

	NAME of the INITIATIVE / PROGRAMME / PROJECT / ORGANIZATION	Association of Regional Development Agencies (EURADA)	Black Sea - Danube Regional Network for Social & Economic Innovation	Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)	CASEE The Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe of ICA	Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies (CEEPUS)	Central European Initiative (CEI)	CEI Network of Focal Points on Science and Technology	Central European Initiative University Network (CEI UniNet)	CLDR Romania - Platform of Local Communities along the Danube River in Romania, coordinated by EUROLINK - House of Europe	Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR)	Danube Alliance
1	Which category does your initiative belong to? Choose from the following categories:	Association/NGO	Network	International Organisation	Network	International Organisation	regional intergovernmental organization	Network	Network/ agency or fund	Network	Network	Network
2	Main goal, objective of the initiative	EURADA runs conferences and seminars and has an extensive publications programme. It keeps its members up to date with EU policy developments and provides briefing on critical issues. It alerts members to funding and contract opportunities and helps with forming and running partnerships. EURADA lobbies and briefs the European Commission and maintains a highly effective communications network there. Through round tables and reflection groups individual EURADA members can play a direct role in the development of policy at the Commission, and form their own links with officials.	"Black Sea - Danube Regional Network for Social & Economic Sustainable Change" - the first multi-national network entirely devoted to promote social and economic innovation at the crossroad between Black Sea Basin and the Danube Region. Annual innovation forum linked to the European Maritime Days.	Multilateral political and economic initiative aimed at fostering interaction and harmony among the Member States, as well as to ensure peace, stability and prosperity encouraging friendly and good-neighbourly relations in the Black Sea region.	The organisation aims to stimulate and support its member institutions in the development of a European dimension in education and research through the development of concerted actions and in engaging globally. The objectives of network are: to support the development (and later implementation) of the EU Strategy for the Danube region; to strengthen research, education and University Development in this region; to develop joint research, educational and other projects (e.g. joint curricula, joint continuous educational offers, structural development, human resource development, QA, know-how-transfer, e.g. via an e-platform)	The main activity of CEEPUS are university networks operating joint programs ideally leading to Joint Degrees, esp. Joint Doctoral Programs. CEEPUS covers mobility grants for students and teachers in this framework. CEEPUS III: The main goals are to focus on joint PhD programs, promote cooperation in the framework of the EUSDR. Main objective: operate a University network. 65 networks, more than 1000 University Departments.	Promotion of the alignment of CEI Member States to EU standards. The aim of the political cooperation is to supply the countries and their institutions with a flexible, pragmatic platform for regional cooperation, while focusing on their preparation to a future accession to the European Union.	The Network of Focal Points is composed of representatives from various ministries and other governmental institutions from all Member States, designated by the respective governmental bodies of the 18 CEI Member States through the CEI National Coordinators, in all areas of cooperation. In certain cases experts from the civil society have also been invited in order to brief the Network on specific issues. The Focal Points are regularly invited to evaluate, collect, propose and implement CEI activities as well as to assist in the definition of the strategies in the above-mentioned CEI Plan of Action.	The CEI University Network (CEI UniNet) is a contribution of the Central European Initiative (CEI) to higher education in order to enhance cooperation among universities and other institutions of higher learning in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. It is composed of a University selected in each CEI Member State and usually meets once a year, chaired by the Rector of the University of Trieste.	CLDR Romania represents the regional structure of the EUSDR Competitiveness & Training Centres for the accession and implementation of the social & economic Danubian projects.	They aim, with the creation of the "Urban Platform Danube Region", at systematically extending the cooperation between cities, city associations and regions, throughout the entire Danube Region and on all levels of governance, to further, through the exchange of information and experts and best-practice projects, through common studies, conferences and strategies the central aim of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region	Danube Alliance is an informal, demand-driven and results-oriented forum for regional cooperation in the Danube macro region. They bring together people who are active in a variety of different sectors: transport, energy, tourism and culture, environment, biodiversity, quality of waters, research, education and ICT, competitiveness, institutional capacity and cooperation, security.
