



DRP 2nd call for proposals

Call pre-announcement

Danube Region Programme second call for proposal will open on 2nd October 2023 with a deadline of submission on 29 February 2024.

The call is open to all specific objectives of the programme, except specific objective 4.1.

Call procedure

One step call for proposals, in which applicants will be requested to prepare and submit the full Application Form online through the Joint Electronic Monitoring System - Jems.

Call budget

The indicative total Interreg (EU) funding allocation for the call is 55.051.854,53 EUR. The EU funding is covering 80% of the total project budget.

SO	Status in 2 nd Call for Proposals	Indicative available Interreg funds per Priority in EUR	Indicative allocation per SO in EUR
SO 1.1	Open	11 247 153,08	5 623 576,54
SO 1.2	Open		5 623 576,54
SO 2.1	Open	20 718 439,88	5 216 903,16
SO 2.2	Open		6 014 563,10
SO 2.3	Open		4 578 775,21
SO 2.4	Open		4 908 198,41
SO 3.1	Open	15 390 841,05	4 617 252,32



SO 3.2	Open		4 617 252,32
SO 3.3	Open		6 156 336,42
SO 4.2	Open	7 695 420,53	7 695 420,53
Total		55 051 854,53	

Timing and project duration

The estimated starting date of the projects is January 2025, with maximum 36 months project duration.

Lead Partner principle

Each project has to appoint a lead partner (LP) who is responsible for preparation and submission of the application form as lead applicant. In case of approval of the project, the lead partner takes over the full responsibility for management, communication, implementation, and coordination of activities among the involved partners. The lead partner bears legal responsibility for the whole partnership. The lead partner is also the link between the project and the managing authority/joint secretariat (MA/JS) of the programme.

The following types of entities can be lead partners:

- Local, regional, national public bodies/ bodies governed by public law (including EGTCs in the meaning of Article 2(16) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)
- International organisations
- Private **non-profit** bodies

In the 2nd call LP can be from DRP EU Member States or from DRP non-EU Partner States except for Ukrainian applicants who can participate only as project partners.



Partnership requirements

The programme covers 14 countries, 9 of them EU Member States (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Germany: Baden Württemberg and Bavaria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and 5 non-member states (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine with four provinces: Chernivetska Oblast, Ivano-Frankiviska Oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast, Odessa Oblast¹). As a general rule, EU financing is only provided to project partners located in the programme area².

In order to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, each project has to involve at least three financing project partners from three different countries of the programme area: the lead partner and at least two project partners. At least one project partner has to be located on the territory of an EU Member State of the programme area. Involvement of project partners coming from non-EU countries is strongly supported by the programme and is subject to quality assessment.

Please be aware that fulfilment of the minimum partnership eligibility criteria is not sufficient for receiving high score in the quality assessment part. Transnational partnership should comprise of institutions representing relevant territories for the problem tackled by the project and that share a common need. As an example, the usual number of partners in DRP transnational projects is approx. 10-15 from 7-12 DRP countries!

Organisations located outside the programme area but within the EU are not eligible to apply for funding as project partners in 2nd call.

Transnational cooperation

Projects to be submitted to the DRP shall arise from a common need and challenge, addressing broader area of the Danube Region and shall not be limited to few, 3-4 countries, or represent a collection of local actions. Accordingly, the project topic and

¹ DRP will cover the entire territory of Ukraine provided that the part of the operations implemented outside programme area (the UA regions not officially involved in the programme) directly contribute to the objectives of the programme. (Reg. (EU) 2021/1059, Art.37)

² Exemptions from this rule may apply to partners in Germany and will be specified in the Applicants Manual.



the contributing project activities shall have transnational dimension with sufficient territorial and/or thematic character and relevance, as well as the impact of the project outputs and results relevant on transnational scale and not only on local level in different parts of the region. Transnational projects are not to be misunderstood as transboundary, cross-border projects. Applicants shall demonstrate that the common need / challenge identified is best to be tackled at transnational level instead of local / regional / cross-border approach and the project results are best achieved through transnational cooperation.

Relevant documents

The application package and all relevant information about the programme will be available from October on the programme website: <http://www.interreg-danube.eu>.

The programme will provide during the application phase tools (e.g. individual consultations) and events (e.g. thematic seminars, info days) to facilitate the generation of projects and to support applicants in the project development process.

For general advice on the programme and on eligibility requirements and national rules, please contact your DRP [National Contact Point](#).

For advices related to the thematic scope of the project and the thematic alignment of the project to the call requirements, please contact danube@interreg-danube.eu.