

Project factsheet - Assessment grid

PROJECT OVERVIEW		
Project Ref. No.	DRP0200159	
Project title	Danube Region Programme	
Acronym	SpongeCity	
Priority axis	2 A greener, low-carbon Danube Region	
SO	2.2 - ClimateChange	
Lead partner	University of Pécs	
Lead partner country	Magyarország (HU)	
Lead partner legal status	Private!	
Project duration	30	
Total Interreg Funds	1622807.36	
Total Eligible Budget	2028509.20	

Project Summary

Danube Region is affected by natural disasters resulting from climate change, increasing the intensity and frequency of heat waves, droughts, fire incidents, and heavy rainfalls with flash floods on local level. Since 75% of the region's population lives in cities, these anomalies put the citizens at particular risk. Local community leaders must be prepared for these weather anomalies. Urban water management have so far mainly followed traditional approaches, including large-scale gray infrastructure investments, lacking innovation and the exploitation of ecosystem services. Their social acceptance is usually hindered as citizens are not involved in design and testing. Settlements have different micro-climatic, infrastructural, financial, legal and social backgrounds in DR, but they all need support in forecasting local climate risks and identifying effective interventions. Transnational cooperation is needed for this knowledge exchange and for mainstreaming the conclusions to macroregional level. The cross-sectoral partnership aims to spread the Sponge City concept in DR to answer these challenges. A sponge city is an urban area which has been designed to cope with excess rainfall using a variety of techniques. It mitigates/prevents urban floods by providing the area with the ability to naturally absorb the water. It reduces the extent of impermeable surfaces and increases the amount of absorbent land; green surfaces, green walls, bioswales, inner-city lakes, rain gardens, permeable pavements. Supplementing this approach with channelling and storage systems also helps to counter water shortages. The project analyses the hydroclimatic characteristics and water management practices of 12 pilot settlements, sets up a toolbox to support the planning of sponge city measures, tests and promotes the tools by participative elaboration of local action plans, feasibility studies and demonstration investments. Partners mainstream the results to national and EU level.

LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS				
No.	Institution name	Country	Total Interreg funds	Total eligible budget
PTE	University of Pécs	Magyarország (HU)	168440.00	210550.00
KC				

VODE	Koprivnica water supply LLC	Hrvatska (HR)	120704.00	150880.00
PLUS	Paris-Lodron University Salzburg	Österreich (AT)	147615.36	184519.20
BSC KRANJ	BSC, Business support centre L.t.d., Kranj	Slovenija (SI)	116960.00	146200.00
Prague 9	Municipality of Prague 9	#esko (CZ)	103600.00	129500.00
UCM	University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava	Slovensko (SK)	140080.00	175100.00
SUM	University of Mostar	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	120240.00	150300.00
PMC	City Hall of Chisinau Municipality	Moldova (MD)	126216.00	157770.00
RARIS	RARIS - Regional Development Agency of Eastern Serbia	Serbia (RS)	127520.00	159400.00
ASPECT	ASPECT - Management and Intercultural Relations	Bulgaria (BG)	113976.00	142470.00
PG	Capital City Podgorica	Crna Gora (ME)	118736.00	148420.00
ADISM	Satu Mare County Intercommunity Development Association	România (RO)	131600.00	164500.00
E-Zavod	E-institute	Slovenija (SI)	87120.00	108900.00
TOTAL (EUR)			1622807.36	2028509.20

LIST OF ASSOCIATED PARTNERS		
No.	Institution name	Country
RARIS	Association for water technology and sanitary engineering	Serbia (RS)
RARIS	Business association communal enterprises KOMDEL	Serbia (RS)
RARIS	International Research and Training Centre on Urban Drainage, University of Belgrade	Serbia (RS)
RARIS	City of Zajecar	Serbia (RS)
PTE	Danube connects	Deutschland (DE)
SUM	Agency for watershed of Adraiatic sea	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
ADISM	Livada Town	România (RO)
PTE	Pécs Urban Development Plc	Magyarország (HU)
KC VODE	City of Koprivnica	Hrvatska (HR)
ASPECT	Plovdiv Municipality	Bulgaria (BG)
PTE	Blue Planet Climate Protection Foundation	Magyarország (HU)
PTE	General Directorate of Water Management	Magyarország (HU)
PLUS	Salzburg Federal State Agency	Österreich (AT)

UCM	City of Trnava	Slovensko (SK)
UCM	Trnava Autonomous Region	Slovensko (SK)
UCM	Village Tomášikovo	Slovensko (SK)
BSC KRANJ	Local community Trži#	Slovenija (SI)
BSC KRANJ	Regional development Council of Gorenjska region	Slovenija (SI)
PLUS	City Council of Salzburg	Österreich (AT)
SUM	City of Mostar	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)