

Introducing the Budapest Danube Contact Point

The Budapest Danube Contact Point (**BDCP**) was launched by the **European Investment Bank and the Government of Hungary** on the 15th June 2012¹ to **support feasible and financeable projects** in the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The BDCP functions as a **smart tool providing strategic advisory services, relationship management support and financial expertise** for the stakeholders of the Strategy.

HOW TO STRUCTURE?

Supporting selected Danube Region projects in the field of transport, energy, water management and environment

- ✓ BDCP facilitates the successful implementation of transnational projects with high macro-regional added value, via:
 - **Strategic advisory** services
 - **Project management** support
 - **Involving and coordinating** stakeholders
 - **Inviting seconded experts** from EU member and non-member states to work jointly on selected projects
 - Capitalizing on **technical and project financing expertise** of EIB / JASPERS

HOW TO FUND?

Financial engineering and alignment of funding

- ✓ Helping to assign optimal financing structures to projects via (i) **in-depth knowledge of available grant / financing instruments** and (ii) **EIB liaison**

HOW TO CREATE MACRO-REGIONAL ADDED-VALUE?

Promoting and supporting the transnational and macro-regional concept

- ✓ BDCP promotes and supports the development of **transnational and integrated concepts** (e.g. integrated feasibility studies for transnational functional regions)
- ✓ Develops **universal and replicable sectorial cooperation models** (e.g. transport, flood management, waste management) for the benefit of similar initiatives in other parts of the Danube region
- ✓ Benefits from and promotes the **macro-regional approach** by capitalizing on the EUSDR governance structure and stakeholders, including National Contact Points, Priority Area Coordinators, European Commission, EIB, JASPERS, project promoters

¹ Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Philip Maystadt, President of EIB and Mr György Matolcsy, Ministry for National Economy on 24 June 2011, deciding on the establishment of BDCP.

RESULTS, PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- ✓ Initiating **Integrated Transport Concept for cross-border area**
 - Developing a Strategic Feasibility Study, recommending optimized transport measures for the Region, serving as a basis for sustainable and financeable transport measures for 2014 - 2020
 - Coordinating project proponents; involving JASPERS and EIB
- ✓ Supporting **energy projects and initiatives** identified within the framework of the Energy Priority Area of the Strategy
 - Developing innovative solutions for financing energy efficiency measures for public buildings
 - Invited national expert from Baden-Württemberg to support the development of the concept into a transnational project
- ✓ Supporting joint **cross-border Flood Management Programme**
 - Development and implementation of joint flood management investment programme for the Upper-Tisza region
 - BDCP facilitates common financing plan in the framework of EUSDR
 - Invited national Expert from Ukrainian water directorate, as of 21 January, 2013, to support partner coordination
 - Supported Ukrainian project partner to receive small grant for project preparation from Hungarian Official Development Assistance budget
- ✓ **Regional Waste Management concept** in South-Western Hungary – Croatia – Slovenia border region
 - Coordinating stakeholders to establish cooperation for optimizing waste management measures in the identified transnational functional region
 - Creating a universal and replicable sectorial cooperation model
- ✓ Initiating a **Regional Cooperation Model**
 - Helping to identify and create joint development measures and project for the socio-economic improvement of a functional region with participation of several municipalities.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

