

Set up of the financial framework for the main project

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1 Executive Summary

This report outlines the financial framework necessary to support the implementation of the AI4Clusters project, which aims to develop a modular, AI-based digital platform to enhance cooperation among businesses (B2B), clusters (C2C), and between businesses and clusters (B2C). It presents a comprehensive review of national and EU funding programmes, evaluates their alignment with the project, and proposes a strategic roadmap for successful funding acquisition and long-term deployment.

The analysis covers relevant national funding instruments in **Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine**, alongside key EU-level programmes such as **Horizon Europe** and the **Digital Europe Programme**. Each funding scheme is assessed in terms of scope, eligibility, and strategic fit with the main project entitled “AI4Clusters project”.

National programmes (e.g., Czech Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) – Digital Measures, Hungary’s DIMOP Plusz, Slovak Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) – Component 17: Digital Slovakia, Romania’s Competitiveness Operational Programme (POC) 2021–2027 and Eastern Ukraine EDIH)

- offer strong support for early-stage platform development, AI integration, and digital innovation for SMEs and clusters.
- **EU-level programmes** such as Horizon Europe (Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space) and the upcoming Digital Europe calls for 2026–2027 present future opportunities for full-scale funding, though current 2025 calls offer only partial alignment.
- A key 2025 Horizon Europe call, **HORIZON-CL4-2025-03-DATA-13**, supports compliant data ecosystems and partially matches the project's needs, but does not fully accommodate the broader platform objectives.

The proposed **roadmap** outlines a phased 36-month implementation strategy, detailing work packages on platform development, scaling, communication, and governance. It incorporates risk mitigation measures across technical, financial, compliance, and stakeholder dimensions.

Conclusion: A blended financing strategy leveraging both national and EU programmes is essential. Project partners should prepare high-quality proposals, engage proactively with funding bodies, and activate existing networks (e.g., DanubIA Clusters) to ensure readiness for upcoming calls. This approach will maximize the project's impact and sustainability across the Danube region.

2 Introduction

This report aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of potential funding sources relevant to the main project, identify forthcoming calls that may be strategically targeted, and elaborate a detailed roadmap outlining the subsequent steps towards the preparation and submission of the main project proposal within the framework of EU funding programmes.

3 Scope

The scope of this report is specifically focused on potential national funding programs in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine, as well as relevant EU funding programs, to support the development of the main project entitled AI4Clusters to “develop an AI-based platforms aimed at enhancing business-to-business (B2B), cluster-to-cluster (C2C), and business-to-cluster (B2C) cooperation.”

The analysis evaluates existing European and national funding programs that may be suitable for the main project. Additionally, the report details a roadmap for the main project, based on the results of the DanubIA Clusters project.

4 Content

This report is structured into three main sections:

- 4.1 An overview of relevant national and EU funding programs targeting digitalisation and artificial intelligence,
- 4.2 An evaluation of financing calls that may be appropriate for the main project or that could support the development of specific functionalities of the platform designed to facilitate B2B, C2C, and B2C cooperation, and
- 4.3 A strategic roadmap based on insights from the DanubIA Clusters project, offering practical recommendations for project partners in preparing the main proposal.

4.1 An overview of relevant national and EU funding programs targeting digitalisation and artificial intelligence.

4.1.1 Funding Opportunities for Project Partners

Future funding calls that may be relevant or suitable for the development of specific functionalities within the main project aimed at enhancing business-to-business (B2B), cluster-to-cluster (C2C), and business-to-cluster (B2C) cooperation', and which could be pursued by the DanubIA Clusters project' partners."

CZECH REPUBLIC

In Czech Republic there are funding programs that support implementing functionalities for a digital/AI-based cooperation platform targeting cluster and SME collaboration.

These instruments offer a comprehensive suite of grants, loans, guarantees, innovation services, and international R&D cooperation, covering all stages—from ideation and testing to scale-up—for SME/cluster digital platforms. The most suitable programme to develop an AI-based platform enhancing B2B, C2C, and B2C cooperation, particularly targeting clusters and SMEs is Czech Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) – Digital Measures.

