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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

*from the EU Strategy for
the Danube Region*

GOOD

Examples of PA5

LoR makes obvious that the project idea is highly accepted by the relevant sectoral organizations of the Danube region therefore it effectively helps assessors to come to a positive decision. Several projects labelled with LoR had been received a financial support from different programmes. LoR does not automatically imply that financing is granted to the project. In order to get financing projects must comply with the governing rules of the financing source and must successfully pass the specific evaluation phases. Nevertheless a LoR makes obvious that the project idea is highly accepted by the relevant sectoral organizations of the Danube region therefore it effectively helps assessors to come to a positive decision.



Flood forecasting and flood risk management: EastAvert, PLATFORM and RaabFlood4cast, DAREFFORT, InterfloodCourse, Lower Morava Floodplains, Danube Floodplain, Danube Sediment, SEDDON-II, Morchflood, CAMARO-D, InterFloodCourse, FloodUZH, SAFETISZA, Life SandBoil, DELOGFLOOD



Disaster management: DAREnet, PREP-R, WILDFIREX, RISKHUB, DiMaND, PROFOUND, WACOM, HTU, SEERISK



Drought issues: DriDanube and WateratRisk



Sediment management: DanubeFloodplain Danube Sediment and SEDDON-II,



Integrated river basin management: JOINTISZA



Sustainable drinking water supply: CC-WARE

Benefit from the UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!

The project labelling procedure in the framework of PILLAR-B (Environment) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is a permanent task. The method applies for the labelling process under Water Quality (PA4), Environmental Risks (PA5) and Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air & Soil Quality (PA6) will be described in the followings for the mutual understanding and common advantages.



Highlight YOUR PROJECT!

Several regional and EU-wide funding programmes recognized the benefit of the strengthened **cooperation** with EUSDR, such as the long-term **sustainability** of project results provided by the EUSDR.

In some cases, they consider the macro-regional approach in their **project selection process** and projects could receive **valuable points** during the evaluation process.

The project's connection to EUSDR is clearly stated by the Letter of Recommendation (LoR) or Letter of Merit (LoM) received from the Strategy itself. The positive declaration of the decision-making bodies, the Steering Group of the priority areas, can be concerned as the will of the whole Danube Basin to support the initiative.

SUBMIT

The project data sheet



EVALUATION



Project LABELLING PROCESS



LOR/LOM RECEIVED!



Who? Project leaders based on the agreement of Project Partners
What? Description of the project by filling the Project Data Sheet in English
How? Send it via email to one of the two co-ordination of the priority areas
When? It can be submitted continuously



What if:

Use the Project Data Sheet and indicate you are submitting a project idea

Project idea is under development

- The Steering Group can support:
- Discussion and further development of the idea,
- Partner search,
- Provide early stage involvement of sectoral decision making bodies at this stage it will not receive LoR, only at a later stage

Project is already selected for funding

- use the Project Data Sheet and indicate you are submitting a funded project
- LoM can be issued

Please check the relevant Priority Area website and the Action Plan of EUSDR for more information, before requesting!

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The project makes a clear contribution to one or more Actions of the Priority Areas 4, 5 & 6 as outlined in the Action Plan of the EUSDR (and/or contributes to the achievement of its targets)

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The project has a transnational impact on the macro-region or a significant part of it, which can derive from national, regional and local activities as well

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The project is realistic, technically feasible and equipped with credible funding

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The project demonstrates visible benefits and added value for implementation of the EUSDR

PA5

The project provides concrete sustainable results for the Priority Area objectives

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The project is not in contradiction with other policy objectives

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The project and its activities are located within the geographical area of the Danube Region

Steering Group meetings

Steering Group meetings, held two times per year, are the occasions for regular decision-taking on projects.

Project leaders are invited to present the details of their initiation.

In case the decision is taken, Project Leader will be notified within **one month after** the day of the meeting, when the decisions have taken effect.

Written procedure

Written procedures shall be started if a request is submitted.

Regularly such procedures last 15 working days via email between SG members.

If consensus cannot be reached, it can be continued for another 15 working days.

Project Leader shall be notified after the end of the written procedure about its outcome.

In urgent and well-founded cases (i.e. when the submission deadline of a call for proposals makes it necessary) exceptional written procedures may be started with a shorter consultation period.



