

Advancing International Cooperation in Research and Innovation

- ... one of the last CSAs in FP7, 2 Mio EC funding, 3.5years
- ... activities cross-linking main actors in STI policy making and delivery, testing specific thematic focus areas
- ... activities addressing thematically economic actors and multipliers engaged in technology transfer
- ... triggering focused follow up activities
- ... maintaining outreach by funding from AT to 5.5y

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What can we learn from the cooperation approaches that made it a success?

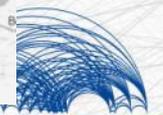


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Structure of the project

- WP1 Project Management
- WP2 Policy Dialogue
- WP3 Tackling Societal Challenges: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in a Bio-based Economy
- WP4 Analytical Evidence on Research and Innovation in the Danube Region
- WP5 Promoting Innovative and Inclusive Danube Societies
- WP6 Scaling up Danube Funding Mechanisms
- WP7 Communication and Dissemination

Policy dialogue – Results

- Dialogue Topic: ERA and Innovation Union workshops
- Dialogue Topic: Competitive Funding of Research exchange
- Concept towards establishing an Art 185
- Specific dialogue with EUSDR Priority areas and contribution to PA7 Knowledge society

- Outreach to COST, Horizon 2020, DG REGIO, national and regional stakeholders to foster awareness of macro-regional STI cooperation needs
- Stakeholder interaction beyond the “usual” groups

- Awareness of the role of Teaming, Twinning, PSF a.o. for structural change in national R&I systems
- Triggering the H2020 strategic programme committee to discussing follow-on dialogues, possibly to be financed under H2020

Societal challenges– Results

- First mapping of stakeholders on the multifaceted topic of “Bioeconomy”
- Specific clustering support actions (5 workshops)
- Brokerage events (2 events)
- Energy & Bioeconomy News Alert
- Triple helix conference 2016
- “Towards a bioeconomy strategy – recommendations”
- Bioeconomy research and advocacy network

Evidence/analysis – Results

- Evidence of Co-publication activity
- Evidence of Barriers of cooperation
- Direct support: Policy Mix Peer Reviews:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina 2015/2016 (2017)
 - Serbia 2016/2017

Innovative and Inclusive Societies – Results

- Smart Specialisation Strategies – awareness, knowledge and 3 non EU countries with interest to go for the process
- Danube Transfer Centres (Novi Sad, Ruse, Vukovar)
- Labeling concept available also for other PA's

Danube Funding Mechanisms – Results

- JPI UE cooperation established (widening agenda of JPI)
- EUREKA calls supported (1, 2, prep 3, still continued)
- DFCN established (still continued)

Outreach – Results

- Functioning **web-platform** as “the” central information source for RTDI in the macro-region and future maintenance
- Existing **newsletter** and extensive list of 13.600 recipients and further maintenance ensured...
- Activated community actively proposing/adding content!
- This was also continued with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy as a follow up funding for +2 years

Follow up +/- attributable...

- DFCN still active...
- PSF PMPR follow up
- Danube TCP
 - Made in Danube (bioeconomy actions)
 - ResInfra@DR (research infrastructure capacity building)
 - RESTI in Excellence (project management capacities)
- Danube-INCO.NET follow up for info-platform
- S3 activities

Cooperation tools

- Mapping – Inform – Exchange&share
- Identification of new trends and stakeholder needs to support overarching goals (here SDGs)
- Integrative approach to support participation in dynamic developments like the preparation to Horizon2020, S3, ERA and Innovation Union
- Bottom up thematic support for pilot activities establishing communities
- Preparing for support by PSF; JRC for S3
- Analysis for evidence (and decisions); co-publication; cooperation barriers
- Experiments (1) Peer support to revise STI policy mix; (2) Experimental Labelling in EUSDR PA7; (3) Danube Transfer Centres
- Testing Regional EUREKA calls (1st, 2nd, 3rd preparatory phase)
- Widening perspective i.e. JPI UE, Art 185 Roadmap
- Danube Funding Coordination Network – DFCN (support to PA7 DRRIF WG)

Challenges

- Complex agglomeration of activities and actors which requested good and permanent interaction (it was highly divers!!!)
- No general follow up but very active single follow up activities (Isn't that ideal?)
- Necessity for “continuous efforts” to maintain the process over time and beyond the project but some activities will not be continued
- Dissemination for feeding national fora is essential for the take up of the findings

Uncovered topics by Danube-INCO.NET

- EU MS visibility of the macro-region / countries – beyond DR!
- STI capacity building for policy makers and delivery
- STI indicators and monitoring
- Increase ERA COFUND participation
- Mobility of researchers
- IPR support
- Open Science options
- Open innovation
- TT strategic options and instruments
- Performance based funding “practice” and options in national context
- Success/Monitoring of Horizon 2020 and increasing participation...
- S3 topics of relevance for the DR

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Thank you for your attention!