1. [Czech Recovery and Resilience Plan \(RRP\) – Digital Measures](#)

- Focus: SME digitalisation, infrastructure, and AI tools.
- Funding: ~€1.5 billion for digital transition.
- Relevance: Dedicated support for platform development, especially for SME digital uptake.

2. Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA ČR) Programs

- Focus: Applied R&D and innovation collaboration.
- Funding: €100K–€1M+ per project.
- Relevance: Supports development of platform functionalities through R&D and partnerships.

3. Operational Programme for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (OP PIK)

- Focus: SME innovation and competitiveness.
- Funding: Grants up to €740K/project.
- Relevance: Helps finance digital infrastructure and technology tools for collaboration platforms.

HUNGARY

Hungarian funding programmes offer dedicated support for the implementation of functionalities within digital and AI-based cooperation platforms aimed at enhancing collaboration among clusters and SMEs.

The most suitable programme is the Digital Renewal Operational Programme Plus (DIMOP Plusz), which supports the development of AI-enabled platforms, secure data-sharing tools, and advanced digital services.

Hungary's Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) – Digital Transformation

- Type: Grants, digital vouchers
- Focus: SME digitalisation, AI tools, inter-enterprise collaboration
- Relevance: Ideal for piloting and implementing AI-enabled B2B/C2C platforms
- Funding: ~€1.73B (2021–2026)

2. [Digital Renewal Operational Programme Plus \(DIMOP Plusz\)](#)

- Type: Grants, financial instruments
- Focus: SME digital tools, AI platforms, secure data sharing, analytics
- Relevance: Best overall fit for platform development and scaling

- Funding: Hundreds of millions across sub-programmes

3. Digital Success Programme (DJP 2030)

- Type: Strategic framework, indirect funding
- Focus: AI integration, SME participation in digital ecosystems
- Relevance: Strategic alignment with AI-based SME cooperation tools; gateway for accessing national support and digital infrastructure.
- Funding: No direct grants, but enables access to funding

4. National Research, Development, and Innovation Fund (National RDI Programmes)

- Type: R&D grants (€100K–€1M/project)
- Focus: Applied research, AI/ML, cluster-based innovation
- Relevance: Ideal for advanced or collaborative platform functionalities

SLOVAKIA

Slovakia offers a range of targeted funding programmes that support the development of digital and AI-powered platforms designed to enhance B2B, C2C, and B2C cooperation—particularly within clusters and among SMEs.

The most promising funding streams for platform development include Component 17 of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), digital transformation priorities under the OP Slovakia programme, and applied AI research calls from the Slovak Research and Development Agency (APVV). For smaller-scale projects or pilot initiatives, innovation vouchers and support from digital innovation hubs offer additional viable options.

Below is an overview of Slovak national funding instruments that could co-finance the development of key functionalities for a digital and AI-driven cooperation platform. These mechanisms are particularly relevant for supporting features such as AI-based matchmaking, real-time analytics, data integration, and cross-border interoperability—essential for dynamic collaboration between SMEs and clusters.

1. [Slovak Recovery and Resilience Plan \(RRP\) – Component 17: Digital Slovakia](#)

- Focus: Business digitalisation, AI, cloud, cybersecurity
- Funding: €47 million (2021–2026)
- Relevance: Supports AI features like matchmaking, analytics, and personalization for cooperation platforms

2. Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (SIEA) – Innovation Vouchers

- Focus: SME–research collaboration
- Funding: €5,000–€30,000 per voucher
- Relevance: Useful for early-stage prototyping and AI tool testing in digital platforms

3. Operational Programme Slovakia 2021–2027

- Focus: Digital transformation and smart growth
- Agencies: MIRRI SR, SIEA, SBA

- Relevance: Funds smart tools for cluster competitiveness and cross-border SME cooperation
4. Slovak Research and Development Agency (APVV) – Thematic AI Calls
 - Focus: Applied AI and digital transformation research
 - Funding: €200,000+ per project
 - Relevance: Supports long-term development of AI back-end systems for business collaboration
 5. Ministry of Economy – Industry 4.0 and Digital Innovation Hubs Support
 - Focus: Industrial digital infrastructure and pilot environments
 - Relevance: Provides infrastructure and co-financing for cluster-based AI platform testing

ROMANIA

Romania offers a range of national and EU co-financed funding programmes that support digitalisation and artificial intelligence (AI), with a strong focus on enhancing SME competitiveness, fostering cluster development, and promoting innovation.