3	Geographical coverage	Austria, Belgium, Bosnia And Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom	Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine	Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Ukraine	Albania, Armenia, Austria Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine	Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine
4	Targeted field - choose more if relevant											
	Research	X		X	X	X	X	X				X
	Innovation	X	x	X	X	x	X	X		X	X	X
	Education	x		X	X		X		X			X
	Other, please specify	lobbying, briefing to EC	inter-communication, advocacy and lobby				cooperation, integration				culture, tourism, economic development, civil society	
5	Does your initiative target any scientific areas?											
	If yes, please specify, choose more if relevant											
	Health			X								
	ICT			X			x	X	x	X		
	Biotechnology, food, agriculture			X	X		x	x	x	X		
	Nanotechnology, manufacturing			X	X							
	Energy			X	X		x	X			X	x
	Transport			X	X		x	X				x
	Environment, climate change		x	X	X		x	X	x	X	x	
	Social sciences and humanities		x	X	X		x	x	x	X	X	x
	Security			X							X	x
	Space				X							
	No	X										
6	What have been the five main outcomes of your initiative in the recent years?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Portal for Education in the BSEC": creation of a network, website and appointing Focal Points for the Portal, assessment of the Portal and introducing improvements, filling the Portal with relevant data, as requested. Agreement that joint programs of postgraduate studies and Universities research should be strengthened and that information on this issue should be shared. Priorities for the PDF financing in the field of education (2013): Academic mobility between the BSEC Member States. Development of joint university programs; Promoting the scientific research for sustainable development of the BSEC Region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICA-CASEE is explicitly mentioned in the EUSDR and contributes actively to PA7 Launching of the DREAM project (involving several CASEE Members) which became a PA7 flagship project International Joint Degree Master Programme "Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region" Danube AgriFood Master. This international Master programme won the Austrian "Sustainability Award" in 2014 Several summer schools are and were organized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEEPUS Agreement was signed in 2010 for the next 7 years (CEEPUS III, started in 2011) Successful exchange programmes, i.e. big medical network. Developing procedures, extending cooperation, networking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing institutional ties with Ministries for Science and Research. Developed contacts with the DG for R&I of the (EC). become an observer at the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkans and the Steering Group of PA 7 of the EUSDR Promoting academic mobility by involving all Member States in activities financed through the CEI Cooperation Fund the CEI University Network. organizing international conferences, workshops and seminars covering the field of HR development and training as well as higher education. Implementing of small and medium-sized projects Open to convert constructive ideas into innovative results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promoting various initiatives in the field of Research and Innovation, both at institutional and technical level. organizing two ministerial meetings (2011, 2012). developed contacts with the DG for Research and Innovation of the European Commission (EC). observer in the WBC SP and PA7 SG (Development of the Knowledge Society through Research, Education and Information Technologies) of EUSDR supported a number of activities through its Cooperation Fund, such as international conferences, workshops and seminars. In this regard, the CEI Science and Technology Network has proven to be a useful tool for developing joint activities. In particular, the CEI Research Fellowship Programme (CERES), co-funded by the FP7, focused on the promotion of transnational mobility of researchers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organizing mobility programmes, seminars, workshops, summer schools envisaging teaching elements. promoting academic mobility by involving all CEI Member States in activities financed both through the CEI Cooperation Fund and through the CEI University Network in 2010-2013 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> established and affiliated the Action Group "Black Sea Danube Integrated Development" within the EUSDR Consultative Council in Romania founded the EUSDR International Honorary Chair "Jean Bart" (September 2012) in partnership with the Romanian Academy and the scientific support of the Center of Biodiversity "Acad. David Davidescu" organised four edition of the Innovation Forum. continued to organise the European Competition & Competitiveness Day in Romania (nine editions), created and awarded the Trophies "Business Champions" for SMEs developing a post-graduate series of training sessions and online courses focused on Danubian studies and EUSDR implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth meetings: "Tolerance Camps" for young Europeans from the Danube countries. Inter-regional and inter-municipal cooperation: Know-how transfer and training of municipal professionals Economy and infrastructure: Supporting inter-regional transport planning and joint interest representation, exchange of experience Science and training: Setting up a joint European Danube Academy; cooperation in the area of professional training Environment: joint projects to improve water quality; know-how transfer for water/waste water and waste disposal companies, a flood early warning system Culture: network of cultural festivals along the Danube Tourism: cycle track along the Danube as a European model project for environmental and cultural tourism 	
