



EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION - EUSDR

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"A EU macro-regional strategy is a policy framework which allows countries located in the same region to jointly tackle and find solutions to joint problems or to better use the potential they have in common".

- EUSDR since 2010
- 14 Danube Countries: 9 EU, 3 Accession / West Balkan (BiH, SRB, MN), 2 Neighbouring
- EUSDR Black Forest to the Black Sea and is home to 115 million inhabitants.

- 2021-2027 EU Funding
- Action Plan April 2020 with 85 Actions
- Alignment with EUs 5 Policy Objectives and
 - The Green Deal
 - Digital Transition
 - Post Covid-Recovery

EU Economic and Investment Plan for Western Balkans

- CROSS MRS – EUSDR & EUSAIR:
Transport connectivity & Green Agenda

EUSDR EMBEDDING



EUSDR embedding process for 2021-2027 EU funding and the EUSDR tools:

<https://danube-region.eu/projects-and-funding/embedding-2021-2027/>



EUSDR EMBEDDING TOOL

Elaborated as rolling document based on a screening of available EU funding instruments. In this matrix, for each action and strategic topic possible funding instruments are suggested.



SHORTLIST STRATEGIC TOPICS

Three strategic topics per Priority Area (PA) to be included in the relevant national/regional operational programmes ESIF (ERDF, CF, ESF) / IPA / NDICI III



EUSDR – ENERGY, WATER, BIODIVERSITY

EUSDR Priority Area 2 - Sustainable Energy

- “NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS IN THE DANUBE REGION” - comparative assessment of National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) of EU member states and energy strategies of the non-EU Danube Region countries. 4 policy briefs: electricity, natural gas, heating and cooling, transport. Electricity Markets and the Role of Renewable Electricity: Gas Markets and Sector Coupling & Renewable Heat and Biomass: Road to a Sustainable Transport sector). [LINK](#)

EUSDR Priority Area 4 - Water Quality

- collaborates with ICPDR and the Sava Commission and coordinates on the implementation of specific measures;
- "Preparatory study on sewage sludge management in the Danube Region" (03/2021). Exclusively covering sewage sludge of agriculture and urban origin. Including sub- chapters dedicated to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia [LINK](#)
- "Water retention in urban areas in the Danube Region: Study on facts, activities, measures and their financial assessment" 01/2021. [LINK](#)

EUSDR Priority Area 6 - Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air & Soil Quality

- Sturgeon conservation carried by Danube Sturgeon Task Force. Implementation of the Pan European Action Plan for Sturgeons (PANEUAP, adopted by the Bern Convention and endorsed under the EU Habitats Directive) in the Danube Basin. WB-Countries: Serbia.



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