For the development of an AI-based platform designed to enhance B2B, C2C, and B2C cooperation—particularly targeting SMEs and business clusters—the most suitable funding programme is Competitiveness Operational Programme (POC) 2021–2027.

1. PNRR – Digital Transformation (Component C9)
 - Focus: Digital transformation of SMEs and public sector.
 - Measures: Grants for AI, cloud, automation, and B2B/B2C/C2C platforms.
 - Funding Volume: ~€150M total; €47M for SMEs.
 - Relevance: Strong fit for SME-led AI platforms enabling business collaboration.
2. [Competitiveness Operational Programme \(POC\) 2021–2027](#)
 - Focus: Innovation, AI, and digital transformation in business.
 - Measures: R&D grants, digital infrastructure, platform development.
 - Funding Volume: €2B+ total; hundreds of millions for digital projects.
 - Relevance: Ideal for scalable AI platforms involving SMEs/clusters.
3. National RDI Plan (PNCDI IV)
 - Focus: Applied research in AI, ML, smart systems.
 - Measures: Joint projects with SMEs, research centres, universities.
 - Funding Volume: €100K–€500K per project.
 - Relevance: Suited for R&D-driven platforms with academic/tech partners.
4. Regional Operational Programmes (ROP) 2021–2027
 - Focus: Digital innovation and cluster development at regional level.
 - Measures: Grants for digital platforms tied to smart specialisation (RIS3).
 - Funding Volume: €50K–€1M/project (region-dependent).

- Relevance: Great for regional SME clusters and sector-focused platforms.

UKRAINE

A range of Ukrainian funding programs can support the implementation of key functionalities in digital and AI-driven cooperation platforms aimed at strengthening collaboration among SMEs and clusters. These instruments collectively offer technical piloting, R&D support, early-stage grants, cluster-level scaling opportunities, and engagement with local innovation ecosystems. Together, they form a strategic foundation for the development and deployment of AI-powered platforms designed to enhance B2B, B2C, and C2C collaboration across sectors.

Among these, the most suitable program for advancing such platforms in Ukraine—particularly in the context of clusters and SME network is European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) – Ukraine.

Eastern Ukraine EDIH

- Programme: Regional EDIH hub covering Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Poltava, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia
- Focus: Digital & green transition in manufacturing, agri-tech, energy, smart city
- Relevant Measures:
 - Helping identify and implement digital solutions, build ecosystems, develop skills, and secure funding.
- Funding Volume: EU co-financed via Digital Europe; specific budget included in the broader €4.5 M.
- Potential relevance: Regional hub expertise for platform integration in key industries and clustered SMEs.

3. WIN2EDIH

- Programme: Win-Win European Digital Innovation Hub (covers Chernihiv, Zhytomyr, Kyiv)
- Focus: Testing, training, networking, and funding support for SMEs in deep tech fields
- Relevant Measures:
 - Pilot and prototyping services for AI, HPC, cybersecurity, IoT, automation, robotics, cloud
- Funding Volume: EU-funded via Digital Europe (exact local allocation within Ukraine's share)
- Potential relevance: Supports platform functionality prototyping, ecosystem engagement, and SME uptake.

4.1.2 EU funding programmes

The EU programmes in which **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** is one of the principal areas of intervention are **Digital Europe Programme** and **Horizon Europe: Cluster 4 Digital, Industry and Space**.

All the project partners are eligible to take part in **Digital Europe Programme and Horizon Europe: Cluster 4 Digital, Industry and Space.**

Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

Digital Europe Programme is the first EU programme that aims to accelerate the recovery and drive the digital transformation of Europe.

Digital Europe Programme is a part of the next long-term EU budget, (the Multiannual Financial Framework), and it covers 2021 to 2027.

It will provide funding for projects in five crucial areas:

- supercomputing,
- artificial intelligence,
- cybersecurity,
- advanced digital skills, and
- ensuring the wide use of digital technologies across the economy and society.

