

IMPACT STORY

DESTINE - DanubE SusTaINable Energy



BACKGROUND

Considering its diverse energy landscape and geopolitical dynamics, **energy security is a critical issue for the Danube Region**. The region relies heavily on energy imports, making it vulnerable to supply disruptions and price fluctuations. **Achieving energy security would allow the Danube Region to become more self-reliant and less dependent on external energy sources.**

This independence would ensure greater control over energy pricing, availability, and distribution, reducing the region's vulnerability to global energy market fluctuations. Energy diversification, infrastructure enhancement, and cross-border cooperation are needed to contribute to the region's energy resilience and stability.



CONNECTION WITH THE DANUBE REGION

Energy security and sustainable development in the Danube Region are the main focuses of the work of **EUSDR Priority Area 2**.

Enhanced cooperation among the countries in the region and promotion of the transition towards a more secure, sustainable, and diverse energy supply are the primary objectives of the work of PA 2. In their work, the members recognised the **need for a joint portal with up-to-date information on the energy sector** from all 14 member countries. This would enable easier coordination and cooperation among the Danube countries in developing and implementing energy policies and preparing a harmonised approach to energy security.

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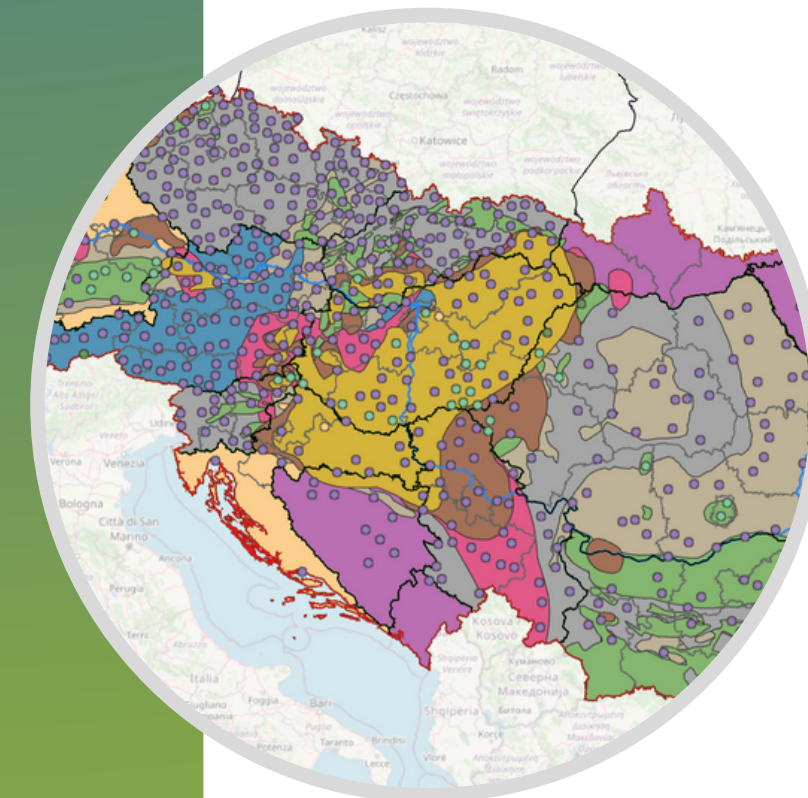


ABOUT THE DESTINE PLATFORM

In 2020, the Hungarian coordination of PA2 began the preparation of an **interactive portal for experts that would offer up-to-date information** on the topics of EU energy governance and statistics and regional and national energy policies of Danube Region countries. The portal, finalised in 2022, also summarises key strategies and policies related to the EUSDR and various energy topics and informs about different funding possibilities for the energy sector.

Integrated into the portal is an **interactive map of the Danube Region**, showing the geographical borders of the EUSDR, its countries and NUTS2 regions and highlighting different themes separated into layers: transport (TENT railway and road) network, electricity network, energy storage facilities in the region, gas pipelines, gas storage facilities and geothermal capacities of countries.

Each thematic layer gives more detailed information in the legend or by clicking on the dots in the map. More about the map can be found in the User Manual [here](#).





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The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is one of the EU macro-regional strategies adopted by the European Commission. EUSDR addresses a wide range of issues organised around 4 pillars and 12 priority areas. The Energy Priority Area (PA2) is one of these priority areas with a threefold objective of coordinating the regional energy policies, promoting an integrated energy market and launching cutting edge technology developments. PA2 started its operation in 2011 and the website is there to share the results achieved since then.

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