10% PP2	10% PP2, 10% PP3, 10% PP4

The active participation of project partners and relevant stakeholders from both sides of Danube will be needed for creation of the outputs of WP6. The cooperation will be based on partnerships created under the auspices of responsible project partners. The members of partnerships will be all respective project partners and if necessary also the stakeholders which are not project partners.

The self-governing regions which are not project partners but CDR geographically belong to their area, should be also involved into partnership. The other members of partnerships could be representatives of major local authorities (Danube ports), representatives of euroregions, and representatives of state organizations and relevant entrepreneurial subjects.

The selection and invitation of stakeholders is task of project partners responsible for particular CDR.

The working groups will meet at several (at need) workshops, where points as definition of boundaries of the CDR, identification of relevant documents and finally summary of existing strategic objectives and projects will be discussed. Particular outputs will be specified according the cooperation and agreement of involved partners. The final output of each CDR – Summary description will be presented at final conference with presence of wider spectrum of regional stakeholders.

The above mentioned procedure will be tested in practice and verified on model CDR. As a model CDR was selected Komárno – Komárom CDR. By the model CDR will be verified this general methodology proposition. The works within model CDR will more in detail specify the methodology of WP6 into particular steps. The practice used in model CDR will then serve as a framework for elaboration of WP6 outputs in the rest of the CDRs.

4. Identification of relevant documents

The differences between the countries in which the CDR is located must be taken into account for the purpose of identification the relevant document as sources of strategic objectives and projects. The differences could occur in used planning methods, methods of physical planning, structure of public administration etc.

At the other hand, implementation of regional policy of the EU is a promise of integration strategic planning methods and documents in countries participating on project.

The relevant documents will be mainly:

- Social and economic development programmes of self-governing regions and major municipalities
- Physical planning documents mainly at the level of self-governing regions
- Sector strategies (e.g. tourism, development of SME, transport, protecting against natural disasters etc.).
- Crossborder development strategies of Euro regions
- Operational programmes, mainly programmes of cross border cooperation

5. SWOT analysis

SWOT analysis will be the summary output of analytical part of each CDR as well as the summary of strategic documents. It will provide summary of current situation, divided into

strengths and weaknesses. The opportunities and threats of CDR will be identified on a basis of planned strategies from relevant documents and planned projects.

The SWOT analysis will be figured in the x/y coordinate system, where the x axis refers to strengths and weaknesses and the y axis refers to opportunities and threats. By the position of particular indicators within the coordinate system will be possible to propose type of strategy for the region development, mainly for strengthening the cross Danube linkages.

6. Summary of strategies in structure of: objectives, priorities and activities

Identified strategic objectives and development projects will be summarized in logical structure: **objectives** fulfilled through **priorities**, priorities realized by **activities**. Each objectives or each point in the structure will be clearly assignable to source document.

After identification of the objectives, their division into sectors (general schemes) will follow.

Situations, where objectives from different documents are contradictory, could occur. The important task of the working groups will be to identify the existing disparities and to propose the solution.

7. 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.