The Programme is fine-tuned to fill the gap between the research of digital technologies and their deployment, and to bring the results of research to the market - for the benefit of Europe's citizens and businesses, and in particular SMEs.

Investments under the Digital Europe programme supports the Union's twin objectives of a green transition and digital transformation and strengthens the Union's resilience and strategic autonomy.

Digital Europe Programme fund 2.1 BILLION for artificial intelligence to:

- Invest in and open the use of artificial intelligence by businesses and public administrations.
- Set up a true European data space and facilitate safe access to and storage of large datasets and trustworthy and energy efficient cloud infrastructure.
- Strengthen and support existing artificial intelligence testing and experimentation facilities in areas such as health and mobility in Member States and encourage their cooperation.

In 2025, the calls for proposals regarding artificial intelligence that are funded under [DIGITAL-2025-AI-08](#) are:

[Data Spaces Support Centre](#)

[Multi-Country project in Agri-Food](#)

[Apply AI: GenAI for the public administrations](#)

[Support to the secretariat for the Alliance on Processors and Semiconductor Technologies](#)

[Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data](#)

The main project focused on the development of 'AI-based platforms aimed at enhancing business-to-business (B2B), cluster-to-cluster (C2C), and business-to-cluster (B2C) cooperation' is not eligible for funding under the DIGITAL-2025-AI-08 call in the year 2025.

The **Digital Europe Programme** that covers 2026-2027 (the Multiannual Financial Framework) could be a funding programme for the main project.

Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the ambitious EU research & innovation framework programme for 2021-2027 with a budget of €95.5 billion.

Its overarching goals are:

- to strengthen the EU's scientific and technological bases and the European Research Area (ERA).
- to boost Europe's innovation capacity, competitiveness, and jobs.
- to deliver on citizen's priorities and sustain our socio-economic model and values.

with a particular focus on creating impact or the European Green Deal, the digital and sustainability transition and recovery from the coronavirus-crisis.

Horizon Europe supports research and innovation (R&I) especially through work programmes, which set out funding opportunities for research and innovation activities.

Horizon Europe -Work programme for 2025

This work programme for 2025 is a key step towards achieving the research and innovation priorities outlined in the [Horizon Europe strategic plan for 2025-2027](#). Its actions are expected to contribute to the three overarching, interlinked key strategic orientations: the green transition, the digital transition, and a more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe. These orientations are aligned with the EU's main policy priorities as set out in the [Commission's Political Guidelines for 2024-2029](#) and folded out in the [Competitiveness Compass for the EU](#), all of which require significant contributions from R&I to meet their objectives.

This introduction covers the following components of Horizon Europe for 2025:

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions.
- Research infrastructures.
- Cluster1 Health.
- Cluster 2 Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society.
- Cluster 3 Civil Security for Society.
- Cluster 4 Digital, Industry and Space.
- Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility.
- Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.
- European innovation ecosystems.
- Widening participation and spreading excellence, and reforming and enhancing the European R&I system.
- EU Missions.
- New European Bauhaus Facility

Horizon Europe, Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space, within the Work Programme 2025

In May 2025, European Commission published Horizon Europe -Work programme for 2025, the component. Digital, Industry and Space.

Under the pillar II of Horizon Europe, Cluster 4 focuses on Digital, Industry and Space, aiming to deliver on the following 6 Destinations aligned with the Strategic Plan:

- Climate neutral, circular and digitised production
- Increased autonomy in key strategic value chains for resilient industry
- World leading data and computing technologies
- Digital and emerging technologies for competitiveness and fit for the Green Deal
- Open strategic autonomy in developing, deploying and using global space-based infrastructures, services, applications and data.
- A human-centred and ethical development of digital and industrial technologies.

4.2 An evaluation of EU financing calls that may be appropriate for the main project or that could support the development of specific functionalities of the platform designed to facilitate B2B, C2C, and B2C cooperation.

Under the [Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025 – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space, the call HORIZON-CL4-2025-03-DATA-13](#): Fostering Innovative and Compliant Data Ecosystems (IA), launched under the AI, Data and Robotics Partnership, is partially suitable for the main project aimed at development of AI-based platforms aimed at enhancing business-to-business (B2B), cluster-to-cluster (C2C), and business-to-cluster (B2C) cooperation."