1 month



15 working day



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Benefits:
Projects with LoR / LoM have the support of the priority areas in the following areas:



capitalization (workshops, conferences),



communication (brochures, leaflets, online news),



sharing of results (website, EUSDR facebook, twitter, instagram),



professional support from EUSDR PACs and experts,



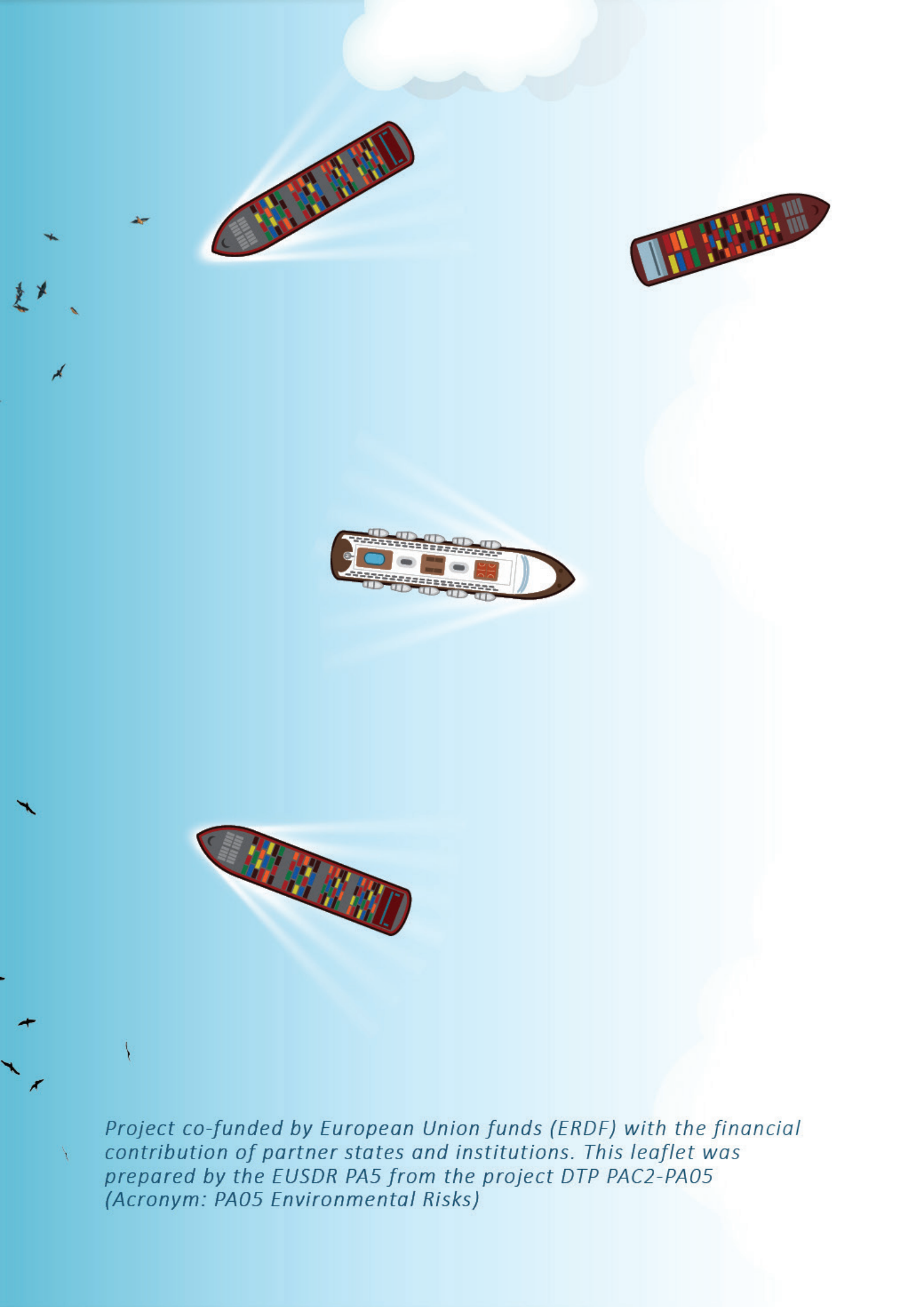
networking opportunities,



project continuation,



sustainability.



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