7	Good practices to be transferred	Regional Innovation Strategy can be able to make analysis to the market to be competitive, as well as to find the link between research and innovation and to get funding for the academia-industry cooperation	organization of the annual Danube – Black Sea Innovation Forum: an important networking event for public or private organisations, institutions and companies promoting specific projects and initiatives in order to find complementary funding and international partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoUs to promote cooperation in S&T. Black Sea Sectoral Partnerships: a framework for cofinancing selected activities; use of Project Development Fund; opening bilateral cooperation to trilateral 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pilot projects, joint applications, coordination of projects, simplification of the application systems, necessity of uniformity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organizing programmes of great interest. pilot projects, participation of FP7 & INTERREG projects, etc. 	see achievements listed above	turned out to be an effective tool for promoting regional cooperation in the academic sector mainly in areas such as: advanced biotechnology, economics, environment and sustainable development, ICT, infrastructure and logistics, regional development, and public administration.		Networking and all activities listed above of CoDCR	
8	Do you fund programmes?	Yes	No	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		no
9	Type of activities to be funded - choose more if relevant											
	R&D projects			X			x	x				
	Innovation projects			X			x	x				
	Mobility, career development			X		x	x	X	X			
	Networking (workshops, conferences)	X	x	X		x	x		X			
	Joint use of R&D facilities/joint laboratories			X			x	x	X			
	Others, please specify				seed money for educational and research projects	joint academic programs	technical assistance in cooperation with EBRD, cooperation activities, prizes & awards	Cooperation activities, Know-How Exchange Programme, Post-graduate Studies - University Network, Research Fellowship Programme - CERES	summer schools			

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1	Which category does your initiative belong to? Choose from the following categories:	EU	Association	Network	Network	Network	Network	EU	Association/NGO	Network	Ministry	Network
2	Main goal, objective of the initiative	to promote a common identity for the Danube region in order to affirm the region's full potential, to work towards creating synergies and to raise the region's profile at national, regional and European levels, to set up a Danube platform to facilitate the exchange of views, ideas and practices between CoR members and representatives of European institutions as well as non-EU riparian states	DCCA aims to harmonize the activity of the chambers along the Danube region. Its mission is the enhancing of the economic - financial cooperation, strengthening the cohesion between the entrepreneurs and enterprises operating in different countries.	The Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) is a strong network of almost 70 universities in this region. Our aim is to improve higher education in teaching and research, and the advancement of our member universities by establishing sustainable contacts.	Building a network of partner universities and strengthening existing cooperations through student exchange Teacher exchange and staff exchange, building up of a competence network Using each other's know how and laboratory facilities Achieving synergy between science and industry through stronger cooperation between universities and industry.	Providing market information relevant for SMEs Supporting international market access via trade shows Organizing and promoting sector specific trade events of the Danube Region Motivating to cross-border networking and co-working Building up international cooperations, value-chains Providing entrepreneurial training Connecting the education sector with business Providing consulting and financial services to do international business	to link clusters, cluster managers, cluster experts and cluster policy-makers from the Danube Region to prepare clusters in this geographic area for the new EU funding period of 2014-2020, to collect & develop project ideas for clusters and support their implementation	Brings together close to 600 European business support organizations from 50 countries from the EU, the candidate countries and EFTA countries. Helping small companies make the most of the business opportunities in the European Union is the Enterprise Europe Network's mission.	