

How to write a successful Interreg project?

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SCOPE

WITHIN PRIORITY 2.

A greener,
low-carbon
Danube Region



- Promoting renewable energy
- Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster management
- Improving water and sediment quality
- Protecting and preserving the biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions

Source: <https://www.interreg-danube.eu>

Programme

PSO: Improving water and sediment quality

AQUATIC PLASTIC Project

To reduce plastic waste in the Danube Basin

SO1: Quantification of MIP contamination and MAP accumulations at HPPs

SO2: Targeting and managing temporarily halted riverine litter accumulations

SO3: Empowering human resources to fight against water pollution in the DRB



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PARTNERSHIP

- Challenges
 - High level authorities
 - Decision procedures
 - Non-EU countries
 - Ukraine
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Test the candidates



Source: <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/about-dtp/programme-area>



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BALANCE!

- Check programme for allocated amounts
- Division between partners and countries
- Ratio of PM/Thematic costs
- National co-financing rates
- Be aware of payment procedures - liquidity

DETAILS

VAT...means a lot!

Staff costs

Fixed rates or 100% (no timesheets!)

Flat rate

The promise of easier administration but!!

uncertain national financial control procedures and „threat“ of low percentage of professional involvement

Procurement

Time!!

Procedures...

NATIONAL CO-FINANCING

- Hungary
 - National co-financing (15-20%) and
 - National pre-financing now accessible (with conditions!)
- Other countries who have national co-financing
 - Bulgaria
 - Czech Republic
 - Montenegro
 - Romania
 - Slovakia
- Special national financial aid systems
 - Austria
 - Serbia

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

- Activities are divided to Specific Objectives
- AI!-AI?
- Quantifiable descriptions (when, where, how many...)
- Will be the basis of implementation





PM STRUCTURE

- Appoint responsables before submission
 - SO leaders
 - AT leaders
 - Quality manager(s)
 - Communication manager(s)

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TASK

Coordination

- Channel all info in the right direction;
- Communication with JS

AT writers – know your team!

- Clear thinking
- Having project scope in mind
- Harmonisation of wording

Budget – financial responsables

- Reasonable
- After all activities are clear
- Management costs implied in professional tasks

Assistantcy - documents and JEMS

- Signature procedures can take long time
- Upload in JEMS
- Co-financing rate- JEMS round-up



QUALITY

- Consult JS
 - Project officers indicated for each priority
 - Internal quality check (wording, references, limits)
- Assessment grid (in the Applicants manual)
 - In line with the call (30%)
 - Intervention logic coherent and in line with the call (20%)
 - Transnational dimension and impact (15%)
 - Coherent budget (5%)
 - Partnership (30%)
 - Balanced
 - Inclusion of non-EU countries

Thank you for your attention

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