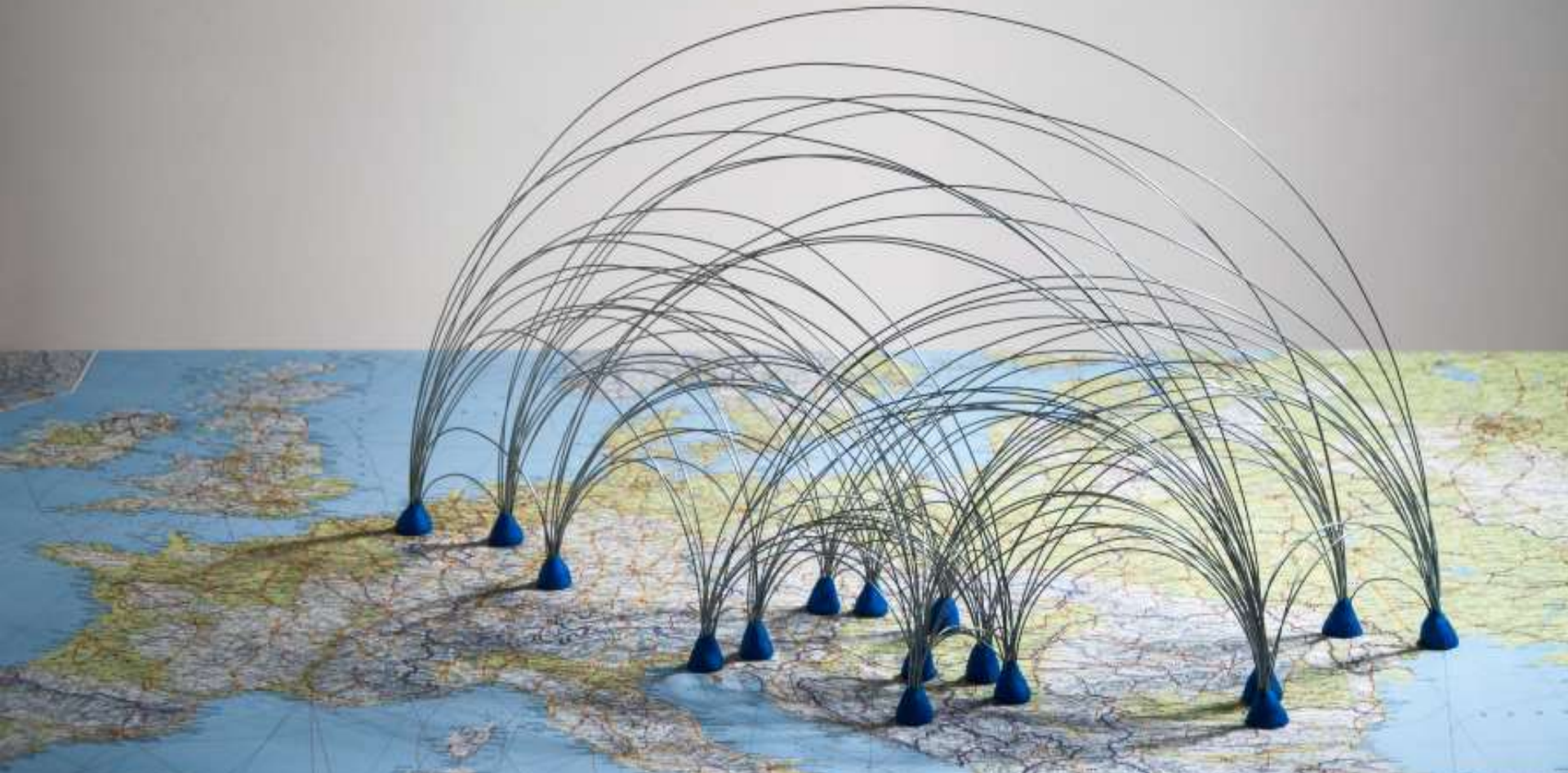




# The ways forward to support the Danube wide innovation activities



# Danube Region is worth getting attention...

- **Area covering 1/5 of EU territory** - 9 Member states, 5 Non EU-MS (Accession and Neighborhood countries) – 69 NUTS 2 regions - 114 million inhabitants
- **A region of contradictions with disproportionate level of economic development** with two German Länder representing half of the entire DR GDP and EU members shares in the DR GDP representing almost 90%
- **Existent economic and innovation potential** but some pitfalls to overcome:
  - countries not reaching adequate levels in R&D spending (average 1,4% GDP – EU 27 is 2,7% GDP)
  - Underdeveloped entrepreneurial culture, brain drain, low salaries, inadequate infrastructures, etc.



