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# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

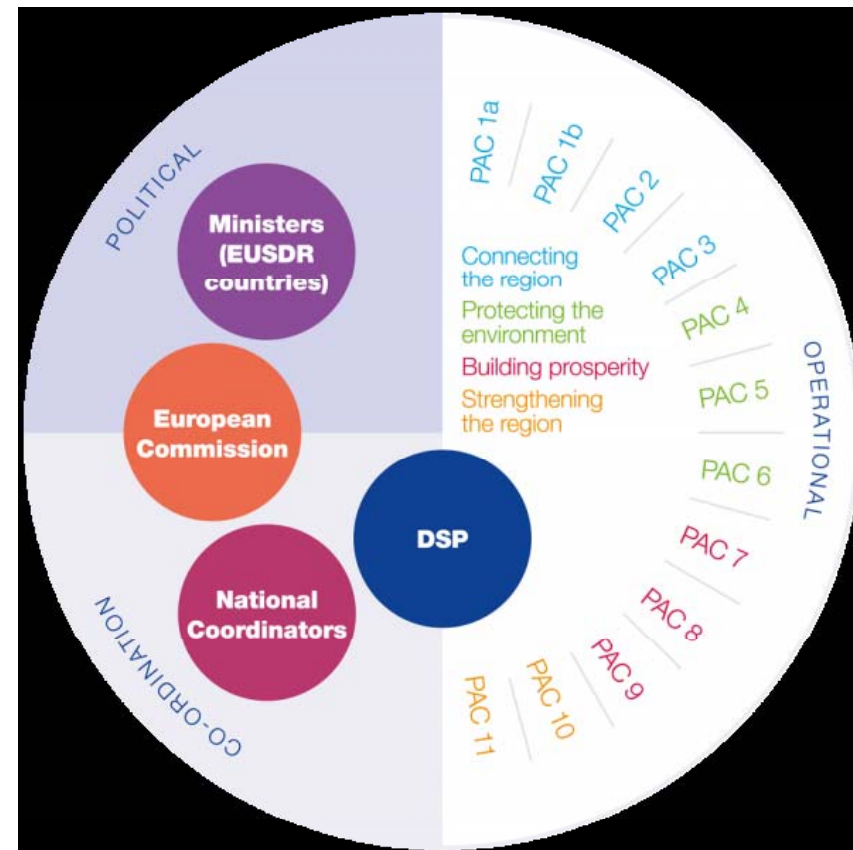


# EUSDR Governance Structure



The three NO's: no new funds, no new institutions, no new laws-  
reiterated in the Council  
Conclusions on MRS in April 2017

Since it's start in 2011 the strategy works towards its aim to address common challenges and to create synergies through cooperation within the Danube Region. The strategy addresses **4 pillars, 11 priorities**



## Priority Areas and Countries in Charge of Coordination

Priority Area	Countries in charge of coordination
P1   Mobility and intermodality	Inland waterways: Austria, Romania Rail, road and air: Slovenia, Serbia
P2   More sustainable energy	Hungary, Czech Republic
P3   Culture and tourism, people to people	Bulgaria, Romania
P4   Water Quality	Hungary, Slovakia
P5   Environmental risks	Hungary, Romania
P6   Biodiversity, landscapes, quality of air and soils	Germany (Bavaria), Croatia
P7   Knowledge society (research, education and ICT)	Slovakia, Serbia
P8   Competitiveness of enterprises	Germany (Baden-Württemberg), Croatia
P9   People and skills	Austria, Republic of Moldova
P10   Institutional capacity and cooperation	Austria (Vienna), Slovenia
P11   Security and organised crime	Germany, Bulgaria

# Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills"

## PA9 Targets



- Contribution to a higher employment rate in the Danube Region, especially through tackling youth and long-term unemployment
- Contribution to improved educational outcomes and relevant skills and competences in the Danube Region, focusing on learning outcomes for employability, entrepreneurship, innovation, active citizenship and well-being
- Contribution to increased quality and efficiency of education, training and labour market systems
- Contribution to ensuring inclusive education and training and promoting inclusive labour markets, equal opportunities and non-discrimination as well as the promotion of civic competences and lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Contribution to a closer cooperation between educational, training, labour market and research institutions, in particular on transnational, regional and bilateral levels

# Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills"

## PA9 Actions



- Intensify Cooperation in Labour Market Policies
- Digitalization and Innovation in the World of Work
- Integration of Vulnerable Groups into the Labour Market
- Fighting Poverty and Promoting Social Inclusion for all
- Quality and Efficiency of Education and Training Systems
- Relevant and High-Quality Knowledge, Skills and Competences
- Lifelong Learning and Learning Mobility
- Inclusive Education, Equity, Common Values and Sustainable Development

# Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills"

How it works ...



- Priority Area 9 (PA9) is coordinated by **Austria, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Ukraine** with the involvement of a wide network of key players and stakeholders from the 14 States of the Danube Region and in cooperation with the European Commission.
  
- **PA9 activities:**
  - Coordination (e.g. maintaining a network of relevant stakeholders, ...)
  - Implementation (e.g. compiling a list of on-going projects, providing assistance ...)
  - Communication (e.g. providing relevant information, participating in relevant conferences ...)

## Priority Area 9 "Investing in People and Skills"

Some achievements and results ...



- PA 9 has successfully established a **network of different stakeholders guaranteeing efficient cooperation** between relevant actors, i.a. through involvement of existing regional cooperation networks (e.g. ERI SEE, CECE) and initiatives.
- In order to provide a cooperative framework and to boost discussions and exchange in the area of education and training / labour market, i.a. **18 Steering Group Meetings** (two meetings per year), **8 Stakeholder Conferences** and several thematic seminars and workshops were organised by PA 9.
- More than **85 cross-border and regional Danube networks, projects and project ideas** were started and labelled in the framework of PA 9.
- **Project folders** were published which provide an overview of on-going and selected finished projects and project ideas.





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