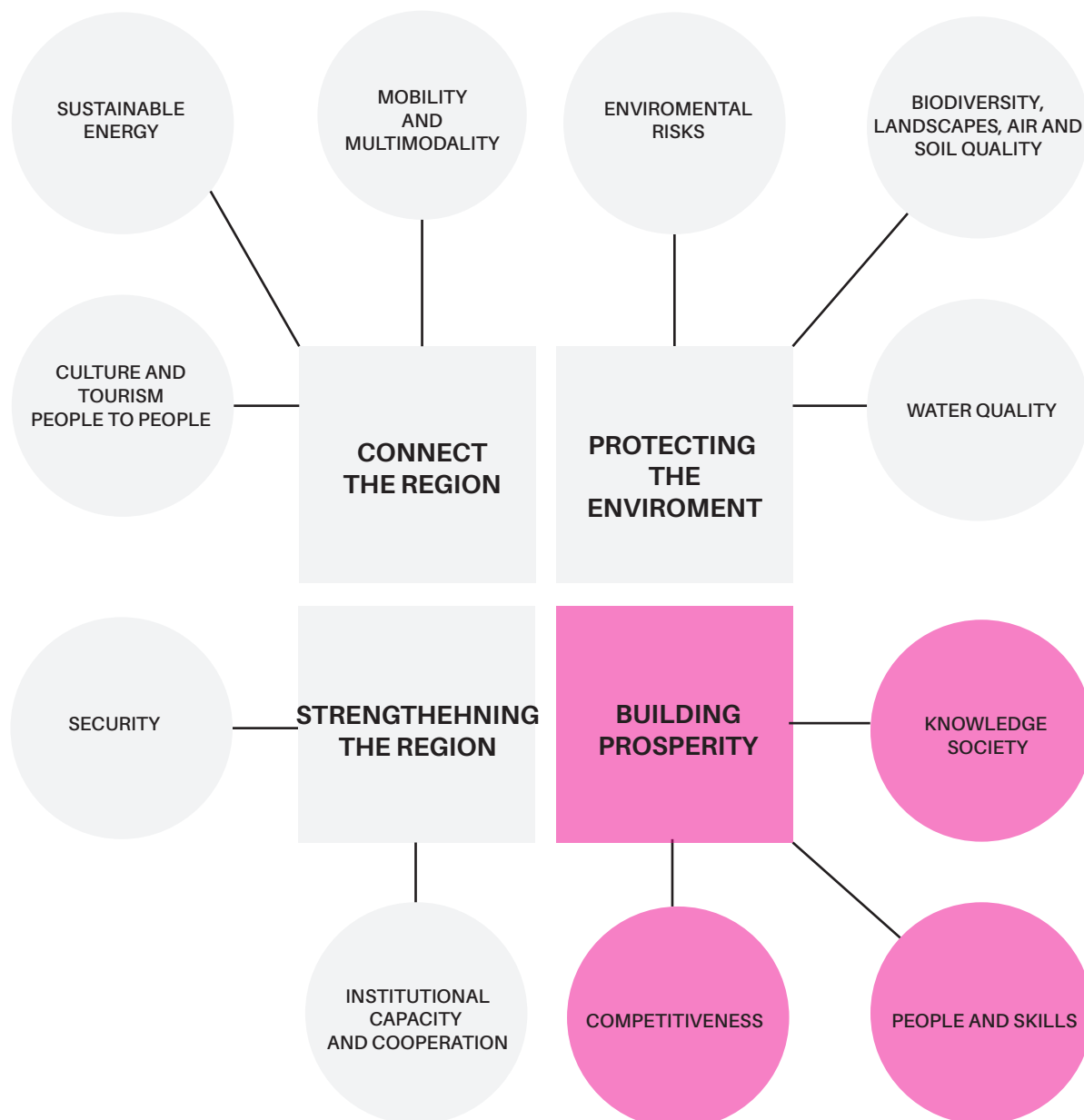


# BUILDING PROSPERITY IN THE DANUBE REGION

This pillar focuses on innovation, information society, and competitiveness of enterprises, education, labour market and marginalised communities. The overall objective is to improve the prosperity of the Danube Region. This can be done by improved cooperation in order to reduce the pronounced divide across the Region in many of the fields covered by these actions. This cooperation can cover legislative improvements, exchange of experiences and implementation of joint projects.