improve the general conditions in which businesses operate, to facilitate access to markets within and beyond the EU and to ensure the availability of human, financial and natural resources. Represents European business interests to the European institutions. Manages and coordinates various projects, to the benefit of both Chambers and the wider business community. The voice of the European business community is also promoted through regular communication actions, events, trainings and networking activities.	Sharing the experience gained so far in cluster policies by public authorities at national and regional level in order to fine-tune existing, or develop new and better cluster policies in the future Going beyond the identification of good policy cluster policies and to facilitate a true policy dialogue between those who wish to jointly advance the European cluster agenda in areas of common interest Becoming the single place at EU level for elaborating and exchanging new ideas and practical tools, new funding initiatives for improving cluster policies in Europe and for fostering European cooperation at policy level Raising the level of excellence and efficiency of cluster policies in Europe	The national coordination platform whose members are steering group members, experts from ministries and Priority Area Coordinators for Priority area 2, 4, 5. This platform is coordinated by the Government Commissioner (National Contact Point)	Cooperation and Networking in Scientific Research on the Danube River and Basin. Promoting and coordinating activities in the fields of limnology, water management, water protection and sustainable development in the Danube River basin.
3	Geographical coverage	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Egypt, Iceland, India, Israel, Japan, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Norway, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA	Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belorussia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine
4	Targeted field - choose more if relevant		x									
	Research	x		x	X						x	X
	Innovation	x		X	x			X	X	x	x	
	Education	x		x	X				x		x	
	Other, please specify		finance, economy			business, consulting	training, best practice exchange	fund-raising	lobbying	exchange of experiences, policy dialogue	economy, etc.	
5	Does your initiative target any scientific areas?											
	If yes, please specify, choose more if relevant											
	Health											
	ICT				x							
	Biotechnology, food, agriculture											
	Nanotechnology, manufacturing											
	Energy								x		x	
	Transport										x	
	Environment, climate change								x		x	
	Social sciences and humanities		x						x			X
	Security											
	Space											
	No	x	x	x		x	x	x		x		
6	What have been the five main outcomes of your initiative in the recent years?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reinforcement of trade relations, regional economic competitiveness, cooperation, improving the role of the chamber in economic recovery networking: building up a strong and well-based network of chambers in trade and industry participation in Danube related proposals, H2020, Cosme, Southeast Europe, Start Danube Programme, improving VET, competitiveness, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> formulating a well-functioning, active and wide network knowledge-transfer, common support of each other this network achieved legal entity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common education projects (e.g. summer academies) Intensive cooperation in the network Development of joint research projects, submission of projects in H2020 Joint working groups guarantees the coordinated work Organizing travelling academies on a yearly basis with a participation of 4-8 Universities from 4-6 countries. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> expanded network system, their network is successively growing appointing concrete project ideas, such as: Smart Furniture Manufacturing; Innovation & Gender/Diversity; Connecting Manufacturing Industries; Biomass; Green Chemistry Belt Cluster Optimization; and Strengthening Creative Industries. