



THE DANUBE REGION TRANSPORT DAYS 2013

Some Perspectives on Cooperation with EU in the Transport Sector

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EU FUNDED PROJECTS -PROGRAMMING-

- IPA II (2014-2020):
- EU policies: Chapters 14 and 21, the Danube Strategy
- IPA priorities: Country Strategy Paper
- National strategic framework:
 - NAD, NPAA, NSDS
- Transport Sector referenced strategies
 - Transport Strategy (2008-2015), GMPT (2009-2027), SEETO Multiannual Plan (2012-2016)

 ✓ New approach: Methodology for selection and prioritization of infrastructure projects (EU support)

EU FUNDED PROJECTS -PROGRAMMING-

• Priority areas for IPA II:

- Corridor X: rehabilitation and modernisation of railway and road infrastructure
- Corridor VII remaining critical sections of the Danube River
- Soft projects: law implementation, institutional reforms...
- ✓ Sector approach



EU FUNDED PROJECTS -IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING-

- Total amount of contracted IPA projects is around 100 mil. EUR
- Eight contracts are completed 22.95 mil. EUR
- Ongoing IPA project implementation refers to:
 - railway soft projects (track condition analysis, preparation of project documentation, railway Master Plan drafting);
 - road projects (supervision of road construction);
 - inland waterways (preparation of project documentation);
 - investment project construction of Zezelj bridge in Novi Sad.

EU FUNDED PROJECTS -IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING-

• IPA 2013:

- River training works and dredging of the riverbed on six selected critical sections on the Danube River
- Twinning project (*incl.* present Transport Strategy revision for period 2015 up to 2025; legal approximation continued; support to transport institutions...)
- ✓ Decentralized management

HARMONIZATION WITH EU ACQUIS

- NPAA- National Plan for the Adoption of the Acquis (2013-2016)
 - Chapter 14 Transport Policy, and
 - Chapter 21 Trans European Networks

• Screening:

- Explanatory Screening December 2014
- Bilateral Screening February 2015

Challenges

• Project documentation maturity (and financing)

- Know how in project documentation preparation
- Funding available for investment
- Practical knowledge of IPA procedures for infrastructure projects
- Land expropriation
- Sustainable projects with impact

Solutions

- Strong political support to transport infrastructure development
- $\,\circ\,$ EU support for transport network completeness
- Sustainable development within local economies
- Constant preparation of project documentation
- Building up of administration capacity
- Transport strategic documents in place (national and multinational)



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Thank you!

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