

## Introducing the Budapest Danube Contact Point

The Budapest Danube Contact Point (**BDCP**) was launched by the **European Investment Bank and the Government of Hungary** on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012<sup>1</sup> to **support feasible and financeable projects** in the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The BDCP functions as a **smart tool providing strategic advisory services, relationship management support and financial expertise** for the stakeholders of the Strategy.

### HOW TO STRUCTURE?

#### Supporting selected Danube Region projects in the field of transport, energy, water management and environment

- ✓ BDCP facilitates the successful implementation of transnational projects with high macro-regional added value, via:
  - **Strategic advisory** services
  - **Project management** support
  - **Involving and coordinating** stakeholders
  - **Inviting seconded experts** from EU member and non-member states to work jointly on selected projects
  - Capitalizing on **technical and project financing expertise** of EIB / JASPERS

### HOW TO FUND?

#### Financial engineering and alignment of funding

- ✓ Helping to assign optimal financing structures to projects via (i) **in-depth knowledge of available grant / financing instruments** and (ii) **EIB liaison**

### HOW TO CREATE MACRO-REGIONAL ADDED-VALUE?

#### Promoting and supporting the transnational and macro-regional concept

- ✓ BDCP promotes and supports the development of **transnational and integrated concepts** (e.g. integrated feasibility studies for transnational functional regions)
- ✓ Develops **universal and replicable sectorial cooperation models** (e.g. transport, flood management, waste management) for the benefit of similar initiatives in other parts of the Danube region
- ✓ Benefits from and promotes the **macro-regional approach** by capitalizing on the EUSDR governance structure and stakeholders, including National Contact Points, Priority Area Coordinators, European Commission, EIB, JASPERS, project promoters

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Philip Maystadt, President of EIB and Mr György Matolcsy, Ministry for National Economy on 24 June 2011, deciding on the establishment of BDCP.

## RESULTS, PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- ✓ Initiating **Western Hungary – Burgenland Integrated Transport Concept**
  - Developing a Strategic Feasibility Study, recommending optimized transport measures for the Region, serving as a basis for sustainable and financeable transport measures for 2014 - 2020
  - Coordinating project proponents; involving JASPERS and EIB
- ✓ Supporting **energy projects and initiatives** identified within the framework of the Energy Priority Area of the Strategy
  - Developing innovative solutions for financing energy efficiency measures for public buildings
  - Invited national expert from Baden-Württemberg to support the development of the concept into a transnational project
- ✓ Supporting joint **Hungary – Ukraine Flood Management Programme**
  - Development and implementation of joint flood management investment programme for the Upper-Tisza region
  - BDCP facilitates common financing plan in the framework of EUSDR
  - Invited national Expert from Ukrainian water directorate, as of 21 January, 2013, to support partner coordination
  - Supported Ukrainian project partner to receive small grant for project preparation from Hungarian Official Development Assistance budget
- ✓ **Regional Waste Management concept** in South-Western Hungary – Croatia – Slovenia border region
  - Coordinating stakeholders to establish cooperation for optimizing waste management measures in the identified transnational functional region
  - Creating a universal and replicable sectorial cooperation model

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