This specific call promotes the development of innovative, interoperable, and compliant data ecosystems, in line with European standards for data governance, security, and sovereignty. These objectives partially intersect with the technical and infrastructural aspects of the main project.

However, the call's primary emphasis lies in building compliant data ecosystems rather than in supporting collaborative AI platforms focused on inter-business and inter-cluster cooperation models. As such, while certain components of the project may benefit from this funding opportunity, the thematic misalignment limits the call's overall suitability for the full scope of the main project.

Below are the areas of alignment, limitations, and misalignments between the HORIZON-CL4-2025-03-DATA-13 call and the main project aimed at enhancing business-to-business (B2B), cluster-to-cluster (C2C), and business-to-cluster (B2C) cooperation."

Areas of Alignment

1. Data Infrastructure Requirements
The main project requires robust, compliant data frameworks to enable secure and trusted cooperation between businesses and clusters, which aligns with the call's focus on trustworthy data ecosystems.
2. Emphasis on AI and Data Interoperability
The project leverages AI to process and exchange data across B2B, B2C, and C2C interfaces, which is consistent with the goal of fostering interoperable data platforms.
3. Support for Innovation Actions (IA)
As an IA call, this funding line supports technology deployment and integration in real-world environments, which is relevant to the platform's rollout and adoption phase.

Limitations and Misalignments

1. Primary Scope of the Call
The call emphasizes the creation of data spaces and cross-sectoral data sharing models, with a focus on compliance frameworks, standards, and policy integration. The main project, while data-driven, focuses more on AI-driven cooperation models and business interaction platforms, rather than purely data infrastructure.
2. Sectoral Focus
This call may prioritize industrial, public sector, or health data ecosystems. If the main project is more horizontally focused on generalized business collaboration tools across varied domains, it may not match sector-specific priorities.
3. AI as a Supporting Technology
In this call, AI is often viewed as a complement to data ecosystems, whereas in the main project, AI is the core enabler of intelligent cooperation. This differing emphasis could weaken the project's alignment with call objectives.

While the HORIZON-CL4-2025-03-DATA-13 call provides partial alignment with the main project in terms of data management, compliance, and interoperability, its primary objectives and funding priorities do not fully match the broader ambition of developing and deploying AI-driven collaboration platforms across B2B, C2C, and B2C domains.

Therefore, this call may be suitable only for specific components or work packages of the main project—particularly those involving data compliance, interoperability standards, or secure data exchange modules—but not for the project as a whole.

Conclusions Regarding Future Funding Programmes for the Main Project

Future funding opportunities for the main project *aimed at enhancing business-to-business (B2B), cluster-to-cluster (C2C), and business-to-cluster (B2C) cooperation* — are expected to arise from both EU-level and national-level programmes.

At the EU level, key programmes include:

- Horizon Europe – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space, within the forthcoming Work Programme.

- The Digital Europe Programme for the next implementation period, aligned with the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

Additionally, specific components or work packages of the project may be:

- Implemented individually by project partners through relevant national funding schemes in their respective countries.
- Jointly developed by all partners under the partially suitable Horizon Europe call

4.3 Road map defining the steps to be undertaken after finalization of the seed money facility.

The proposed strategic roadmap of the main project entitled „**AI4Clusters project**” outlines clear, phased activities spanning AI platform development, user adoption, strategic partnership engagement, visibility, and project management over a 36-month period. This roadmap leverages the foundation laid by the DanubIA Clusters project and includes risk mitigation strategies essential for ensuring timely delivery and impact.

The **AI4Clusters project** is a strategic initiative to develop and deploy a secure, open, and scalable AI-driven digital platform tailored to empower European cluster organisations and SMEs. The platform aims to enhance innovation capacity, boost inter-cluster collaboration, and support strategic decision-making through advanced AI tools and data analytics. By aligning with Digital Europe and RIS3 strategies, AI4Clusters directly contributes to digital transformation at regional and EU levels.