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> detailed overview on clusterwide needs of CEE regions and countries CEE Cluster Agreement commitment on common strategies and objectives for the future innovation & cluster policy signed by politicians representing all CEE CN countries and regions, Brussels Nov. 2007. Intensive involvement of the administrative governmental level. Cluster Action Plan jointly identified fields of future co-operation Drafting of a trans-regional Innovation Support Programme large-scale survey on tasks, necessary skills and training needs of cluster managers. "AUTOCLUSTERS": set up a common education policy and create a common strategy for innovative parks. Central European Branch Based Innovation Support Future Clusters and Skills European Cluster Mentoring Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hungary is actively involved in most PAS, tangible results in implementing EUSDR (actions plans are formulated and consensus on the upcoming tasks in PAS lead by Hungary) the presence of EUSDR in the Hungarian public administration is not negligible, it is taken into consideration in policy-making the establishment of an intergovernmental commission is almost unique – ministries are aware of the strategy, actions are harmonized and the interests of Hungary are represented in the implementation of the strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fostering the Sturgeon Action Plan Supporting the Danube River Basin Management Plan ICPDR Participating the Joint Common Statement on Environment and Inland Navigation (ICPDR) Strengthening the IAD Network by organising regular international conferences IAD37 Chishinau 2008, IAD38 Dresden 2010, IAD39 Szentendre 2012, IAD40 Sofia 2014, 5. Connecting Students and young scientists in IAD summer camps (2013) 	
7	Good practices to be transferred		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> joint proposals with chambers from the region – well-established network of chamber of trade and industry is able to prepare joint proposals the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Budapest is deeply involved in PAS WG for cooperation of economic entities where it also represents the interests of the DCCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Conferences High quality of projects, the implementation and quality guaranteed by DRC. achieved legal entity enabling smoother participation of its members in various projects through the network; in project proposals DRC becomes the partner; whereas the relevant partner universities implement respective activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of synergies between the universities (joint use of better equipped laboratories and other types of research infrastructure link the existing synergies transfer of knowledge & know-how in different one-week field trips 		Before, people were nominated by the government to participate in the PAS Working Group meetings, but experience has shown that these persons never showed up, so they decided to invite persons to the Working Group meetings through their own network. This method works, those people take part at the event who are committed to joint work.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actions taken to increase cross-border cooperation, i.e. the intensive involvement of the administrative governmental level through "speed-dating" in a 3-step workshop managed to draft a trans-regional innovation Support Programme in addition, any of the above listed outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the functioning of the intergovernmental commission could be transferred to other countries involved in the strategy as regards science policy, policy makers aim to prepare and force the Hungarian scientific community to take part in the Scientific Support for the Danube Strategy Programme of the JRC, partly to provide support to the research community, partly to encourage researches for policies 		
8	Do you fund programmes?	no	no	yes		no	no	no	no	no	no	no
9	Type of activities to be funded - choose more if relevant											
	R&D projects				X							
	Innovation projects											
	Mobility, career development			X								
	Networking (workshops, conferences)			X	X			x				
	Joint use of R&D facilities/joint laboratories											
	Others, please specify			summer school	summer academies, lecture series			personal consultation, different trainings, organizing business and partner-search meetings				

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1	Which category does your initiative belong to? Choose from the following categories:	International Organisation	Network	International Organisation	regional cooperation	committee	Network	Danube Region local organisation	Government/ministry	Government/ministry	International Organisation	Forum
2	Main goal, objective of the initiative	The RCC functions as a focal point for regional cooperation in SEE and its key role is to generate and coordinate developmental projects of a wider, regional character, to the benefit of each individual participant, and create an appropriate political climate susceptible to their implementation.	The Salzburg Forum provides a platform for the discussion of political, strategic and operational issues with a view to coordinating and steadily enhancing cooperation amongst Central European national authorities in the area of internal security.	Elimination of administrative and other obstacles with a view to increasing efficiency in the flow of goods and improved trade, identification of bottlenecks at main international traffic corridors, creation of networks and zones of energy efficiency, investing in the promotion of networks of pipelines and their connections with the international pipelines, provision of funds for the promotion of entrepreneurship, primarily through projects of small and medium-sized enterprises, etc.	