

Interreg Programme

**Danube Region**



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# Thematic webinar 2

- New funding for greening the energy and transport sectors

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**10.00 – 12.00 CET**

# Call for proposals





# Transnational Cooperation

- an instrument of the EU Cohesion policy
- financially supports cooperation projects beyond national level
- in a geographically defined area addressing common needs and challenges
- complement the mainstream programmes
- brings together policy makers, academic, research, civil society and private actors



# Danube Region

## a region of diversity and challenge

- Heterogeneous: socio-economic and cultural aspects, natural environment
- highly fragmented political and administrative approaches
- highest number of countries (14) and highest number of borders

## EU's measures for stronger cohesion with accession & neighbourhood policies:

- unique situation for better integration of the Danube space
- institutional platform for the territorial, economic and social integration



**region of flows**



# Danube Region : Energy

- low share of RES
- heterogeneous performance in EU2020 targets
- high dependency on fossil fuels
- almost no diversification of energy sources
- low energy efficiency
- increasing energy consumption



# Funding opportunities - RES

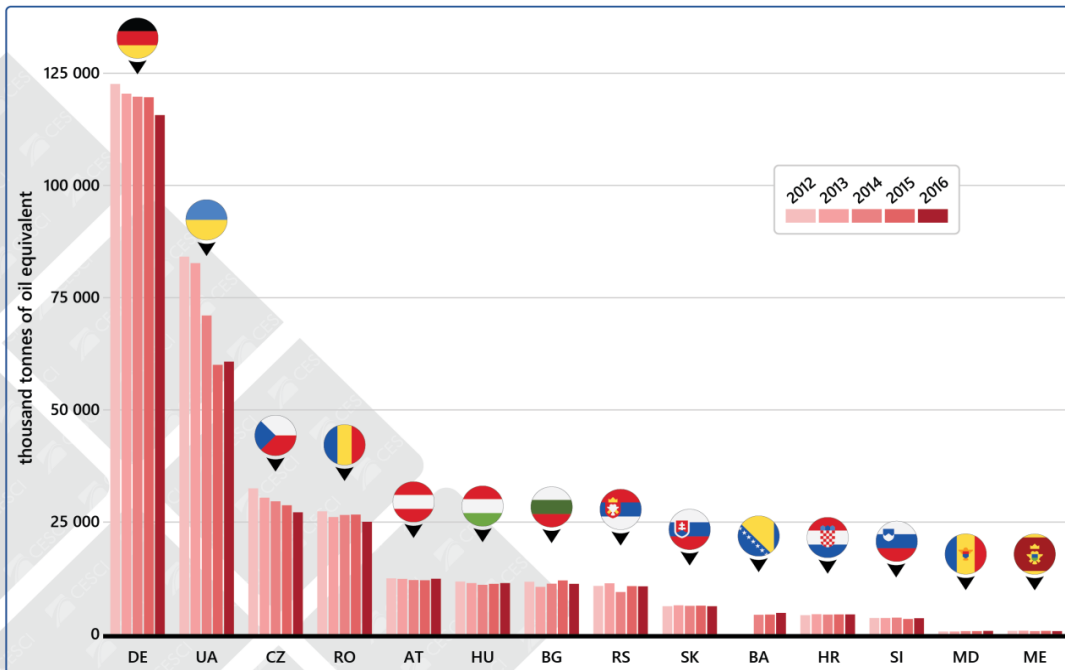
- **SO 2.1** Support greening the energy and transport sectors in the Danube Region by enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources



# SO 2.1 Needs and challenges



Territorial differences in **total primary energy production** in the Danube Region, 2012 - 2016

