

DRC Action Plan | 2017–2018

General remarks

In accordance with the objectives in the statutes, the Action Plan for the years 2017 to 2018 is focused on improving higher education in teaching and research in the Danube region, in establishing and facilitating bilateral and multilateral contacts between the universities and in linking national and international organizations, especially the national Rectors' Conferences, EU, EUA, UNESCO and the Council of Europe. DRC should become a strong and visible network and an important player in the Danube region. The work programme for the upcoming years is furthermore based on the position paper based on the discussions during the Annual Meeting.

1. Improving higher education in teaching and research in the Danube region

- Establishing the DRC as an eligible (project) partner (for EUSDR activities, H2020 projects, the Danube Transnational Programme)
- Providing seed capital to initiate working and research groups (improving the installed DRC Fund for Incentives)
- Organizing Summer Schools for young/early stage researchers (DRC Summer school, Danube:Future)
- Improving the cooperation with EUSDR PA 7 „Knowledge Society“

2. Establishing and facilitating bilateral and multilateral contacts between the universities

- Creating a roadmap of EUSDR activities of DRC member universities (research and teaching projects, publications, mobilities) to improve networking between the member universities and to improve visibility
- Using the potential of Annual Meetings as an important opportunity to network and to develop the network
- Intensify the cooperation with EUSDR PA 7

3. Link national and international organizations (especially the national Rectors' Conferences, EUA, UNESCO, EU, Council of Europe)

- Increasing the visibility of DRC in the EU
- Implementing the DRC as an observing member at EUSDR PA 7 Steering group meetings
- Intensify activities with DRC partners (AARC, Danube:Future, EUA, JRC)
- Organizing (biannual) Info Days, Network Lunches, Fireside chats for DRC members

4. Create a strong network

- Balancing the involvement of the member universities in the whole Danube Region
- Strengthening the cooperation between the DRC member universities (Info Days, Network Lunches e.g.)
- Improving the DRC Fund for Incentives