



NEWSLETTER

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Project starting!

DALIA Danube Lighthouse

This new lighthouse DALIA project is focused on the Danube River basin and fresh water, it is an innovation event, and it is supporting the new EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030.



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DEMO SITES

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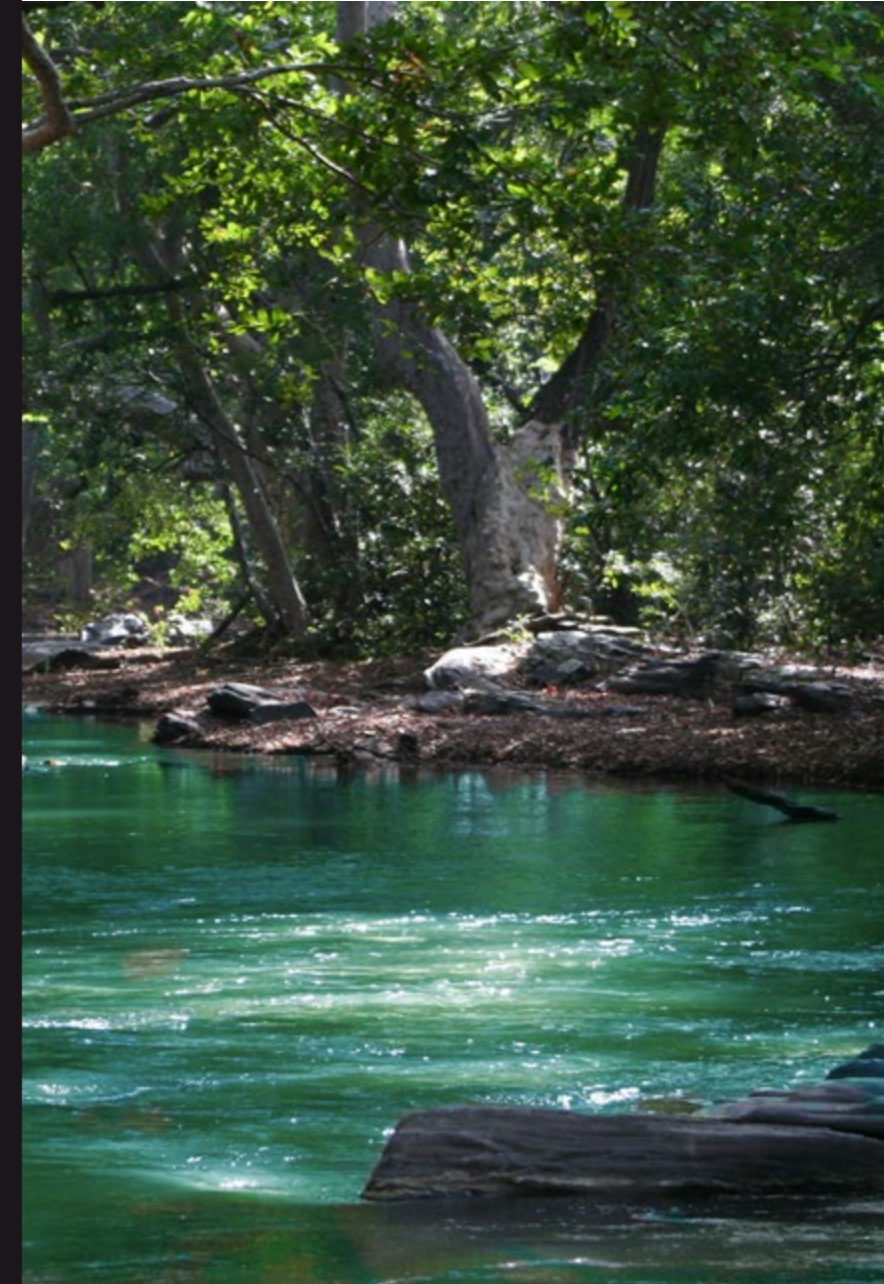
PARTNERS

48

MONTHS

39k+

WATER KM



Danube Region Water Lighthouse Action 1st Personal Partner Meeting of the International Project DALIA

Marcin Sadowski, the representative of DG Mare with a background in Mission Policy, opened the kick-off meeting of the DALIA project in Budapest and highlighted the new approach of the EU Water and Ocean Mission toward stakeholder engagement and encouragement. The Mission Charter is bringing stakeholders together to share experiences and exchange good practices, and speed up the implementation of innovative solutions.

