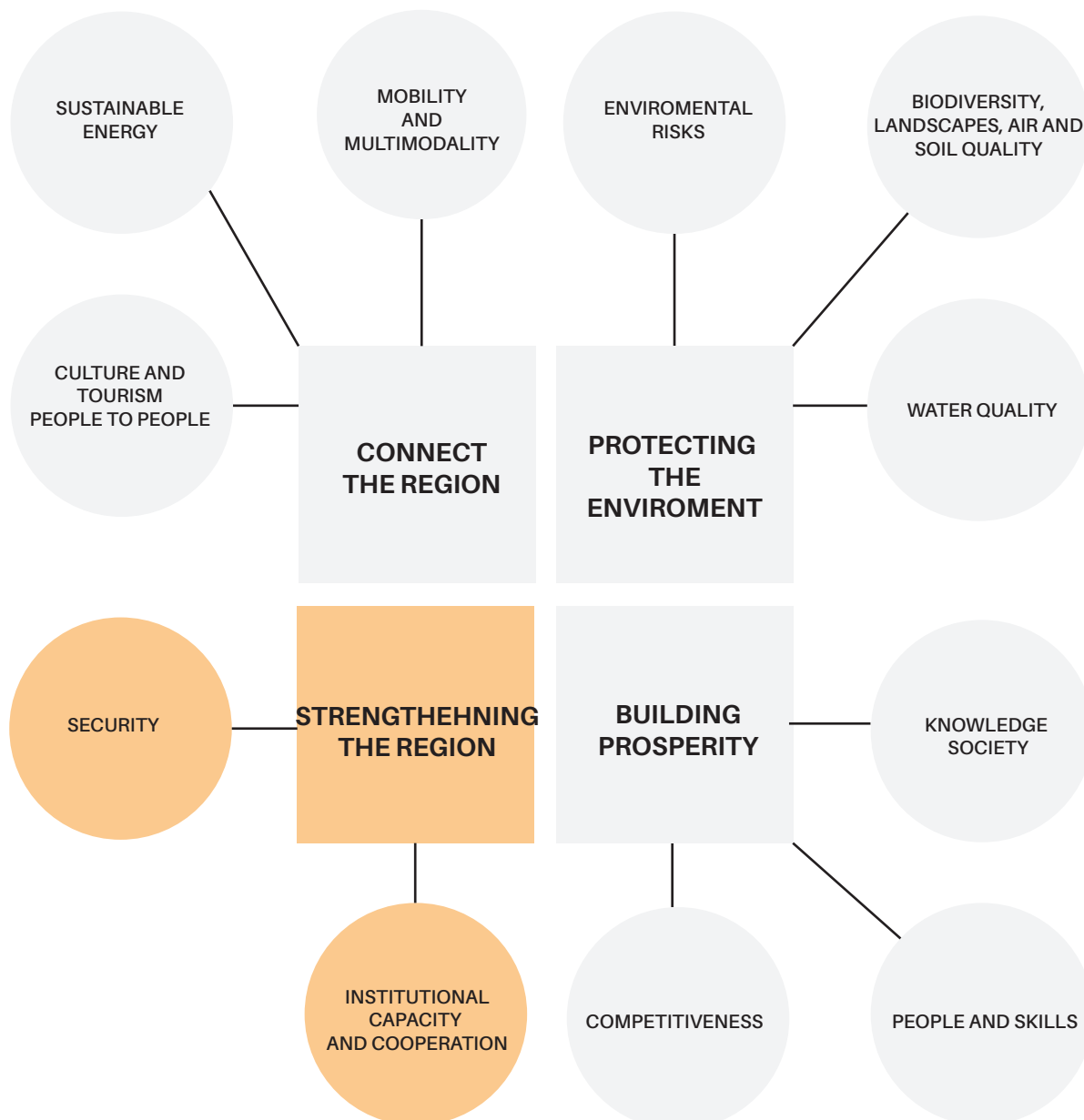


STRENGTHENING THE REGION

The actions and projects aim at strengthening the functioning of democratic institutions, public administrations and central, regional and local level organisations, with special focus on cooperation in the region. Better political, civil and administrative structures and better security are key conditions for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Stronger participation of civil society can improve public services and strengthen public confidence towards them. The inclusion of civil society in implementing the strategy and the association of civil stakeholders is crucial to the success of the Strategy. In this respect, territorial cohesion stresses the added value of partnership with a strong local dimension. This ensures that policies are designed and implemented with local knowledge, which should help their success.



TO STEP UP INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND COOPERATION

PA10

Targets of this priority focuses for instance on: increase the average absorption rate of EU funds in the Danube Region or improvement of World Bank governance indicators related to government effectiveness, regulatory quality and control of corruption.



www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu

Urban Platform Dunabe Region platform uniting as many cities, city networks and associations in the Danube Region as possible in order to enhance their ownership within the implementation process of the EUSDR and gearing their joint efforts towards the targets of the EU2020. It focuses on smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, information exchange, project development with macro-regional approach.

www.updr.eu/members/#.V1lRjcbw2So

Danube Local Actors platform (D-LAP) is an initiative of PA 10 that focuses on the implementation of three actions of the Action Plan:

- To improve the trust of citizens and stakeholders in political authorities
- To establish a Danube Civil Society Forum
- To ensure sufficient information flow and exchange at all levels

The involvement of civil society and local actors is crucial when it comes to fostering economic, territorial and social cohesion in the Danube Region.

It serves as the main gateway for civil society in the implementation of the EUSDR and also as a think tank to provide expertise in this process of macro-regional policy development.

<http://dlap.danubestrategy.eu/>

Danube Financing Dialogue

Danube Financing Dialogue brings together small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) from the whole Danube Region with international financing institutions and national funding sources. The Dialogue is providing a unique platform for stimulating match-making of SME's financing needs and financing possibilities offered by financing institutions.



TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE SECURITY AND TACKLE SERIOUS AND ORGANIZED CRIME

PA11

PA 11 aims to enhance police cooperation with the aim of improving security and tackling serious and organised crime in the EUSDR countries and strengthening the efforts against terrorism threats, develop strategic long-term cooperation between law enforcement actors, improve the systems of border control or promote the rule of law and fight against corruption.



www.danube-security.eu

Examples of on-going activities within PA 11:

Combating Cybercrime in the Danube Region – coordinator Bavaria

Countering Trafficking in Persons – Law Enforcement 2.0: SELEC

Danube Property Crime Project – coordinator Baden- Württemberg

If you are interested, please contact coordinators of projects. Cooperation with **SELEC** is available to any State or international organization or body, which has a particular interest in law enforcement cooperation in Southeast European region – more information you can find on following website.

www.selec.org/m123/Operational_Partners