# TO DEVELOP THE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND IT

## PA7

Targets of the PA 7 includes: enhance regional research and education co-operation to reach 20% of academic mobility within the region by 2020, increase the effectiveness of investment in R&I through establishment of a funding coordination network or increase the annual output of co-publications in the region by 15 % by 2020



<http://groupspaces.com/KnowledgeSociety/>

**Flagship Project Label** can be given to a project in Danube region connected with the PA7.

You can download criteria for Label of Flagship Project on the following link.

[http://files.groupspaces.com/KnowledgeSociety/files/1001063/ANIRpHr52nAII04OY9/Criteria\\_label\\_of\\_flagship\\_project\\_final.pdf](http://files.groupspaces.com/KnowledgeSociety/files/1001063/ANIRpHr52nAII04OY9/Criteria_label_of_flagship_project_final.pdf)

### Feasibility study for the Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund (DRRIF)

The main objective of the study was the analyses of possibilities to support research and innovation activities in the Danube Region. The study also includes information on absorption capacities of research and development in the Danube area, potential cooperation of the Danube countries with existing grant schemes and analysis of potential research priorities in the region.



# TO SUPPORT THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES, INCLUDING CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

## PA8

This priority area focuses on: improvement of the innovations and new technologies transfer, development of best practise models for vocational training oriented towards employability and skills demand (theory and practice) by the implementing pilot projects or improvement of business support in particular to strengthen the competitiveness of SMEs for international cooperation and trade.



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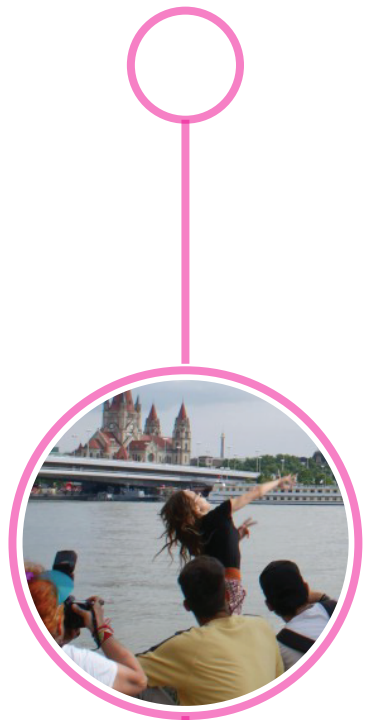


**DanuClus** provides international networking space for future cluster success, innovation, competitiveness and prosperity in the Danube Region.

Particular project ideas and funding opportunities are already under discussion - interested parties will get more information by clicking the following link (DanuClus-Flyer.pdf) or by contacting the coordinators of the WG.

<http://files.groupspaces.com/Competitiveness/files/940477/i2asi9meltb6lVscrIfR/DanuClus-Flyer.pdf>

**Socio-Economic Assessment of the Danube Region: Challenges and Recommendations for cooperation towards sustainable development** is socio-economical study that aims to analyse the current situation in the Danube Region with respect to prosperity, entrepreneurship/SMEs and cooperation activities to identify the obstacles which hinder the improvement of the situation. It is also elaborated the views of regional experts and political and administrative decision makers.



## TO INVEST IN PEOPLE AND SKILLS

### PA9

Besides other things PA 9 focuses on: contribution to a closer cooperation between educational, training, labour market and research institutions, in particular on transnational, regional and bilateral levels. It also aims to contribute to a higher employment rate in the Danube Region, especially through tackling youth and long-term unemployment



<http://www.peopleandskills-danuberegion.eu/>

**Empowering Young people - CONNECTING EUROPE** project invites secondary schools of the Danube Region to a creative joint venture of thinking and acting together. The aim is to implement innovative training courses and international, creative, educational programmes that promote dialogue between cultures, active citizenship and commitment to sustainable development.

The target groups are teachers at schools of general and vocational education and students in the age group of 16-17. External partners: NGOs, private companies, cultural institutions/artists, teacher training institutions.

<http://empoweringyoungpeople.net/about/>