



# The EU Strategy for the Danube Region



# Macro-regional strategies

**Objective:** organise cooperation between countries or territories by mobilising local and regional actors to align policies and funding and to identify common issues, solutions and actions.

## Principles:

3 Nos: No additional funding, No new structures, No new legislation  
Better/more coordinated use of existing structures and instruments

## Calendar:

**2009:** EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

**2011:** EU Strategy for the Danube Region

**2013:** EC Report on the evaluation of added value

**2014:** EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

**2015 (June):** EU Strategy for the Alpine Region

# How is the Strategy being implemented?

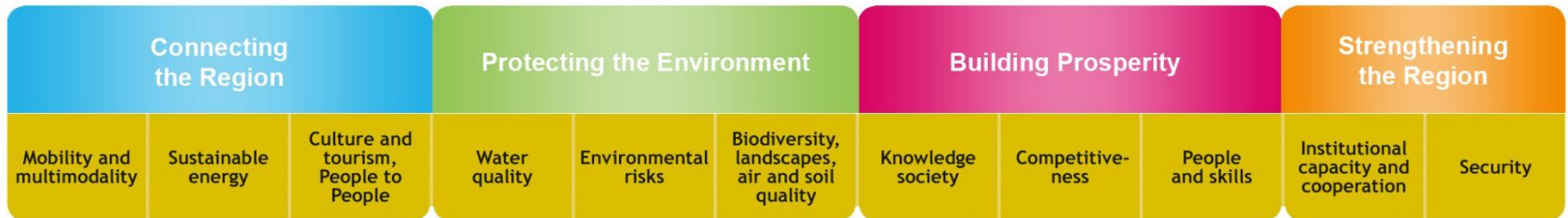
## Cross-sector and integrated approach:

*Priority Areas* have to be considered with other policy fields:

environment ↔ navigability ↔ economic development ↔ labour market mobility ↔ human resource ↔ development ↔ soft security issues ↔ institutional development ↔ etc.

*The strategy addresses the various topics through  
4 pillars  
11 priority areas,  
and of course actions and projects*

## THE FOUR PILLARS



**11 priority areas, coordinated by a priority area coordinator**

**Actions**

**Projects**

## How is the Strategy being implemented?

**Transnational approach:** Addressing the common challenges together, beyond national and EU borders

**Partnership and inclusion:** With all participating member countries (MS and non MS)

**Multi-level approach (subsidiarity principle):** And with the involvement of all relevant authorities and stakeholders

**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, Moldova*

*P10 | Institutional capacity and cooperation*

*Austria (Vienna), Slovenia*

*P11 | Security and organised crime*

*Germany, Bulgaria*

# The Strategy is already bringing results

- *Energy*
- *Cooperation on Roma issues*
- *Navigation*
- *Floods*

## How can projects and actions be financed?

- Existing Structural and Cohesion Funds, IPA for Western Balkans, IPA CBC, ENI
- Interreg (cross-border, transnational, interregional)
- Sectoral programmes e.g. HORIZON 2020, ERASMUS+, LIFE, CEF
- International Financing Institutions (EIB, EBRD, WB, etc.)
- National, regional and local sources
- Private investments



# Thank you for your attention !



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