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Update on the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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EUSDR PA7 – Knowledge Society



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- Priority Area 7 is part of EUSDR pillar Building prosperity and it is jointly coordinated by Slovakia and Serbia.
- PA7 Steering Group is consisted of nominated representatives of all Danube Region countries and therefore, all DR countries are included in the activities of PA7.
- SG members are initiating, discussing and implementing activities with the aim to contribute to the development of Knowledge Society in the DR and to the PA7 targets.

1. To increase the effectiveness of investment in R&I through establishment of a funding coordination network aiming to initiate a minimum of 2 dedicated EUSDR activities each year (e.g. joint calls; joint strategic project proposals (within a multilateral framework)).
2. To increase the number of EPO and PCT patent applications filed from the Danube Region by 20% by 2020.
3. To enhance regional research and education co-operation to reach 20% of academic mobility within the region by 2020.
4. To increase the annual output of co-publications in the region by 15 % by 2020.
5. To develop RIS3 in all Danube countries (or their regions) by 2020.

➤ Progress on policy level:

The main PA7 activities remained focused on a **wide dissemination and policy level advocacy for the EUSDR, PA7 targets and obtaining support for the most relevant PA7 actions.**

Main policy achievements: rising visibility of PA7 targets and actions; enhancing cooperation among DR countries focused on more effective spending of existing resources.

➤ Concrete achievements:

- Establishment of **Danube Funding Coordination Network (DFCN)** - to coordinate and synchronise national, bilateral and regional efforts in the DR in order to foster multilateral collaboration in R&I.
- **EUREKA-Danube** Region Call (2 calls up to now, in 2015 and 2017)
- German Ministry of Education and Sciences (BMBF) “Danube Call”
- Multilateral call for funding scientific and technological cooperation projects in the Danube Region with participation of AT, CZ, RS and SK.
- Under the umbrella of **Danube-INCO.NET** project much has been done in regard to developing mechanisms for recognition and labelling of the most relevant project proposals for the EUSDR and PAs. Also the project strongly supported policy dialogue, establishment of Danube Technology Transfer Centres and coordination of funding mechanisms.
- Close collaboration with the **EC JRC** speeded up activities regarding **Smart Specialization in the DR**

Thank you for your attention!

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