The consortium of the new DALIA project that

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→ Partner Representatives at the DALIA Project Kick-off meeting, 03/2023 Budapest.

has already joined the charter, met for the first time at a kick-off meeting in Budapest on the second spring day of 2023.

As it will take some time until the communication team collects all their input, to satisfy your curiosity let us share with you a

▶ [PILOT VIDEO](#)



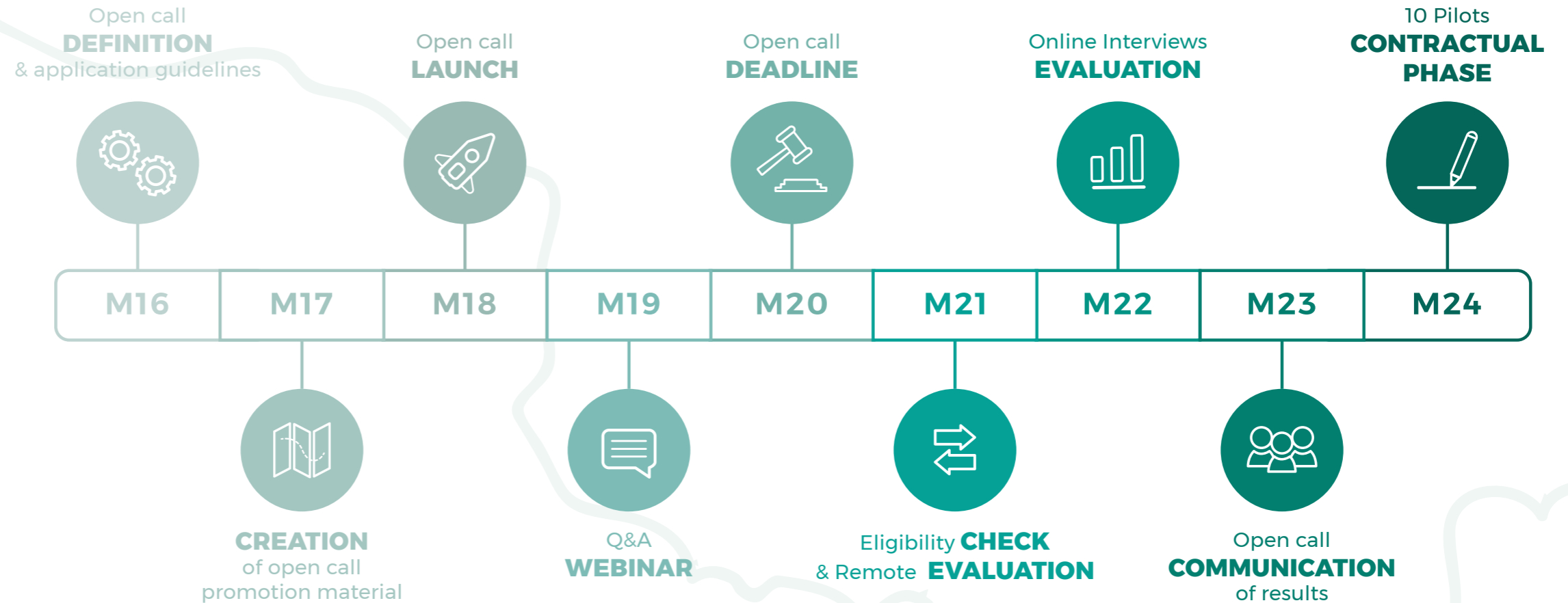
STAY TUNED,
more currents are
flowing your way
soon!

OPEN CALL

DALIA project will provide financial resources for 10 pilots.

Note: Please be aware that it is a preliminary timeline, please follow our web pages all information will be published soon.

THE PRELIMINARY TIME LINE



9 countries with 22 partners

Project participants



HUNGARY:

The General Directorate of Water Management | The Express Innovation Agency | Biopolus Institute | Széchenyi István University | Naturefilm.hu Society

BULGARIA:

The Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

ROMANIA:

The Bucharest University of Economic Studies | The Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry | Crişuri Water Basin Administration | The National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management | The UGAL - „Dunarea de Jos“ University of Galati | National Institute for Research and Development in Environmental Protection Bucharest

CZECH REPUBLIC:

BIOEAST HUB CR | The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague | The T. G. Masaryk Water Research Institute | Czech Center for Science and Society

SLOVAKIA:

People and Water

SERBIA:

The Institute for Development and Innovation | UNSFA - University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture

SWISS:

meteoblue AG

DEUTSCHLAND:

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg | The Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

IRELAND:

F6S

What to Achieve in the project DALIA

Partner Ambition



“OVF is about to ensure the integration of the DALIA tool into the Danube Mission Hub for better decision making to improve Danube River Basin restoration of fresh and transitional water ecosystems.”

