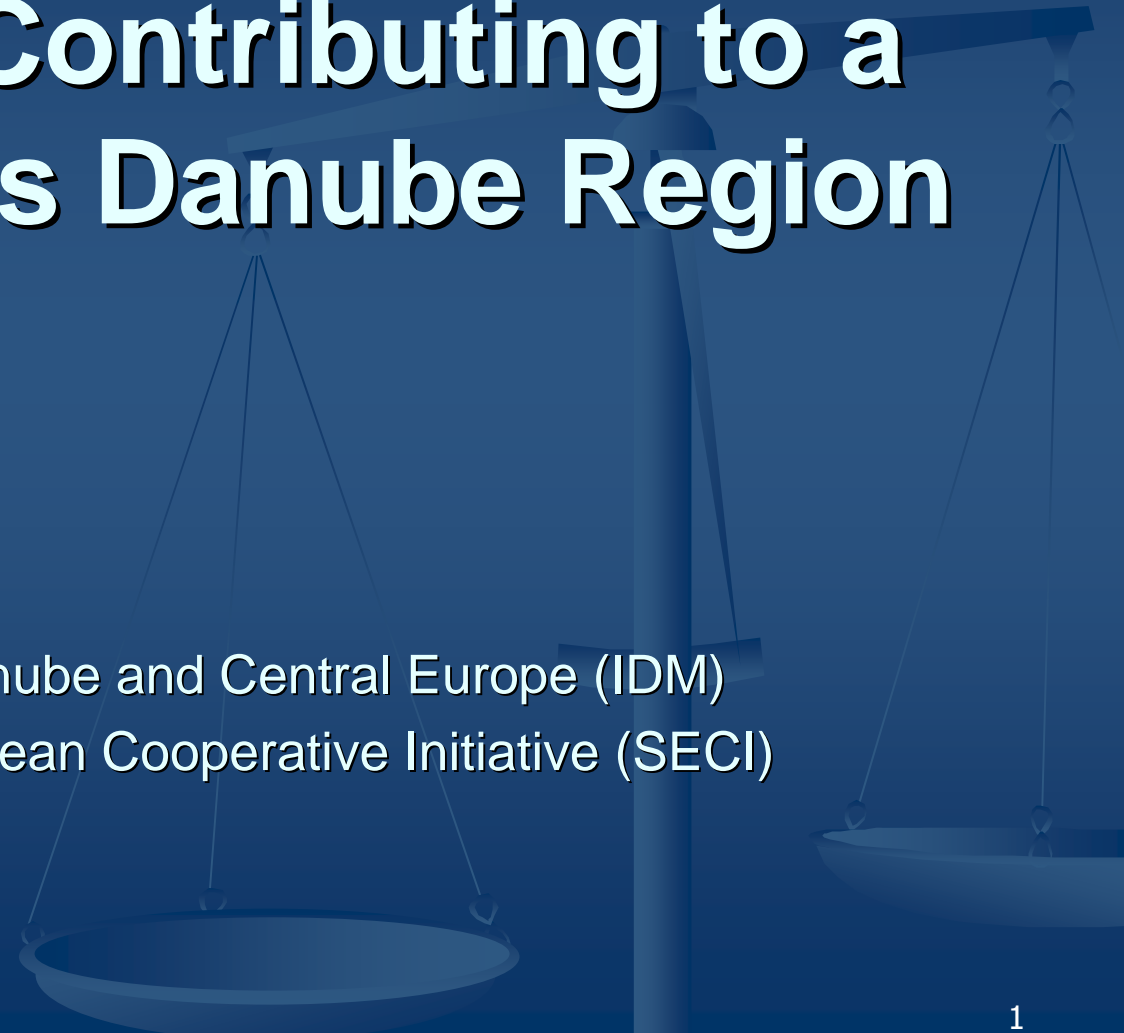


EU Strategy for the Danube Region - Contributing to a Prosperous Danube Region



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I. EUSDR – Structure

THE FOUR PILLARS



11 priority areas, coordinated by a priority area coordinator

129 Actions

n Projects

I. EUSDR – Implementation?

■ **3x NO to New:**

- institutions;
- legislation;
- funds.

■ **But, also 3x YES to:**

- alignment of funds;
- coordination of available instruments;
- new ideas

I. EUSDR – Implementation

- Priority Coordinators and Steering Groups Established;
- Intensive consultation processes on priorities within each PA and their activities ongoing;
- PA 7 – Focus on Mobility, IT and Smart Specialisations, but other priorities also important.

II. Financing proposals

Proposals for streamlining financing of Danube Projects and EUSDR are being considered:

- a) **“DANUBE Brokerage PLATFORM FOR FINANCING”** would involve in particular the Structural Fund Programmes, the IPA Coordinators, representatives of the ENPI programmes, the National Funding sources and the main International Financial Institutions.

