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## EU-Funded project 'SUNDANSE' launches €300,000 Open Call to drive Sustainable River Restoration

**“The Danube Call” is now accepting applications for sustainable sediment management solutions.**

The SUNDANSE project, an EU initiative focused on strengthening river ecosystem health, announced the official launch of its **Open Call for Associated Regions**. “**The Danube Call**” represents a significant total investment of up to €300,000, offering local and regional authorities substantial grants to implement vital sustainable sediment and water quality solutions.

The Open Call is now actively seeking proposals from local and regional governments in **Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, and Slovakia**. The initiative aims to fund three high-impact projects, with grants of **up to €100,000 per proposal**, enabling regions to tackle critical environmental challenges directly.



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SUNDANSE's **"The Danube Call"** aims to fund innovative projects that expand the deployment, testing and engagement of developed SUNDANSE solutions across new regions. To be eligible, the proposed solution must specifically address at least one of the following core thematic areas related to sediment dynamics and river health:

- Flow monitoring
- Sediment quantity monitoring
- Sediment quality assessment (including the identification of pollution sources of the river(s))
- Actions to improve awareness raising on sediment flow alterations

"The launch of the **"The Danube Call"** is a pivotal moment for SUNDANSE, transforming our research into actionable results on the ground", says Lucian Georgescu, Project Director of REXDAN, Professor at "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati and Project Coordinator for SUNDANSE. "This €300,000 investment empowers local and regional authorities, who are on the front lines of water management, to secure the tools and resources necessary to enhance biodiversity, ensure water security, and improve natural flood protection."

Innovative solutions selected for funding will gain invaluable capacity through direct knowledge transfer from SUNDANSE demonstrator sites, helping them scale proven, cutting-edge solutions and foster long-term environmental sustainability.

Local and regional authorities interested in securing this funding are encouraged to review the detailed application guidelines and submit their proposals.

**Call to Action: The SUNDANSE Open Call is open until February 18, 2026, 5 PM CET. Full eligibility criteria, application guidelines, and submission details are available at: <https://sundanseproject.eu/sundanse-open-call-1/>**

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### About SUNDANSE Project

The SUNDANSE (Innovative sediment management framework for a SustainNable DANube black SEa system) project is a multi-national, multi-stakeholder initiative funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme. It aims to develop and demonstrate a new framework for sediment management to improve the environmental resilience of the Danube River and Black Sea system.



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