Key Highlights of the main project, AI4Clusters project

Core Objectives

- Rapid Expert & Tech Discovery: Machine learning-driven search capabilities.
- Market Intelligence: AI-based trend and consumer behaviour analysis.
- Collaboration Management: Integrated tools to manage international innovation projects.

Target Users

- Cluster managers, SMEs, and policy makers across Europe.

Specific Objectives & KPIs

Objective	KPI Target by M36
Technological	Modular AI platform, 3 releases, 99% SLA
User-Centric	≥150 active users/month across 5 regions
Strategic Alignment	5 references in EU/national strategies
Capacity Building	≥250 individuals trained
Governance	≥95% deliverables on time

Work Package Structure

- WP1: Platform Development – MVP by M6, full version by M24, definitive version by M36.
- WP2: Roll-Out & Scaling – Cluster onboarding, digital toolkits, adoption reports.
- WP3: Communication & Visibility – Multi-channel outreach, EU-wide final event.
- WP4: Management & Coordination – Financial control, QA gates, KPI tracking.

The Work Package are elaborated on detailed milestones, from procuring a vendor (M3) to the pilot MVP (M6) and full release (M24) to the final release with a capacity of 10,000 concurrent users (M36).

Methodology

- Agile development (JIRA, GitLab, SonarQube).
- Stakeholder co-design via Living Labs and focus groups.
- Cross-cutting themes: gender equality, sustainability, open science.

Platform Architecture

- Data Layer: Connectors to public/semi-public sources.
- AI Layer: NLP, ML, recommender systems.
- Application Layer: Dashboards, matchmaking, service marketplace.
- User Layer: Multilingual web/mobile interfaces with self-service options.

Compliance & Security

- Full GDPR & AI Act compliance
- Hosted in EU-certified data centres, AES-256 encryption.
- ISO 27001 certification planned by M24.

Risk Mitigation Strategies for AI4Clusters

To ensure **timely delivery** and **sustainable impact**, AI4Clusters integrates targeted risk mitigation strategies across key areas:

Technical Risks:

Agile development, modular design, early prototyping, and continuous testing ensure smooth and timely platform delivery.

Stakeholder Engagement:

Co-design with clusters, regional ambassadors, and onboarding support ensure high adoption and relevance.

Data Compliance & Security:

Privacy-by-design, GDPR audits, EU-based hosting, and encryption secure user data and ensure regulatory compliance.

Scalability & Performance:

Cloud-native infrastructure and phased rollouts mitigate load and performance risks.

Financial & Resource Risks:

Strict budget control, contingency funds, and cross-training guard against overruns and staffing gaps.

Governance & Coordination:

- Clear roles, regular reviews, and escalation protocols maintain alignment and timely execution.

2. Sustainability & Impact:

- Business modelling, investor engagement, and a post-project governance plan ensure long-term viability.

Expected Impact

By M36:

- ≥50 active innovation clusters
- ≥1500 active SMEs
- ≥10 new international projects
- ≥1500 recommended collaborations

Three years post-project:

- Platform sustainability through subscriptions/licensing
- Strategic partnerships ensure long-term scalability.
- Expansion to ≥150 clusters and ≥4500 SMEs

This comprehensive roadmap for the main project, AI4Clusters, aligns technical innovation with strategic policy goals and aims to deliver lasting economic impact.

5 Conclusions

The analysis confirms that a range of national and EU funding programmes present viable opportunities to support the development and implementation of the main project, focused on AI-based platforms for B2B, C2C, and B2C cooperation.

While immediate alignment with current calls may be limited, particularly at the EU level, several relevant calls could be in the next programming period under Horizon Europe (Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space) and the Digital Europe Programme.

National funding sources in Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine offer support for specific project components, such as research, piloting, and regional deployment.

A coordinated strategy that integrates both EU and national funding streams will be essential to ensure comprehensive and sustained support.

Moving forward, it is crucial for project partners to monitor forthcoming calls, engage early with funding agencies, and invest in high-quality proposal preparation.

This approach, combined with a well-defined implementation roadmap and initiative-taking risk management, will significantly enhance the project's potential for funding success and long-term impact across the Danube region and beyond.

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