Strengthening of security and the political situation, intensification of economic relations and co-operation in the areas of human resources, democracy, justice, and battle against illegal activities. Since the Zagreb declaration in 2011 the SEECP continued to play its role as a Forum for Political Dialogue and Direction of Cooperation between the Participating States, the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat, based in Sarajevo, became an operational support to the SEECP.	Development of the South East Europe 2020 Strategy (jointly with the SEE countries) Increasing competitiveness and enhancing regional value chains Promoting the SEE region as an attractive investment destination.	support the enhanced integration of the WBCs in the European Research Area	Steinbeis-Danube-Center takes a presenting role in the complex process of development and realization of the European Danube Strategy. Steinbeis Danube Center focuses on research, innovation and education as special targeted fields. Danube Technology Transfer Centres (DTCs) located at various universities along the Danube will coordinate activities aiming to reinforce the link between the academia and the industry, with special regard to the involvement of SMEs in technology transfer activities. The transnational network of these centres will facilitate the involvement of international experts at any stage on the one hand; on the other hand they will be the regional hosts for common projects in the field of innovation and technology transfer.	A Communiqué was endorsed stating the intensification of the cooperation in research, education and innovation of the Danube countries; at that time, the provision of a fund for an immediate measure supporting research projects in the Danube region was foreseen. Close cooperation with EUSDR is sought by integrating representatives of the PA 7 and 8 of the EUSDR in the Working Group established on the follow-up of the Ministerial Conference. This Working Group should take into account and bundle relevant information with regard to the Danube region.	Currently, the Working group discusses the planned BMBF call for the Danube region to be published at the beginning of 2015; the Danube countries are invited to co-fund this activity (see column AI).	Mobilizing for education, building intercultural understanding, pursuing scientific cooperation, protecting freedom of expression. 3 main sectors of UNESCO : education (ED) natural sciences (SC) culture (CLT) 2 other additional sectors: social and human sciences (SHS) communication and information (CI)	Popularising and promoting investment opportunities in the region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.
3	Geographical coverage	Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UN, United Kingdom, USA	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey	Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Israel, Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA	Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine
4	Targeted field - choose more if relevant											
	Research	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Innovation	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Education	X				X		X			X	
	Other, please specify	regional cooperation	operational cooperation, lobbying	cooperation	cooperation					Networking		economic cooperation
5	Does your initiative target any scientific areas?											
	If yes, please specify, choose more if relevant											
	Health									X		
	ICT	X			X					X	X	
	Biotechnology, food, agriculture									X		
	Nanotechnology, manufacturing									X		
	Energy	X			X					X		X
	Transport	X			X					X		
	Environment, climate change	X			X					X		X
	Social sciences and humanities	X		X	X					X		X
	Security	X	X		X					X		X
	Space											
	No					X	X	X	X			
6	What have been the five main outcomes of your initiative in the recent years?	• Economic and social development • Infrastructure and energy • Building human capital and cross-cutting issues • Security cooperation • Justice and home affairs	strongly coordinated, well-functioning and active cooperation between Member States at the Council meetings which can be a "pressure group" within the Council, having an influence on decision-making processes	open to multilateral cooperation with governments and other stakeholder groups serving as a bridge between the different involved parties from the region as much as outside the region, all with the view of finding sustainable and long term solutions for better integration.		