# What is going on in policy?

- **European Research Area** – status of “association” to **Horizon 2020**, involvement in ERA advisory bodies, programme committees, etc., available Policy Support Facility, specific “widening” activities
- **Enlargement** process – negotiating *EU acquis* ‘chapter 25’, using IPA II funds, regional cooperation among “Western Balkan countries”, e.g. development of “South East Europe 2020” strategy under coordination of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) (which includes focus on R&I) and **European Neighbourhood Policy**
- **Macro-regional strategies**, e.g. EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Adriatic-Ionian, etc. including both MS and non-MS; transnational cooperation (Interreg), Policy Learning Platforms etc.

# Advancing International Cooperation in Research and Innovation

## Support POLICY Dialogue and coordinate FUNDING

EUSDR PAs, bilateral agreements, Funding  
Coordination Network, addressing H2020,  
EUREKA and COST

## Strengthen specific PRIORITIES

Energy / bioeconomy  
Networking, Pilot actions

Activities and Deliverables  
Dissemination, Dialogue,  
Networking  
Sustainability

## Support INNOVATIVE KEY EUSDR ACTIVITIES

Smart Specialisation, Danube Transfer  
Centers, Danube-INCO.NET platform with  
newsletter, social media and dialogue  
events

## ANALYSE R&I in the Danube Region

Bottlenecks, existing activities,  
cooperation patterns,  
peer reviews

- **Strategic high level FP7 Coordination and Support** action covering the whole DR through 19 partners
- **Support the EUSDR** and its priority areas PA7 Knowledge Society and Pa8 Competitiveness
- Project duration: January 2014 – June 2017 (2 mio €)

# Main results contributing to R&I support in the Danube Region

## Better analytical evidence about the R&I sector

- [Co-publication and co-patenting analysis among countries in the Danube Region](#)
- [Study on cooperation barriers in the Danube Region](#)
- [Mapping of relevant stakeholders describing activities, positions and good practices including recommendations for synergies](#)
- [Analysis of research and innovation projects in the region and transferability of results](#)
- [Baseline study and concept for policy mix peer review and Policy Mix Peer Review Reports](#)

## Better cooperation as to the societal challenges of Energy and Bioeconomy

- [Report on available funds for promoting energy efficiency in the Danube Region](#)
- [Improve networking and coordination of stakeholders](#)
- [Two pilot actions funded](#) as capable to generate tangible results in support to the implementation of the EUSDR
  - [Towards a Danube bioeconomy RTI strategy for appropriate regional added value chains \(PA-bioeconomy RTI strategy\)](#)
  - [Building a Bioeconomy Research and Advocacy Network in the DR \(DANUBIONET\)](#)
  - Networking4Innovation: “Energy efficiency and renewable energy in a bio-based economy” and Danube-INCO.NET Clustering Workshop: 30 November 2016

# Main results contributing to R&I support

## Improved innovation potential of Danube Societies and stakeholders

- Innovation policy targeted through **support of smart specialisation strategies and peer review**. The [Matchmaking and Information Exchange Report](#) (IPTS/JRC) informs on tools advancing collaboration in RIS3 process and to explore possible R&I cooperation and matchmaking opportunities in DR. Based on data for 13 countries /4 regions the analysis reveals 4 fields of cooperation (KETs, ICT, sustainable innovation and health). Upcoming: **Report "The S3 role in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies;** workshop **"Science for S3: Combining old and new approaches for monitoring and evaluating innovation policies"** (Vienna, 24-25 November)
- **Danube-INCO.NET addresses innovation & technology transfer (I&TT)** and outlined a scheme for [creating and implementing technology transfer centres in the Danube region](#) - the so-called Danube Transfer Centres (DTCs). A methodology of how to [develop a DTC network in the entire area of the EUSDR](#) were delivered

