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the Danube - Black Sea system

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48

MONTHS

20

PARTNERS

3

USE CASES

€9M

BUDGET

Launch of SUNDANSE: A Horizon Europe Initiative for Sustainable Sediment Solutions in the Danube River - Black Sea System

Galați, Romania [July, 2024] - The Danube River, Europe's second-longest river, flows for about 2,860 kilometers through Central and Eastern Europe, traversing 10 countries from its source in Germany's Black Forest to its Delta in the Black Sea. The Danube's basin (more than 30% of EU surface) supports a rich biodiversity, encompassing numerous habitats and species. Known as the "River of Europe," it serves as a vital waterway for transport, commerce, and cultural exchange, linking diverse regions and communities.

SUNDANSE is an ambitious, 48 months long initiative funded under the Horizon Europe Programme and a vital component of the EU Mission: "Restore our Ocean and Waters". The project **aims to develop innovative and sustainable sediment solutions for the Danube River - Black Sea system**, addressing critical environmental challenges related to sedimentation and contributing to the health and resilience of our waterways.



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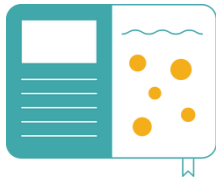
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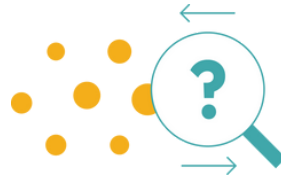


The SUNDANSE consortium is coordinated by "**Dunărea de Jos**" **University of Galați** based in Galați (Romania), and brings together 20 innovation stakeholders and educational/research entities from **10 different European countries** - Romania, France, Belgium, Israel, Serbia, Estonia, Ukraine, Austria, Bulgaria and Ireland. The initiative held its kick-off meeting on the 1-2 of July 2024 in Galați (Romania) where the project's roadmap was presented.

Throughout the duration of the project, **SUNDANSE aims to achieve 3 main goals:**



Create a Sediment
Management Handbook



Develop and validate a
Sediment Prediction Tool



Engage key
Stakeholders in Europe

SUNDANSE will launch **two Open Calls** and distribute financial support to at least five Associated Regions (**up to 100 000€ each**). This funding will facilitate additional demonstration activities, replicating the SUNDANSE developments in new regions.



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