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General Scope

- Tool for kick-starting development of strategic projects and large-scale initiatives for the EUSDR - to be later on can be financed by any other financing instrument
- All SMF projects have to be clearly in line with the EUSDR Action Plan
- All SMF projects have to be clearly address at least one EUSDR Priority Area (PA)
- Overall available budget: 3,600,000.00 euro Interreg Funds
- Maximum budget per PA: 300,000.00 euro Interreg Funds
- Co-financing rate: 20%



Project Structure

COMPULSORY OUTPUTS





Timeframe

- The call is open from the **27 November 2023 until the 29 March 2024**
- The SMF call for proposals of the Danube Region Programme is organised according to a one- step procedure where the applicants have to submit an application package including a fully developed Application Form (AF).
- The AF has to be submitted to the joint secretariat through Jems by **29 March 2024, 14:00 Central European Time (CET)**.
- The duration of projects must not exceed **12 months**. This limit applies for the operational phase of the project and does not comprise the preparation phase. The estimated starting date of the projects is May 2025.



Role of EUSDR

PACs are assessing the relevance of the proposal with the two questions:

- To what extent is the theme of the project to be developed relevant to the EUSDR action plan and one or more Priority Areas?
- Within the thematic field concerned, to which extent the concrete challenges to be tackled are clearly described and relevant to the EUSDR action plan and one or more Priority Areas?

Timeframe of the assessment will consider the number of SMF projects submitted as well as the internal procedures of the priority areas (e.g. SG meeting for decision etc.)

DRP MA/JS is assessing the rest of the assessment questions



Scoring

- Project proposals scoring over 60% in relevance assessment will be assessed from a strategic point of view.
- Project scoring overall more than 75% will be automatically proposed for selection.
- Scoring between 60% and 74% will be discussed by MC and a final decision will be taken based on the discussion.
- Project proposals scoring overall less than 60% will be recommended by the MA/JS for rejection.



Selection

- DRP MC is taking the decision on selecting and approving SMF Projects
- As the amount allocated to the call is split between EUSDR Priority Areas on an equal basis, the Monitoring Committee will select projects up to the maximum allocation per PA, according to the ranking list.
- In case there are EUSDR PAs with leftovers and there are still projects in other priority areas above 60% the MC can decide to further select projects based on an overall ranking list based on scoring.



Next steps

- MA/ JS will organise webinars for interested LA explaining the rules of the scheme (first one on 7th December)
- Another webinar will take place at the beginning of 2024
- please contact the PACs and monitor relevant websites for upcoming events

- Further infos on

www.interreg-daube.eu



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Thank you for your attention!



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