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Implementation of Territorial Integrated Investments in Danube Delta
ITI Mechanism

• In preparing for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) programming period 2014-20, the Government of Romania (GOR) selected the Danube Delta region (a biosphere reserve) and its neighbouring area for application of the new ITI instrument.

• On September 4, 2013, the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (MRDPA) signed a Reimbursable Advisory Services Agreement (RAS) with the World Bank to develop an integrated sustainable development strategy for the Danube Delta region, which is to be implemented mainly through the ITI.

• The ecological significance and economic and social challenges of the Danube Delta region have been the key considerations for the government to select the region for the ITI application.
Map of the ITI DD territory
Statistics

- **Population territory**: 188,939 inhabitants
  - Tulcea county: 213,083 inhabitants, from which:
    - *Danube Delta*: 12,100 inhabitants
  - Constanța county: 13,477 inhabitants

- **Total surface territory**: 7,228 km²
  - Tulcea county: 6,551,28 km² (3,03% of Romania), from which:
    - *Danube Delta*: 3,446 km²
    - Constanța county: 676,72 km²

- **Density of the population**:
  - Tulcea county: 26 inhabitants/km²
  - *Danube Delta*: 3,5 inhabitants/km²
  - Constanța county: 20 inhabitants/km²
The Implementation of ITI

The four parties involved in the management of the ITI instrument in Romania are as follows:

• **Ministry of European Funds** - Coordinates ESIF 2014-2020, manages four Operational Programs, (Large Infrastructure, Human Capital, Competitiveness, and Technical Assistance), and coordinates the implementation of the ITI mechanism.

• **Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration** - Coordination and monitoring of the SIDD through the General Directorate for Regional Development and Infrastructure (GDRDI). The Management Authorities of three Operational Programs (Regional Development, Capacity Building for Public Administration, and European Territorial Cooperation Programs) support the Ministry of European Funds for the implementation of the ITI instrument in the Danube Delta.

• **Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development** - National Authority for the Common Agricultural policy, and Managing Authority for two operational programs (Rural Development and Fishery and Maritime Affairs). It supports the Ministry of European Funds in implementation of the ITI instrument in the Danube Delta.

• **Intercommunity Development Association ITI Danube Delta (ADI ITI DD, the Association)** - Supports potential and actual Beneficiaries in preparing projects, receives project applications, monitors project performance, and identifies and reports problems faced by Beneficiaries during project implementation.
Estimated Budget

• Total estimated Budget within Operational Programms **1,114 billion euro**:

  • POIM – 407,64 mil. euro; (FEDR)
  • POR – 358,1 mil. euro; (FEDR)
  • POAT – 5 mil. euro; (FEDR)
  • PNDR – 168 mil. euro; (FEADR)
  • POPAM – 37 mil. euro; (FEPAM)
  • POC – 60 mil. euro; (FC)
  • POCU – 60 mil. euro; (FC)
  • POCA – 16 mil. euro; (FC)

Integrated financing from all European Funds: FC, FEDR, FSE, FEADR, FEPAM
Organizational structure of ADI-ITI Danube Delta

- The Intercommunity Development Association for ITI Danube Delta (ADI ITI DD) was established in mid-2014 by Tulcea County Council and other local authorities in the region, as a private law and public utility legal entity.

- The Four-Parties Protocol signed between the Ministry of European Funds, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the ADI, stipulates that the latter is appointed as a coordinator of the ITI Danube Delta development program (ITI DD), with a defined set of Responsibilities.
Responsibilities of ADI ITI DANUBE DELTA

• It informs potential beneficiaries about the Strategy and Action Plan and facilitates their efforts to implement it.

• It supports local beneficiaries (local authorities, private and public institutions, members and non-members) in the development of funding applications, according to the Action Plan.

• It organises meetings to present and explain to the local Beneficiaries the content and eligibility criteria for ITI projects in line with each OP and the relevant Guidelines.

• It develops and strengthens project capacities in the ITI area.

• It monitors the performance of each Beneficiary.
Responsibilities of ADI ITI DANUBE DELTA (2)

- It provides a helpdesk services to Beneficiaries.
- It receives project applications from Beneficiaries and their relevance will be evaluated in line with the Strategy and then follow specific procedures of the MAs in the evaluation and selection process.
- It organises meetings, during project formulation stage, to ensure visibility of its activities.
- It monitors project implementation, submits quarterly reports to the FWG Secretariat every three months, and to the Association’s General Assembly every six months.
- It ensures the visibility of the projects during implementation.
ADl ITI DD Team

• At the executive level, the Association’s team was made up of 21 staff members, including the Executive Director – ITI Coordinator, and technical staff;

• Technical staff formed of specialists in a number of areas: human resources, legal, financial, IT, database, communication, transport, agriculture, fisheries, environment, health, education, social, local and regional economy, public acquisitions).
Thank you for your attention!

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