SOS2LearnDBS

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OPEN CALL FOR TRANSITION AGENDAS (TAgs) TO RESTORE DANUBE-BLACK SEA REGIONS

WHAT IS SOS2LEARNDBS?

The **SoS2LearnDBS** project is part of the **EU Horizon Europe** programme and supports the restoration of aquatic ecosystems across the Danube River Basin and Black Sea region. Through this Transition Agendas (TAg) Open Call, communities are supported in developing strategic roadmaps for sustainable water management, ecosystem restoration and a resilient blue economy.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Consortia of 2–4 independent legal entities.
Partners must be established in **EU Member States** or **Horizon Europe Associated Countries**.
The **consortium leader** must be based in a Danube–Black Sea country:
Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye or Albania.

At least one partner must have an established link with the **local or regional community** (e.g. municipality, local NGO or community association).

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WHERE CAN THE PROJECTS BE IMPLEMENTED

Projects must be implemented in one of the five target regions:

- Upper Danube
- Middle Danube
- Lower Danube
- Danube Delta
- Black Sea

Activities should target local or regional communities within one of these cooperation areas.

WHAT SHOULD MY PROJECT BE ABOUT?

PROJECTS MUST

- Develop a TAg (a strategic roadmap for sustainable water management, ecosystem restoration and a resilient blue economy);
- Be implemented over 4–12 months;
- Target one of the five Danube–Black Sea regions and address local or regional challenges;
- Contribute to at least one objective of the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030" and at least one of its targets:
  - Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity.
  - Prevent and eliminate pollution of ocean, seas and waters.
  - Make the sustainable blue economy carbon-neutral and circular.
- Address at least one Danube–Black Sea Priority Pillar:
  - Reduction of water resource pollution.
  - Sustainable water quantity management and climate adaptation.
  - Restoration and protection of ecosystems and biodiversity.
  - Improvement of urban water management and protection of water sources.
  - Strengthening governance and cross-border cooperation.

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HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

€1,125.000

TOTAL CALL BUDGET

15

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED
Minimum 1 and maximum 3 per region

TIER 1: €25,000–€50,000
TIER 2: €50,000–€75,000
TIER 3: €75,000–€100,000

FUNDING TIERS PER PROJECT

+ BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

€60.000

MAXIMUM PER ORGANISATION
(Applicable to Tiers 2 & 3)

LUMP SUM – PAYMENTS LINKED TO COMPLETED ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN ACTUAL COSTS.

TYPE OF GRANT

100% FUNDING RATE
NO CO-FINANCING REQUIRED

FUNDING RATE

ELIGIBLE COST CATEGORIES

PERSONNEL • TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION • EQUIPMENT • OTHER GOODS & SERVICES • SUBCONTRACTING (MAX. 30%) • INDIRECT COSTS (25% FLAT RATE)

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HOW SHOULD I APPLY?

STEP 1 READ THE OPEN CALL DOCUMENTATION

Download and carefully read all documents available on the SoS2LearnDBS website for the Call for Proposals & Guidelines for Applicants:

- Call Conditions
- Guidelines for Developing a Transition Agenda
- Technical Annex template
- Budget template

STEP 2 PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

Complete your application using the **Online Application Form**.
Upload the **Technical Annex** and **Budget according to the templates provided**.
Upload a **Proof of Legal Registration** to evidence the established link with the local/regional community
All documents must be completed **in English.**

STEP 3 SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Submit your proposal through the online application platform **by 11 December 2026, 17:00 CET (Brussels time).**
After submission, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive it, your proposal has **not** been successfully submitted.

9th October 2026	DEADLINE 11th December 2026	14th December 26 - 30th March 27	31st March 2027	14th May 2027	From May 2027
Call opening	Submission of proposals	Evaluation and Selection of proposals	Announcement of results	Sub-Grant Agreement signature	Project's kick off and implementation

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?

Selected projects will receive:

Financial support of up to **€100,000** to develop a Transition Agenda.

Planning tools, templates and guidance to support the development of the Transition Agenda.

Expert feedback on KPI development and roadmap implementation, including adaptive guidance throughout the project.

Dedicated mentoring from the SoS2LearnDBS support team throughout the project.

Policy Integration Clinics covering governance, policy integration, financing pathways and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).

Peer-learning, networking and communication support, including knowledge exchange with other projects, access to the Mission Implementation Platform and dissemination activities.

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HOW TO GET IN TOUCH?

FOLLOW US:

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DOUBTS?

For questions about the call or the application process:
Email: sosdbs@inova.business
Questions will be answered until **6 December 2026 (indicative).**
Info sessions will be held to clarify any doubts.

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