

# Experiences from the Danube ESF Transnational Network

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# The Danube Region



The area covered by the EU Strategy for the Danube Region stretches from the Black Forest (Germany) to the Black Sea (Romania-Ukraine-Moldova) and is home to 115 million inhabitants.

## Participating countries

### EU Member States

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Hungary
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia

### Accession Countries

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Serbia

### Neighbourhood Countries

- Moldova
- Ukraine



# One Strategy - 12 Priorities



The Danube Region Strategy addresses a wide range of issues; these are divided among 4 pillars and 12 priority areas. Each priority area is managed by two countries as Priority Area Coordinators (PACs). To find out more about the role of PACs, please see [Governance](#). Read here the [Annual Progress Reports](#) for each Priority Area.



**PA 1A**

Waterways Mobility



**PA 1B**

Rail-Road-Air Mobility



**PA 2**

Sustainable Energy



**PA 3**

Culture & Tourism



**PA 4**

Water Quality



**PA 5**

Environmental Risks



**PA 6**

Biodiversity & Landscapes



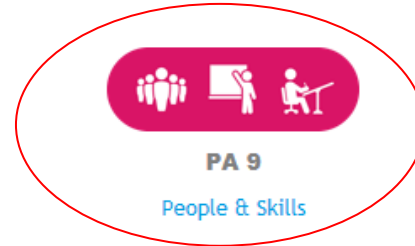
**PA 7**

[Knowledge Society](#)



**PA 8**

Competitiveness of Enterprises



**PA 9**

People & Skills



**PA 10**

Institutional Capacity & Cooperation



**PA 11**

Security

# ESF-Operational Programme Baden-Württemberg 2014-2020

- Contribution to the EUSDR
- Share know-how and experience between the ESF-  
Managing Authorities
- Foster cooperation between ESF-projects
- Keep in contact with EUSDR-structures esp. PA 9

# ESF contribution to EUSDR

## EUSDR Priority area 9

- Higher employment rate - tackle youth and long term unemployment
- Improve educational outcomes
- Increase quality, efficiency of education, training and labour market systems

## ESF (Art. 3 Reg No 1304/2013)

- Promote sustainable and quality employment
- Invest in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning

# 4 Meetings of the ESF-Network since 2015



# Meetings of Danube ESF transnational Network - Participation

		2015 Ulm	2016 Munich	2017 Wien	2018 Bratislava
	Austria	o	√	√	√
	Baden-Württemberg (GER)	√	√	√	√
	Bavaria (GER)	√	√	√	o
	Bulgaria	√	√	√	√
	Croatia	o	o	√	√
	Czech Republic	√	√	o	o
	Hungary	√	√	o	√
	Romania	o	o	o	o
	Slovakia	o	o	√	√

# Transnationaler Fachtag 08. Juni 2018 ,Stuttgart

## 11:30 - 12:20 Der europäische Blick auf Langzeitarbeitslosigkeit, Integration und Inklusion

- Europäische Strategien gegen Langzeitarbeitslosigkeit  
*Egbert Holthuis, EU-KOM/ GD Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion*
- ENSIE – The Network of social integration Enterprises  
*Patrizia Bussi – ENSIE Director*

Moderiertes Gespräch mit den Keynote-Sprechern/-innen zu Fragen des Plenums  
*Dr. Irene Pimminger - Querschnittsberatung ESF Baden-Württemberg*

## 12:20 - 13:00 Mittagsimbiss und Messengespräche

## 13:00 - 14:30 Lessons Learned: Praxiserfahrungen aus Baden-Württemberg und Partnern der Donaauraumregion

- Beschäftigung und Qualifizierung im Recycling-Bereich:  
*Ateliere Fără Frontiere (AFF); Bukarest/ Rumänien*
- ABZ\*AUSTRIA – Unterstützung für Frauen beim Wiedereinstieg in die Berufswelt nach Langzeitarbeitslosigkeit, *ABZ\*Frauenberufszentrum, Wien/Österreich*
- Stufen in Beschäftigung für besonders benachteiligte Menschen:  
*Agrigent SAB GmbH; Göppingen/ Deutschland*
- Niederschwelliger Einstieg in den Arbeitsmarkt für arbeitsmarktferne Personen:  
*ENTRADA, bbs – Netzwerk der steirischen Beschäftigungsbetriebe/ Österreich*

14:30 - 15:00 Round-Table: Chancen der transnationalen Europäischen Zusammenarbeit im ESF zur Förderung gleicher Chancen auf Beschäftigung

15:00 Ende des Fachtages und Gelegenheit für Messengespräche



News

# Network of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region

25. July 2018

The **fourth meeting of the ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region** will be held in **Bratislava on 19th and 20th of September 2018**. The workshop will be hosted by the Managing Authority of Slovakia in cooperation with Priority Area 9 “Investing in People and Skills” and Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation”. The seminar aims at identifying beneficial framework conditions for transnational cooperation as well as at developing positions and perspectives for transnational cooperation for the European Social Fund 2021-2027 with ESF Managing Authorities and beneficiaries in the Danube Region. For further information please contact:

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# Bulgarian Projects

## Results from Bulgaria´s first transnational call:

- Project 1: Transfer of established practice – dual education for social professions from the federal state of Baden-Württemberg (beneficiary: FSSB association BG, Partner BW: Stiftung Liebenau)
- Projekt 2: Social innovations for a more efficient social inclusion of disadvantaged Roma women (beneficiary: integro (BG NGO with focus on Roma people), Partner BW: MINE e.V. Stuttgart (Mother Centers International Network for Empowerment)).

# Conclusions

- Have a long breathe – the development of transnational cooperation takes time! But in the end, all partners will have benefits from it!
- Reliable commitments from all partners are necessary
- It is easier to organize the cooperation if one member state or one institution takes a leading role.  
The alternative is a rotating system which is always in danger of breaking the continuity.

**Thank you for your attention**

