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# Lead Partner Seminar

*Peers to peers*

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## Our LP Experience:

- **2 approved DRP projects:**
  - **Danube4SEcosystem** (1st Call)
  - **Skills4Life** (2nd Call)
- First project implementation started **January 2024**



**“Danube4SEcosystem** - *Enhancing the development of Social Economy by engaging Local Public Authorities in the Social Enterprises supporting Ecosystem for a more inclusive Labor Market in the Danube Region”*

**Funded - 1st Call of the Danube Region Programme 2021-2027**

**Programme priority 3 – A more social Danube Region**

**Specific objective 3.1 – Accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets.**

**Implementation period: 01.01.2024- 30.06.2026**

**Total budget of the project: 1.883.344,50 euro**



**“Skill4Life** - *Supporting the socio-economic integration of youth leaving child protection systems by developing their skills and capacities through more inclusive leaving care policies in the Danube region”*

**Funded – 2<sup>nd</sup> Call of the Danube Region Programme 2021-2027**

**Programme priority 3 – A more social Danube Region**

**Specific objective 3.2 - Accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning**

**Implementation period: 01.04.2025- 31.03.2028**

**Total budget of the project: 1.984.010,59 euro**

# Early Challenges

## Challenge #1: Partner Withdrawal

- One partner withdrew – end of January 2024.
  - Steps taken:
    - Checked **Programme Implementation Manual** for guidance.
    - Informed **Project Officer (PO)** early.
    - Consulted partners.
    - Replaced the partner quickly and smoothly.
- Lesson: Always be prepared for unexpected changes – act fast, rely on PO & PPs.

# Managing Implementation

## Project Management Approach

- **Prepared a Project Handbook** for all partners:
  - *Activities, procedures, financial rules.*

## Developed **monitoring tools**:

- ***KPI monitoring*** (*monitor all deliverables & tasks*)
- ***Financial monitoring tool***
- ***Communication log***

Held **regular meetings** to align and support all PPs.

● **Key Need:** Clear procedures + structure + transparency.

# Dealing with Partner Delays

## Different Speeds, One Timeline





- Some partners **work faster**, others slower (staff shortages, overload, etc.)
- Delays in one SO/Activity can **affect others**.

## Our advice:

- **Plan early** – don't wait for deadlines.
- Start implementation **at the beginning** of each semester.
- **Adjust timelines** based on known disruptions:
  - **Summer holidays** – avoid surveys/stakeholder events.
  - **Winter holidays** – reduce activity load.

# Tools & Communication

## Practical Tools We Use

-  **Project Repository:** OneDrive, Google Drive
-  **Monitoring Tools:** Excel trackers for KPIs, budget
-  **Online Meetings:** Monthly or per SO/Activity
-  **Implementation Handbook:** Shared with all PPs

## Communication Tips:

- Regular, short **online check-ins**
- Share **recaps** and **action points**
- Use **simple shared templates** for updates

# Final Recommendations

## Keys to Success as LP

-  Build a strong, reliable **project team**
-  Keep close contact with your **Project Officer** and ask whenever you are unsure of how to proceed in different situations
-  Set up clear procedures & tools for **monitoring** the project
-  Maintain a clear **overview** of all activities
-  Communicate **frequently and transparently** with PPs via regular meeting
-  Use **digital tools** to stay organised instruments (project repository in OneDrive, GD, etc,



[interreg-danube.eu/projects/danube4seecosystem](https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/danube4seecosystem)

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