

# Cooperation and synergies for the Danuberegion



## **Danube Financing and Capacity Building Dialog**

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# Austria's foreign and development policy focus in MD

Supporting MD's **EU pre-accession process**.

Supporting **regional cooperation** within the EUSR, the Black Sea Region and the Eastern Partnership.

Supporting the **reform process** in MD by institutional and human capacity development and promotion of sustainable development and social inclusion.

Supporting **good governance** and strengthening reform as well as capacities of planning and implementation in public administration.

Supporting **MD's territorial integrity** through confidence-building measures in Transnistria and Gagauzia.

# Austria's foreign policy

**ODA contributions 1997 – 2014 totaling**

**EUR 37.61 million**

## **Priorities:**

- 1. Equal opportunity in education, focusing on labour market oriented socially inclusive vocational education and training (VET)*
- 2. Water, environment and climate change*
- 3. Governance, rule of law and peace building*

# Challenges & Solutions

- **NO EUSDR structures** that would work on the implementation of the Strategy at the national level
- **NO funds** for EUSDR implementation and promotion in RM
- **NO legal and institutional framework**
- **NO capacities**
- **NO synergy** between the national strategies/programmes and cross-border, transnational programmes and the EUSDR

## For the reason that :

- Consistency with the objectives of the Austrian Development Cooperation
- Priority Area 09 `Investing in People and Skills` of the EUSDR is coordinated by Austria and the Republic of Moldova

**Project  
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connects”**

# Project “Danube connects”



<b><u>Overall objective :</u></b>	<b>to improve and strengthen the capacities of Moldovan institutions at central, regional and local levels to participate in regional development projects and strategies by creating an efficient coordination system at national level.</b>
<b><u>Project purpose:</u></b>	<b>To create the institutional and legal framework for coordination and implementation of the EUSDR, Cross Border and Transnational Cooperation Programmes in the Republic of Moldova.</b>

# Project “Danube connects”

## 2 components

**EUSDR**

**Transnational  
and Cross  
Border  
Cooperation  
Programmes**

## Beneficiary/ Partner

**Ministry of  
Agriculture,  
Regional  
Development  
and  
Environment**

**State  
Chancellery**

## Project budget

**479 930 EURO**

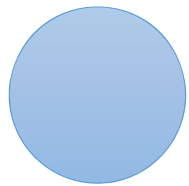
## Implementation period :

**1 February  
2015 –  
31 October  
2018**

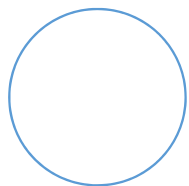
## Target group, beneficiaries and local project partners



Central public authorities coordinating the EUSDR and the CBC & TNC Programmes



CBC & TNC Programmes coordination structures



CBC & TNC Programmes 2007-2013 grant beneficiaries and partners  
Potential applicants for CBC & TNC Programmes 2014-2020

## Expected Results:

National structures for coordination and implementation of the EUSDR created and strengthened.

EUSDR promoted on international, national, regional and local level.

National system for management and control of regional and cross border cooperation programs for the period 2014-2020 created and enhanced.

Programming process for the CBC & TNC programs 2014-2020 successfully accomplished in the Republic of Moldova.

The capacities of the potential applicants for the future ENI CBC and TCP Programs for 2014-2020 and public awareness of the regional and CBC cooperation are enhanced.



## Main challenges during project implementation

- The central public administration reform implied merge of several ministries: composition of the steering group, inter-ministerial working group changed;
- Some activities are linked to the Strategy or/and Cross Border and Transnational Structures' activities.

## Main achievements

**Higher rate of participation of Moldovan institutions within the EU-financed programmes**

**Higher visibility and level of participation of Moldova in the framework of national and international EUSDR related events**

**Higher quality of projects submitted under EU-financed programmes, as well as increased capacities of potential programme beneficiaries/partners**

**Elaboration and implementation of the National Management and Control System (Government Decision no. 576 from 19 the July 2017)**

# Outlook

- Strengthening the capacities of all the institutions involved in Management and Control System
- Preparing Moldovan participants for future calls of projects under EU-financed programmes
- Organization of the National Conference on Cross-border and Transnational Cooperation programmes
- Carrying out an unique impact evaluation study on projects implemented under 2007-2013 programmes

**Thank you for attention !**