• Development of the SEE 2020 Strategy • Implement actions in support of Integrated Growth; Implement actions in support of Smart and Sustainable Growth; • Communication strategy and communication platform	• Sustainable exchange of information on issues of research and innovation between Western Balkan countries, the European Commission and the EU Member States • Support to SEE-ERA NET and SEE-ERA.NET PLUS, OECD Regional Competitiveness Initiative, Central European Initiative, Regional Cooperation Council, COST, EUREKA, Worldbank, Joint Research Center, important selected regional projects who presented good practices • Launch of lobbying activities leading to the development of the Regional Strategy on Research and Innovation for WBC • Exchange of information on the adoption of the aquis in relation to Chapter 25 and provision of analytical results of priority setting and other activities as well as supporting the preparation of association to FP7 and later Horizon 2020. • International network in research policy making on senior officials level	• launched the Danubian Initiative for Innovation and Technology Transfer and set up 3 DTCs along the Danube (Romania, Slovakia, Serbia)	Five Ulm Follow up WG meetings have taken place in Ulm and Bonn, where information on different initiatives regarding the EUSDR was exchanged and specific calls discussed. One of the outputs of these meetings was the compilation of a list showing a broad number of research activities in the region and a joint discussion on BMBF Danube call.	Discussion of the BMBF Danube call by all participating countries on procedures, scope and co-funding	UNESCO is linked with national governments with through the National Commission for UNESCO which is one of the main important features of modality of work at UNESCO	biodiversity project - initiating with HEIs in Vienna and Hungary (e.g Godolík)
7	Good practices to be transferred	South East Europe 2020 Strategy (SEE 2020) aims at promoting the creation of jobs and prosperity in a European perspective for the Western Balkans. With a focus on Integrated, Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, as well as on the Governance for Growth, aims to provide a framework for the socioeconomic policies of its member countries in developing their economies, achieving the goals relating to the accession, etc.	strongly coordinated, well-functioning and active cooperation between Member States at the Council meetings which can be a "pressure group" within the Council, having an influence on decision-making processes	open to multilateral cooperation with governments and other stakeholder groups serving as a bridge between the different involved parties from the region as much as outside the region, all with the view of finding sustainable and long term solutions for better integration.			• The layout of the SP meetings has been transferred to other regions (e.g. presentation of SP as good practice and follow-up for the Eastern Partnership region). • The MIRIS consortium (FP7 project, www.miris.eu) used the experiences for a broader stakeholder dialogue in "New Member States".	• nine steps identified by Steinbeis during the pilot phase of setting up DTCs helps to overcome usual barriers to technology transfer and difficulties in sustainability of such services. These steps include preliminary analyses, elaboration of a business plan and the management structure of the DTC, as well as its growth strategy, last but not least, training of DTC staff is regarded also a key element.	Forum for the discussion on the opening up of national programmes	Opening up of national programmes / Lead Agency Principle	• regarding S&T e.g. networking is something that was successfully implemented in that region - especially after the Balkan War • UNESCO is not the main objective to develop research activity, but it can facilitate the peaceful environment: science was used as a mean to re-establish good relations between different states. • network for mathematics and theoretical physics: this network has been launched approx. 10 years ago, currently it has 15 member countries of the region with 300 participants	New Europe Bridge (Danube Bridge 2) between Romania and Bulgaria
8	Do you fund programmes?	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no		yes	yes	yes	no
9	Type of activities to be funded - choose more if relevant											
	R&D projects									X	X	
	Innovation projects									X	X	
	Mobility, career development									X	X	
	Networking (workshops, conferences)									X	X	
	Joint use of R&D facilities/joint laboratories			X					see column AE on BMBF Danube call	X	X	
	Others, please specify									innovative networks		

	NAME of the INITIATIVE / PROGRAMME / PROJECT / ORGANIZATION	Visegrad 4 Cooperation	Visegrad Fund	Young Citizens Danube Network (YCDN)	WISE	Central Europe (CE) Transnational Cooperation Programme	SEE (Southeast Europe) Transnational Cooperation Programme	Danube Region Transnational Cooperation Programme
1	Which category does your initiative belong to? Choose from the following categories:	inter-governmental organization	Fund	Network	EU	EU	EU	EU
