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## Highlights of the discussion

- Main funding programmes are already captured in the draft DRBMP, Annex 20 (e.g. EU OPs, Green deal, CAP, Green bonds, DTP/Life/Horizon, IPA 3, EIB, NDICI, EBRD...)
- Some additions mentioned that will be checked/integrated during the revision of the draft
- Proposals made for strategic improvements of the financing situation in the future (better implementation of the polluter-pays principle, strengthening the use of CAP funding for water management, consideration of integrated projects etc.)
- Despite funding opportunities, there is a lack of a pipeline of multi-benefit/restoration project proposals
- Interlinkage between water quality and health is an issue that needs to be further investigated and integrated into water management planning in the future

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## Calls to Action

- Strengthen to use of CBA (Cost-Benefit-Analysis) at project level
- Increase capacity at national/regional level for the development/selection of projects
- While transboundary cooperation is already fruitful, show the benefits of upstream-downstream innovative financing through smaller scale projects

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## Key messages

- The recovery funds offers significant additional funding opportunities; to be used wisely - use of the Do No Harm principle when planning/executing new projects (esp. for flood protection), e.g the Recovery and Resilience Facility
- Need to prioritize projects offering multiple benefits (e.g including ecosystem services related benefits). Nature-Based Solutions is a useful approach for this