



Priority Axis 2 – Environment and culture responsible Danube region

Specific Objective 2.4 – Improve preparedness for environmental risk management



The specific objective intends to establish and develop a **more effective governance system for environmental protection addressing emergency situations** and **improve the preparedness** of public authorities and civil protection organisation contributing to the reduction of risks and impact on ecosystem services, biodiversity and human health.

The main envisaged result is **improved strategic and operational cooperation and interoperability among the emergency response authorities and stakeholders** at all levels in the Danube countries. This includes the development of joint strategies and action plans for more effective management of natural and manmade disasters; building up a common knowledge base and data observation capacities, and mechanisms for the exchange of information; joint development of tools, development and practical implementation of education, training and capacity building.

FURTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- SO 2.4 is focusing on cooperation responding to major transnational, or national emergency situations in connection to environmental risks like floods, droughts and water scarcity, accidental pollutions, safety of critical water infrastructures, forest fires having potential transboundary transnational effects. Accordingly projects are expected to have such a geographic scope (e.g. a transnationally relevant river) in which transnational spill over effects can pose relevant risks, and / or where harmonised, joint, transnational solutions in monitoring, alert, operational cooperation, sharing capacities, or deploying forces are needed to tackle risk.

Note: under SO 2.4, DTP is NOT financing projects focusing on flood prevention (which is addressed by SO2.1), climate change adaptation (although impacts of climate change can be considered in the project context), addressing air pollution, disasters like earthquakes, human health related interventions (e.g. epidemics, diseases), or missing the transnationally relevant territorial scope.

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