

**Project title:** “ Transnational Cooperation of Clusters active on Agro-Food, based on Smart Specialization Approach in Danube region” – Danube S3 Cluster

**Programme:** Interreg Danube Transnational Programme – Call 2;

**Duration of the project:** 01.07.2018 - 30.07.2021

**Total amount of the project:** 1,790,445.70 Euro

**INMA amount :** 82,600 Euro

**Partners involved in the project:**

**Coordinator :** South Muntenia Regional Development Agency (RO)

**Partner 2 :** Steinbeis 2i GmbH (DE)

**Partner 3 :** Pannon Business Network Association (HU)

**Partner 4 :** University of Maribor (SI)

**Partner 5 :** The Foundation „Romanian Centre for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises” (RO)

**Partner 6 :** EKO-SUSTAV waste management limited liability company (EKO-SUSTAV Ltd) (HR)

**Partner 7 :** Bioeconomy Cluster (SK)

**Partner 8 :** IFKA Public Benefit Non-Profit Ltd. for the Development of the Industry (HU)

**Partner 9 :** Business Support Centre for Small and Medium Enterprises-Ruse (BG)

**Partner 10 :** National Institute of Research - Development for Machines and Installations designed to Agriculture and Food Industry - INMA (RO)

**Partner 11 :** ITC - Innovation Technology Cluster Murska Sobota (SI)

**Partner 12 :** Faculty of Technical Sciences (RS)

**Partner 13 :** Development Association NERDA (BA)

**Partner 14 :** Moldovan Technology Transfer Network (MD)

**Partner 15 :** Institute of Market Problems and Economic-Ecological Researches of National Academy of Science of Ukraine (UA)

**Partner 16 :** Ministry of Economy (RO)

**Partner 17 :** GREENLINE Western Balkans Cluster Foundation (BA)

**Partner 18 :** National Technical University of Ukraine “Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” (UA)

**Partner 19 :** Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts of the Republic of Croatia (HR)

**Partner 20 :** Academy of Sciences of Moldova (MD)

**Project Responsible from INMA: PhD. Eng. Cornelia Muraru-Ionel**

**The overall objective of the project** is to leverage the innovation-driven entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Danube area by developing smart and coordinated cluster policies in the context of RIS3, enhance innovation management knowledge and skills and foster transnational cluster cooperation in Agro-Food sector. The sector has been selected since it is a priority area of the RIS3 in the partner regions and it is among the priorities selected for the Danube area by the JRC.

The project aims to generate a significant change by developing Danube S3 Cluster Strategy and Programme based on Quadruple Helix involvement as transnational strategic documents focused on exploiting the linkages between mutually reinforcing specialization areas across sectors. The strategy will be tested by 5 pilot initiatives in 4 cross-cutting themes (market intelligence, open innovation, business models for circular economy and healthy food) that are interconnected and able to generate new innovative project ideas and feeding

into EUSDR. The pilots will be implemented in Croatia, Serbia & Slovakia and especially in Moldova & Ukraine where most of the knowledge generator activities will take place, for a better coordination of cluster policies.