

EU Funding Opportunities for Municipalities and NGOs

How to build a sustainable network of towns

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Audience

- **Public body** (municipality, local government, instrumentality of local government, etc.)
- **NGO** (civil society organization, foundation, association, etc.)
- **Educational institution** (higher education, research center, etc.)

Objectives

1. To help potential applicants navigate the system
2. To identify funding opportunities that are readily available through the EU
3. To show a simplified procedure on how to build a network of towns
4. To identify funding opportunities that could complement EU funding

EU Funding

- Europe for Citizens Programme
- Erasmus+
- COSME
- H2020
- Danube Region Strategy, Danube Transnational Cooperation Programme

- ★ [Beginner's Guide to EU Funding 2014-2020](#)
- ★ [EU Bookshop](#)

Europe for Citizens Programme

- European Remembrance
- Town Twinning
- Networks of towns
- Civil society projects

Erasmus+

- KA1 (Learning Mobility of Individuals)
- KA2 (Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices)
- KA3 (Support for policy reform)

COSME

Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

★ [COSME Work Programme 2015](#)

- Increasing tourism flows in low season
- Diversifying the EU tourism offer and products
- Enhance tourism accessibility - improving facilities and services for tourists with special access needs

Horizon 2020

- Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies;
- Secure societies - protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens.

Danube Region Strategy

(START – Danube Region Project Fund)



- ★ Results of the formal check

Danube Transnational Cooperation Programme

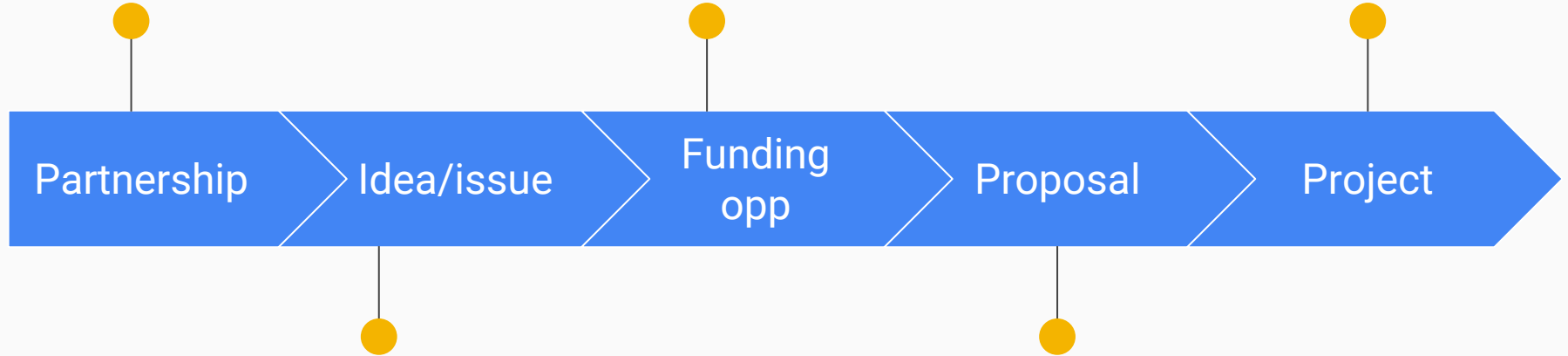
- boosting innovation and entrepreneurship
- preserving the natural and cultural assets of the Danube region
- improving the connectivity
- supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy

Procedure (on how to build a network of towns)

Build a partnership that lasts, build capacity to be grant ready

Identify funding opps that have a scope that fits your needs

Once funding is secured implement project



Identify a series of common issues that you all want to find a solution for

Put together the proposal, make sure you meet all evaluation criteria

Complementary funding

When combining different financial instruments, make sure to avoid “double financing”. It is best to look for non-EU national and regional public and private funds

1. Norway Grants (EEA), Swiss Contribution, etc.
2. Visegrad Fund (HU, PL, CZ, SK)
3. National and Regional Funds
4. Private Funds (King Baudouin Foundation, Open Society Foundations, etc.)

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