

## **1st CALL of the SEED MONEY FACILITY (SMF) was launched on 2nd October**

The Seed Money Facility (SMF) of the Danube Transnational Programme is a fund to support the development of projects contributing to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). selected and approved project ideas/proposals will be subsidised to reach a certain level of maturity in order to be later submitted to one of other European, national or regional funding programmes. This development phase funded by the seed money facility covers the analysis of the needs and challenges addressed by the main project, the preparation of the work plan for the main project, the setting up of the partnership as well as the analysis of the possible funding instruments for the main project.

Project initiatives contributing to Priority Area 1b: To improve mobility and multimodality-road, rail and air links must target one of the following specific topics:

- 1. Develop socio-environmentally appropriate and socio-economically sustainable transport services in rural areas for improved mobility of peoples*
- 2. Develop and demonstrate operational solutions to at least double the speed of trains on macro-regional railway network by 2030 with the aim to improve attractiveness of passengers transport and competitiveness of freight transport*
- 3. Applying contemporary transport technologies and/or operational solutions for macro-regional freight and passenger transport, as well as private car use at local level*
- 4. Develop and demonstrate innovative or improved transport and logistics solutions*

The Application Package and all relevant information about the programme are available on the DTP programme website: <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/calls/calls-for-proposals/seed-money-facility-call>

The Monitoring Committee of the Danube Transnational Programme will select maximum 3 projects per Priority Area.

The maximum budget of a seed money project is EUR 50,000.00. The maximum Programme co-financing amount is up to 85% of the total budget, therefore EUR 42,500.00. The co-financing rate applies to **all** seed money project partners.

The maximum project duration (implementation of project activities) is 12 months.

Project partners must either be governmental bodies, international organisations or private non-profit bodies. Private enterprises are not eligible to participate in the seed money projects.

The first call started on 2 October and will be open until 7 December 2017. Please note that we (PACs) can only guarantee to issue a Declaration of Alignment which is needed for application, if project proposals are submitted to us by not later than 10 November 2017 (and if all other criteria are met).

If you have any questions regarding the use of the seed money facility, please contact your national coordination and contact points (<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/contacts/national-coordination-and-contact-points>) or the DTP Joint Secretariat ([danube@interreg-danube.eu](mailto:danube@interreg-danube.eu)).