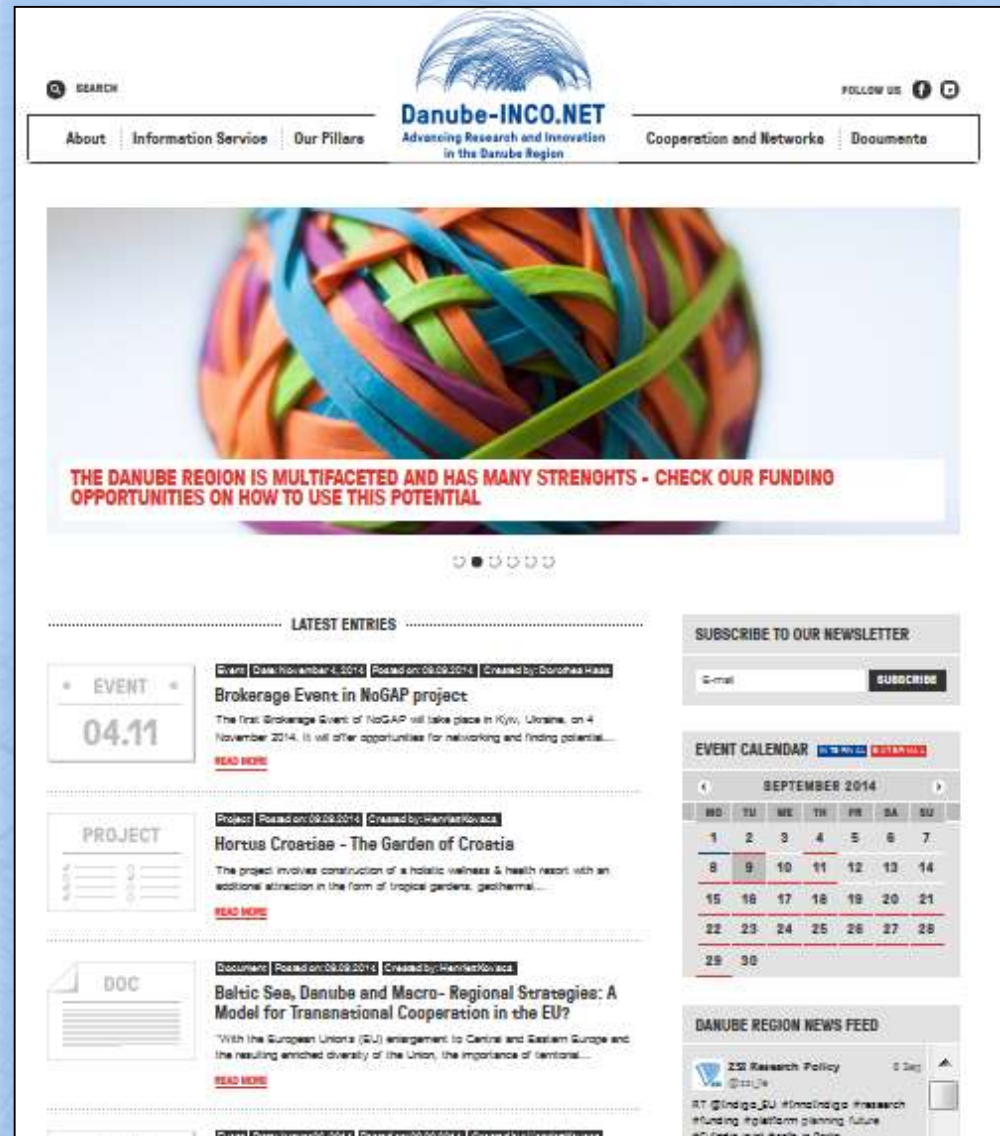
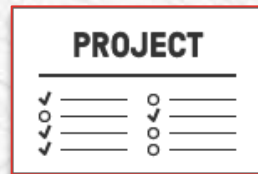
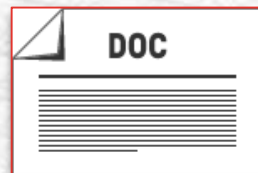
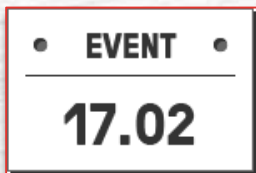
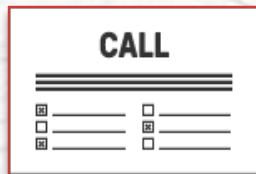
## Better coordinated national regional and multinational funding

- Launch of a dedicated **EUREKA call for the Danube Region in 2015**. Call in 2 stages. participating countries : AT, BiH, BG, HR, CZ, DE, HU, ME, RO, RS, SK. Discussions about 2017 Call
- Danube-INCO.NET contributed to the discussions on the DR Research and Innovation Fund Creation and based on Feasibility Study a **Danube Funding Coordination Network** was launched with PA7 end of May 2016 to be a sustainable structure for joint funding actions based on existing programmes and instruments
- WTZ Danube Region Call launched (open to Austria, Czech R., Serbia and Slovakia) till 30/09
- Upcoming Joint Workshop with [Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe](#) "Enhancing co-creation in JPI Urban Europe through widening Member

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## Informing – Networking - Supporting

- A recognized knowledge exchange hub on R&I in the Danube Region
- Bi-weekly Newsletter with 13.500 subscribers, social media accounts, News Alerts on Energy and Bioeconomy



The screenshot shows the website interface for Danube-INCO.NET. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links: About, Information Service, Our Pillars, Cooperation and Networks, and Documents. The main header features the logo and tagline: "Danube-INCO.NET Advancing Research and Innovation in the Danube Region". A large banner image of a colorful ball of yarn is displayed with the text: "THE DANUBE REGION IS MULTIFACETED AND HAS MANY STRENGTHS - CHECK OUR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ON HOW TO USE THIS POTENTIAL". Below the banner, there is a "LATEST ENTRIES" section with three items:

