

South East Europe Transnational Programme

Project Idea Form

Project idea's title

TICAD – Tisza Catchment Area Development

Priority

(choose priority and indicate the relative area of intervention)

☐ Priority Axis 1

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☐ Priority Axis 2

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☐ Priority Axis 3

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☒ Priority Axis 4

AoI **Promote a balanced pattern of attractive and accessible growth areas**

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Is the applicant the project's potential Lead Partner?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If not, is the potential Lead Partner already being chosen?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Background (main problems or challenges to be addressed)

Following two waves of pollution arriving from Romania causing major ecological disaster on the Tisa/Tisza and on certain water courses of its water system, in March 2001, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe invited the affected states (Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Ukraine) in a resolution to co-operate in the interest of preventing disasters similar to those hitting the Tisa/Tisza and Somos/Szamos rivers, including the possible drafting of a treaty under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The „Group of Experts” consisting of experts delegated by the above countries and other concerned international organisations prepared the basic document of co-operation titled “Initiative on the Sustainable Spatial Development of the Tisa/Tisza River Basin” by mutual agreement of the five countries affected.

The common spatial development and planning started within the above initiative, but failed to be succeeded because of financial problems. The need for such common strategy is still alive.

The aim of the joint planning project is to develop a plan which will provide a context for the sustainable development of the area and reflect common strategic interest by setting future development directions, strategic objectives and a set of goals and guidelines for:

- suggested spatial structure and land use system,
- nature protection and management,
- flood protection and water management,
- improvement of underdeveloped areas,

- development of tourism in concert with river basin management.

Objectives (main and specific objectives to be achieved)

The objective of the project:

The development of transnational co-operation in the field of territorial development:

- Improvement of international, national and regional strategies and policies
- Establishment of an effective network for spatial planning authorities
- Link to the European agreements (Water Frame Directive, European Landscape Convention, Flood Management Agreement)
- Improving partner's benefits by mutual learning through joint working process of complex strategy development for river basins.

Main foreseen activities

The activities in the project will include different actions like

- Setting up thematic working group activity-plan and implementation
- Data and information gathering, processing and analysis of the data
- Complex strategy development
- Implementation of pilot projects and their results
- Dissemination of results by the media, web-site
- Summary and dissemination of results – closing conference, recommendations for the Tisza-region countries and their governments

Expected outputs and results

The concrete results will be

- the acceptance of an integrated, transnational territorial development strategy for the whole Tisa basin, which can support overcoming of territorial disparities between different areas along the catchment area;
- the establishment of a transnational spatial planning network: co-operation between planning agencies and authorities;
- common database, containing the necessary information for regional development planning, and existing plans;
- improved baseline scenarios and spatial plans for certain pilot areas

Innovative character of the project idea

The project will

- formulate new and transferable approaches for a transdisciplinary and integrated development of river basins;
- implement a common database concerning territorial development and a platform containing the detailed territorial strategy and certain pilot spatial plans to support the public authorities to rely on in their strategy making actions.

Partnership

Partners involved at this stage

ERDF
Partners

- Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of Slovakia;
- Ministry of Transports Constructions and Tourism of Romania;
- Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development of Hungary;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Institute for Research and Development URBANPROIECT (RO); - Babes Bolyai University Cluj Napoca - Faculty of Geography (RO); - Slovak Environmental Agency – Kosice (SK); - VATI Hungarian Public Non-profit Company for Regional Development and Town Planning (H)
	IPA Partners	
	ENPI Partners*	
Partners requested	ERDF Partners	Hungarian, Romanian, Slovakian regional authorities and agencies, ministries responsible for water management and environmental protection, national park authorities, planning institutes
	IPA Partners	Serbian regional authorities and agencies, ministries responsible for water management and environmental protection, national park authorities, planning institutes
	ENPI Partners	Ukrainian regional authorities and agencies, ministries responsible for water management and environmental protection, national park authorities, planning institutes

Estimated Total Budget

2 000 000 Euro

Does your project idea foresee the application for the 10% rule*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please, explain in detail what will it be used for and the relevance for the project - Ukraine is involved in the Tisza river basin area and some Ukrainen Institutes are willing to participate which could be very useful concerning the outcome of the project (Academy of Sciences (UA); Ukrainian Institute of Urban Design-Kiev (UA))	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Estimated duration

(in months)

36 month

☒ I would like my project's idea to be published on the Southeast Europe Transnational Programme's website and presented during the SEE kick off event.

* ENPI Funds won't be available for the 1st Call. Partners from Ukraine and Republic of Moldova can be involved by applying for the 10% rule.

* The 20% rule is not applicable for the 1st Call.