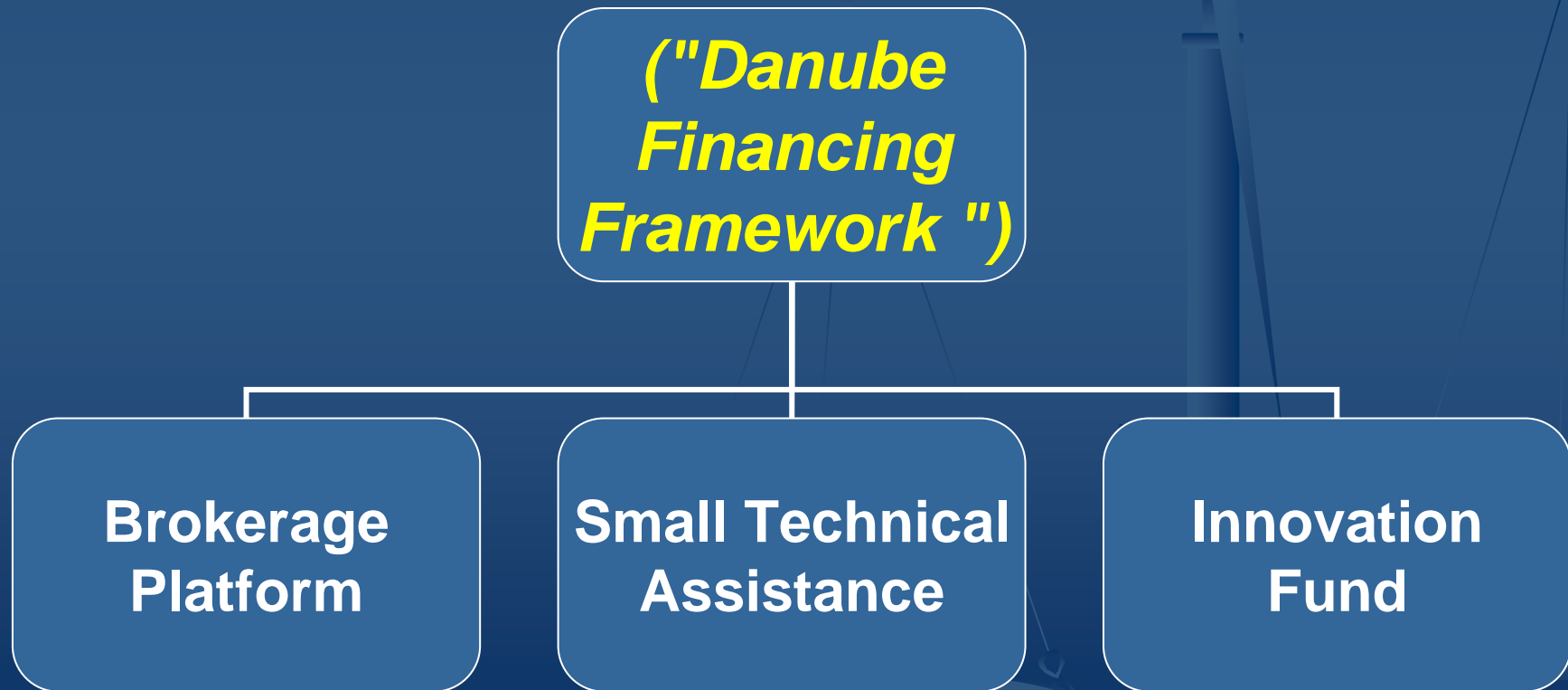
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- b) **Danube Research and Innovation Fund (PA 7)** – a fund dedicated specifically to the needs and the requirements of research and education institutions from the Danube Region

MAJOR FINANCING INSTITUTIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ARE DISCUSSING THE MOST SUITABLE SOLUTION.

II. Financing proposals

- **Potential financing structure**



III. EUSDR – Economic impact

- EUSDR Implementation should produce sustainable economic benefits;
- Sustainable economic development is not possible if the members of the economic chain do not communicate with one another;
- Education and research should serve the needs of the market and the market should innovate to produce sustainability – economically as much as socially.

III. EUSDR – Sustainability

- Coordination and communication between the various PAs is crucial for producing sustainable economic impact in the Danube Region;
- Each PA should identify how its activities directly / indirectly impact other PAs, both in terms of policies as much as in terms of projects.

HORIZONTAL ACTION

Specific PA priorities and projects should try to integrate the directly and indirectly affected PAs in the early stage of development of their activities.

IV. Some food for thought

- **Encourage**
- **Unite**
- **Support**
- **Develop**
- **Respect**

Communicate, Involve, Innovate,
Coordinate, Integrate.... and contribute to
the EUSDR process in a meaningful way.

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION

