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# Working Group “Participation Partnership: Empowering Roma”

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# EU Strategy for the Danube Region



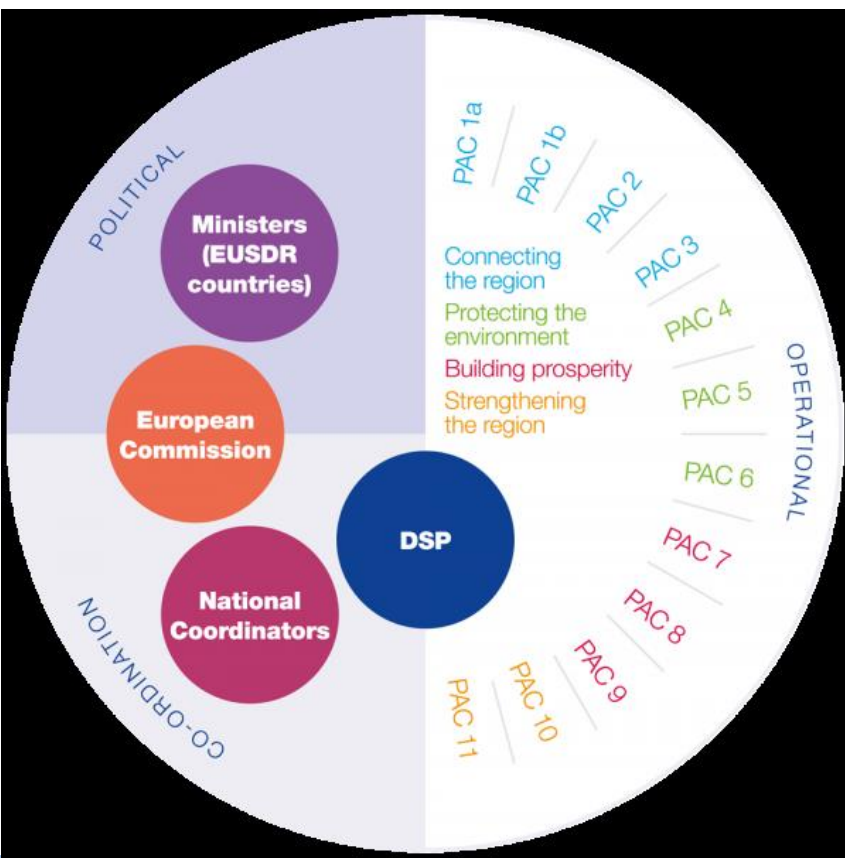
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# EUSDR Governance Structure



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"

## How it works ...



- Priority Area 9 (PA9) is coordinated by **Austria and the Republic of Moldova** 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.
- **Eight Work Areas** (four related to the area of education and training, four related to the area of labour market):
  - **Work Area 7: To fight poverty and social exclusion of marginalized communities in the Danube Region, especially the Roma communities**
- **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 ...)



- **Participation Partnerships are open platforms, working on goals, challenges and solutions**
- **The members should represent local actors, civil society, the administrative and political level from all EUSDR member states**
- **What is the aim?**
  - **To mobilize by activating a broader range of local actors and NGOs**
  - **To involve dedicated and knowledgeable partners at political and administrative level of EUSDR member states to enable the implementation of proposals, projects and initiatives, furthering a change of cultures through dialogue**
  - **To empower by creating a setting that facilitates transnational interaction of relevant actors for know-how exchange and enhancing the capitalisation of ideas, knowledge and projects**



- The **Participation Partnerships “Empowering Roma”** is designed as standing working groups or platforms of different stakeholders (experts, project promoters, policy-makers) that facilitate exchange of information, activities and good practice examples as well as coordination and a possibility to develop initiatives and/or projects in the field of Roma empowerment.





## Discussion

- **Part I: Exchanging on the state-of-play**
  - Which further examples of good practice in regards to Roma empowerment do you know?
  - What challenges do you face in your country/region?
- **Part II: Proposals for joint actions in the Participation Partnership**
  - What activities are you currently planning that you would like to share with the Participation Partnership? Do you have a project idea you would like to further explore within the Participation Partnership?
  - What kind of know-how would you like to exchange/receive within the Participation Partnership?
  - Who/which stakeholder groups should be further involved in the Participation Partnership?
  - What should be the next steps of the Participation Partnership?
- **Joint reflection of the discussion**



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