Norbert Csatári

THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
WATER MANAGEMENT (OVF)



“In this project, CWBA would like to demonstrate the undeniable benefits for environmental factors and develop support tools for the sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems.

Together for clear rivers!”

Pasztor Sandor

DIRECTOR
AT CWBA



“By balancing natural processes with human ingenuity, we strive to create healthy and practical, ecologically engineered water-based ecosystem solutions that are good for both mankind and the planet.”

István Kenyeres

FOUNDER OF THE
BIOPOLUS INSTITUTE





“Using our many years of experience to demonstrate the direct, highly positive impact of proper landscape management on water cycles and climate.”

Michal Kravčík
CO-FOUNDER
PEOPLE AND WATER



“We strive to create constructive two-way communication and interaction pathways between the project activities, key stakeholders and local communities.”

Siniša Borota
PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER AT IRI



“The Danube brings countries together - DALIA brings experts together for cleaner freshwater across Europe.”

Szilvia SZÁNTÓ
INTERNATIONAL EXPERT, EXPRESS
INNOVATION AGENCY



“The availability and quality of water resources is a challenge not only for water management, but for society as a whole.”

Adam Vizina
DEPARTMENT OF HYDROLOGY



“DALIA is boosting the research and innovation ecosystem on fresh water, the involvement of the macro-regional BIOEAST Thematic Working group Fresh water based bio-economy can support the exploitation of project results.”

Marie Kubankova

BIOEAST TWG
COORDINATOR



“F6S motivation is based on the opportunity to expand F6S platform users and be able to expose and connect growth opportunities to European innovators.”

Catarina Reis

PROJECT MANAGER
AT F6S



“Our ambition is the organization of the DALIA pilot implementation and verification in all pilot areas, mathematical modelling of pollution transport with different reaction/degradation schemes representing different attenuation processes per pilot. We plan to close cooperation with the stakeholders on all pilot sites, participation on the training materials preparation, dissemination and communication. Important will be also planning of the open calls, identification of the potential replicators and those interested in participating in Open calls.”

Zuzana Boukalová

WPI LEADER



Interview with **Elisa Vargas Amelin**



SHORT PRESENTATION

I hold a PhD in Economics and Hydrology-Engineering (UNED, Madrid and VUB, Brussels) and a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (University of Minnesota, USA). I have worked in the private sector, as an independent expert for Spanish administrations in the water sector and as a policy officer for the European Commi-

ssion. I have participated in international projects in Europe, South America and North Africa related to climate change, water scarcity and droughts. My work in the Commission focused on the implementation of the Water Framework and Groundwater Directives, the European Green Deal, and water indicators.

Since March 2022, I work as a project officer in the **European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)**. As part of the Horizon Europe Climate unit, I manage projects mainly from the EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030'.

DID YOU LIKE THE LAYOUT OF THE KICK-OFF MEETING? WHAT COULD WE IMPROVE IN OUR NEXT MEETING?

The layout of the kick-off meeting was very professional and at the same time welcoming. The venue, Margaret Island in Budapest, is a beautiful site that allowed us to be near the

Danube River, which restoration is the focus of the project. The meeting was a great opportunity to meet all partners of the consortium, allowed for informative presentations, exchange of views and side discussions. There is little room for improvement for future meetings. Perhaps,

as a small suggestion, a team-building activity or a break-up session by teams or work packages would allow us to get to know colleagues even more and facilitate the interactions between task leaders.

WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR OUR DALIA PROJECT?

There are a few areas that will need a close follow-up. One is the mechanism to replicate and scale-up solutions through the financial support to third parties in associated regions. At CINEA, we believe

that it will be important to follow a common approach with other projects in the Danube basin and even other 'Lighthouses' of the Mission Ocean. It would be very beneficial to find synergies with existing initiatives and networks, map demonstration sites, and coordinate efforts to ensure a high impact of the proposed solutions. Another challenge might be ensuring the continuity of efforts and leveraging additional restoration actions in the Danube basin once the project is over. These can be challenging aspects, but

DALIA has the necessary tools and a strong team to achieve the expected outcomes. In addition, Coordination and Support Actions can provide support for these challenges.

„CINEA IS READY to work closely with the consortium and support DALIA's implementation in every single stage from now until 2026!“

THANK YOU FOR THE INTERVIEW!



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