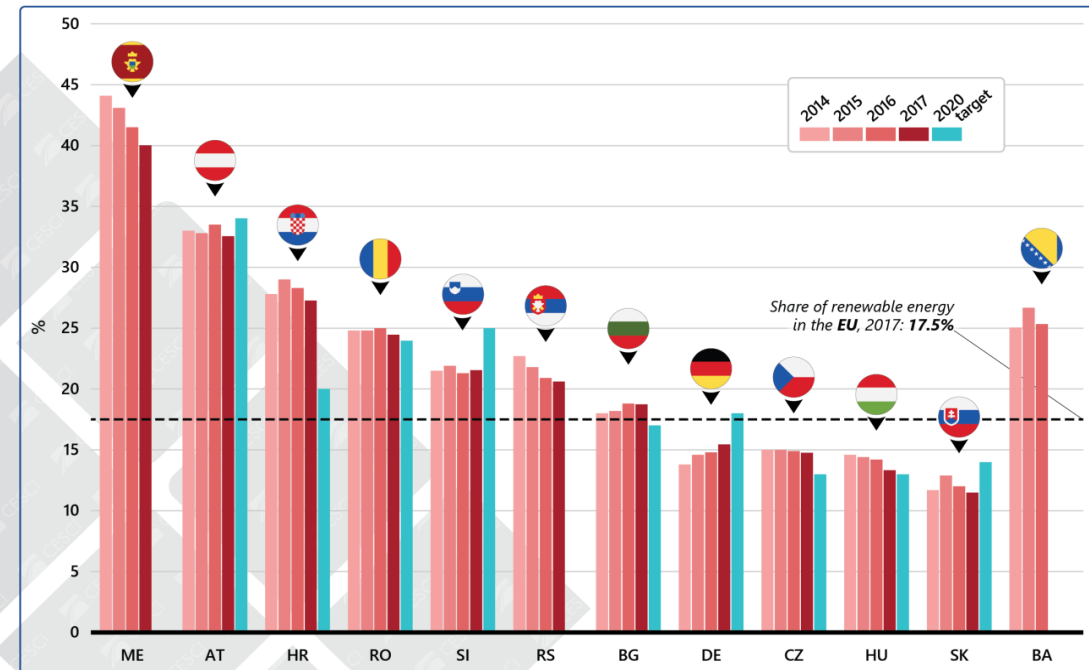


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Share of **renewable energy** in gross final energy consumption in the Danube Region, 2014 - 2017



source: Eurostat, data submitted by the members  
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## SO 2.1 Needs and challenges

- The power systems of the Danube Region's countries still heavily rely on fossil fuels
- In some of those countries (e.g. Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary) the energy dependency is higher than the EU average (53,6%).
- The share of renewables in gross final energy consumption is low, and has never reached 50% in any of the DR countries.
- Energy dependency and lack of high energy safety triggered by underutilized renewable energy resources characterizes the current situation within the Danube region.



## SO 2.1 Focus

- Increasing the share of renewable energy in the Danube region and thus supporting diversification of energy sources
- Decreasing carbon intensity in the power and transport sectors





## SO 2.1 Types of Activities

- Strategy making and topic related policy support
- Capacity building for sustainable energy planning
- Support for harmonised actions and transnational cooperation in the buildings' heating and cooling
- Reduction of GHG emissions in the transport sector
- Joint planning of infrastructure for the utilisation of renewable energy sources
- Development of incentive policies



## SO 2.1 What we do **not** finance

- projects not being clearly embedded in the territorial scope.
- projects not involving countries of different level of innovation capacities.
- projects with pre-dominant focus on infrastructure.
- projects with pre-dominant focus on mere technical solution development without ensuring its application by the target users.
- projects with pre-dominant focus on research and data collection activities without translating their outcomes into applied solutions and, or policy strategies, plans still within the project.
- projects missing a clear focus and potential on closing the innovation gap in the Danube Region.



# Partnership

- min. 3 partners are needed, incl. 1 EU Memberstate
- integration of non-EU countries is of utmost importance
- „INTERREG funds“ – bringing together ERDF, IPA and NDICI funds will facilitate equal participation of non-EU partners
- Lead Partnership status open for all partners



# Partnership examples

- local level is responsible for the provision and delegation of local issues
- regional level is relevant for regional development, innovation structures and acts in some cases also as legislator
- national level is especially relevant for legislation
- transnational private social investor complements the ASP partnership



# Programme Budget

- EUR 213,105,953.00
- „INTERREG funds” – bringing together ERDF, IPA and NDICI funds
- maximum EU contribution is 80% in 2021-2027 programming period
- 50% of the budget will be available in the 1st Call for Proposals



# Follow developments

- DRP website:
  - general information,
  - Danube Programme document
  - Call for Proposals announcement,
- DRP events (e.g thematic webinars, kick-off event, Lead Applicants' Seminar)
- DRP National Contact Points
- National events (e.g. national info days)
- DRP Project Officer (e.g. bilateral consultations)
- EUSDR PACs



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