2	Main goal, objective of the initiative	Promote cultural cohesion, enhance the imparting of values in the field of culture, education, science and exchange of information.	The purpose of the Fund is to facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among V4 countries (and of V4 countries with other countries, especially but not exclusively non-EU member states in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and the South Caucasus) through grant support of common cultural, scientific and educational projects, youth exchanges, crossborder projects and tourism promotion, and through individual mobility programs (scholarships, residencies).	YCDN main goals include: - Facilitate and promote exchange of ideas and experience among Danube Youth - Provide Danube Youth with means of voicing their opinion and influencing national and regional policies - Advocate for mutual understanding, diversity and respect of human rights - Contribute to minority inclusion policies - Promote the idea of European integration and cooperation - Increase the participation of Danube Youth in society	Promoting policy stability and continuity of reform in the Western Balkans' research and innovation sector. The WISE Facility will (1) advocate for the implementation of the policy reform agenda for the research and innovation sector and (2) manage the implementation of the four proposed regional programs in collaboration with national partners. In addition, the WISE Facility will provide a platform for the coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of donors' support to research and innovation in the region, including serving as a "technical secretariat" for the discussions under the R&I pillar of the SEE 2020."	1. Facilitating innovation across Central Europe 2. Improving accessibility to, and within, Central Europe 3. Using our environment responsibly 4. Enhancing competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions	Innovation, Environment, Accessibility and Sustainable Growth Areas	innovation, environment and resource efficiency, sustainable transport, key network infrastructure, institutional capacity
3	Geographical coverage	Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Poland, Ukraine, Kosovo, Serbia, Moldova, Montenegro	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia	Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia	Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
4	Targeted field - choose more if relevant							
	Research	X	X	X	x	X		X
	Innovation	X	X		x	X	X	X
	Education	X	X	X	x			
	Other, please specify	culture, cooperation, external policy, etc.	culture, cooperation, external policy, etc.			Culture, environment, transport,		
5	Does your initiative target any scientific areas? If yes, please specify, choose more if relevant							
	Health							
	ICT							
	Biotechnology, food, agriculture				X			
	Nanotechnology, manufacturing				X			
	Energy	x			X	X		
	Transport	x				X		X
	Environment, climate change					X		X
	Social sciences and humanities	X	X				X	
	Security	x	x					
	Space							
	No			X				
6	What have been the five main outcomes of your initiative in the recent years?			• Promotion and facilitation of youth and student exchange as a key to a successful European integration and develop intercultural understanding among young people in the Danube Region. • Encouraging and contributing to more employment opportunities for young people in the Danube Region. "Danube Future Young Leaders' Conference" founded in 2010.	• developing and adopting an Innovation Roadmap. • Western Balkans Regional Research and Development (R&D) Strategy for Innovation has been signed (2013) by seven countries • formulating the International Organization to implement WISE (Western Balkan Research and Innovation Strategy Exercise) which will be based in Croatia • contributing to improving the research base and conditions for research excellence, slowed brain drain and supported brain gain and investing in human capital. Improving research base and conditions for research excellence, investing in human capital, improving access to modern research facilities and availability of research funding			n.a.
7	Good practices to be transferred	• successes during the negotiations of the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Frameworks: V4 managed to set up a strong coalition among those EU Member States which joined the EU since 2004 to preserve the role and budget of Cohesion Policy. • V4 Countries with Romania and Bulgaria (V4+2) are planning to prepare a common spatial development strategy which promotes the more harmonious and efficient spatial development of this region and is suitable to establish the basis of a common platform to influence dominant processes of the EU		• Contribution to the development of civil society in the Danube Region and promote active participation of the Danube youth. • Promotion of social inclusion of young people, in particular coming from disadvantaged communities, in the Danube Region.	• Unity through Knowledge Fund (UKF) : it is a successful programme, funded by World Bank. It supports research that is competitive on international level – it is part of the regional western Balkan strategy. • HAMAG - BICRO implementing the numerous research and development programmes.			n.a.
8	Do you fund programmes?	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
9	Type of activities to be funded - choose more if relevant							
	R&D projects		X		x			
	Innovation projects		X		x			
	Mobility, career development		X		x			
	Networking (workshops, conferences)		X		x	X	X	
	Joint use of R&D facilities/joint laboratories		X		x			
	Others, please specify		cultural, scientific and educational projects, youth exchanges, cross-border projects and tourism promotion, and through individual mobility programs (scholarships, residencies)			knowledge exchange, piloting activities	knowledge exchange, piloting activities	knowledge exchange, piloting activities