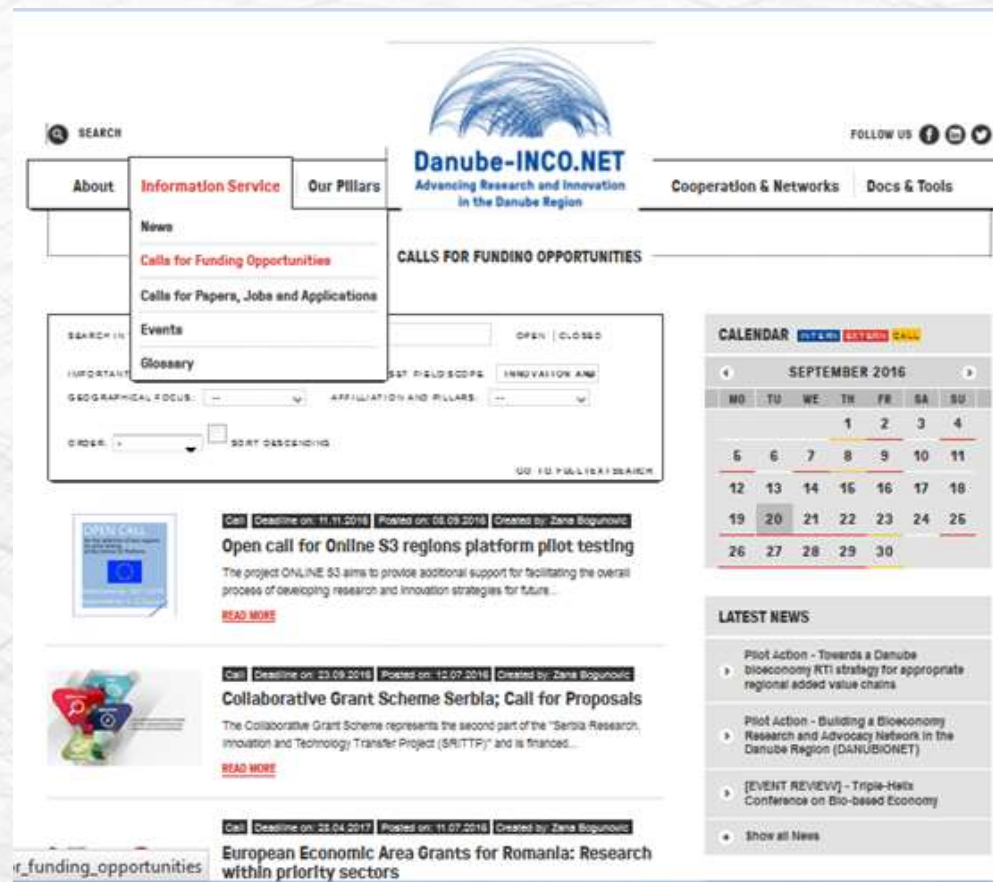
- EVENT**: 04.11 Brokerage Event in NoGAP project. The first Brokerage Event of NoGAP will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 4 November 2014. It will offer opportunities for networking and finding potential... [READ MORE](#)
- PROJECT**: Hortus Croatiae - The Garden of Croatia. The project involves construction of a holistic wellness & health resort with an additional attraction in the form of tropical gardens, geothermal... [READ MORE](#)
- DOC**: Baltic Sea, Danube and Macro- Regional Strategies: A Model for Transnational Cooperation in the EU? With the European Union (EU) enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe and the resulting enriched diversity of the Union, the importance of territorial... [READ MORE](#)

On the right side, there is a "SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER" form with an email input field and a "SUBSCRIBE" button. Below that is an "EVENT CALENDAR" for September 2014, showing dates from 1 to 30. At the bottom right, there is a "DANUBE REGION NEWS FEED" section with social media icons and a tweet from RT @Indigo\_EU.

# Danube-INCO.NET Calls Database

## *What programmes are available?*

- National and bilateral programmes
- Horizon 2020
- COST
- EUREKA
- EU structural funds (primarily ERDF followed by ESF)
- Interreg (transnational and cross-border)
- Instrument for Pre-accession II
- European Neighbourhood Instrument
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation schemes
- Grants through Central European Initiative and other multinational cooperation fora (Visegrad 4, etc.)
- Erasmus+, CEEPUS, etc.
- Etc.



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- Open call for Online S3 regions platform pilot testing** (Deadline: 11.11.2016, Posted: 08.08.2016)
- Collaborative Grant Scheme Serbia; Call for Proposals** (Deadline: 23.09.2016, Posted: 12.07.2016)
- European Economic Area Grants for Romania: Research within priority sectors** (Deadline: 25.04.2017, Posted: 11.07.2016)

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# Thank you for your attention!