



1) 9th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

“Challenges for the European Union in the Next Decade - A View from the Danube Region”

Date and venue: 01 July – 08 July 2012 in Maribor, Slovenia

Deadline for application: June 5th, 2012

Early Bird registration: Until April 1st, 2012!

Applications by e-mail to: Mr. Zoltán Vörös, IDRResearch Ltd.; E-mail: voros@idresearch.hu

For more information:

[Call for Application:](#)
[Application Form](#)

[DRC Summer School Website](#)
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The IDM is looking forward to receiving a large number of applications and kindly requests you to submit this information to interested persons and institutions.

2) Workshop on Smart Specialisation Strategies on 28th March 2012 in Linz

Smart Specialisation Strategies are important for designing regional economic and innovation strategies as well as for a sustainable competitiveness of European regions. The European Commission (DG Regio) supports such developments with instruments like the S3-Platform. In cooperation with the BMWF (Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Finance), the OECD (Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy, TIP) and the European Commission (JRC-IPTS, S3 Platform) Upper Austria hosts a **joint workshop on Smart Specialisation Strategies on 28th March 2012 in Linz.**

Please find the draft agenda for the Joint Workshop attached:

Key Goals of the workshop are:

- The “Self-Assessment tool” proposed by AT Delegation with the support of Joaneum Institute to assist regions in the development of their “smart” innovation strategies: how to use and how to link it to governance and case study modules.
- The “IPTS-S3 Guide: the novelties of the RIS3 approach”.
- Thus the workshop offers the opportunity to get in touch with the S3 concept and its instruments (S3 Guide, Self Assessment Tool, ...). At the same time you will have the chance to co-create the further development out of your practical perspective.

Please register via e-mail to oberoesterreich@tmg.at.

The workshop takes place at the Courtyard Marriot Hotel (www.courtyardlinz.at) We have pre-booked accommodations at the Courtyard Marriot Hotel (www.courtyardlinz.at) at a special price of €96 per room. For booking via e-mail (sandra.moestl@courtyard.com) or via telephone (+43-732-6959/14) please use the key word “Upper Austria”.

3) REMINDER: CASEE Conference 2012 “Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production in the Danube Region”, Cluj-Napoca on May 3-5, 2012

The updated programme and registration form can be found on the website

http://www.ica-is.com/casee/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=156

Registration Deadline: April 1st, 2012!

4) 9th World Energy System Conference, 28-30.6.2012 in Suceava, Romania

The conference is organized by „Stefan cel Mare” University of Suceava, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with Canadian Institute World Energy System CIWES, Canada.

First Call for Papers:

Accepted and presented papers will be published in **AGIR Bulletin** (ISSN 1224-7928) – category B+ (CNCSIS). The best papers will be selected for publication in the: **Advances in Electrical and Computer Engineering** (ISI impact factor: 0,700), **Electric Power System Research journal** (Elsevier) or in the **Energy journal** (Elsevier).

Other information will be available by accessing the website of the conference, <http://www.wesc.usv.ro>, or e-mail: Radu PENTIUC (Suceava, Romania) radup@eed.usv.ro, Puica NITU, Canada, puica.nitu@rogers.com Prof. Gianfranco CHICCO, Italy, gianfranco.chicco@polito.it

5) Erasmus Staff Training Week - Eötvös Lorand University, HU, 14.-18.5.2012:

Training on Intercultural Competences* 3rd Joint Erasmus Staff Week of Eötvös Loránd University and Corvinus University

Between 14 and 18 May 2012 Eötvös Loránd University (HU BUDAPES01) and Corvinus University (HU BUDAPES03) organize the third 5-day Joint Erasmus Staff Mobility Week for international officers of their Erasmus partner universities.

The one week training programme focusing on interculturality has been designed for international officers of our partner universities. The participants have the opportunity to learn about how we manage the Erasmus programme. On the last day participants can visit various faculties and departments of the university, as well. The working language of the programme is English.

The social programmes as well as the programme on the second and third day of the week are common for ELTE and Corvinus participants, so they will have the opportunity to meet several partners and new colleagues from all over Europe.

Please find enclosed programme. 20 participants are accepted; a maximum of 2 participants from one institution.

If you are interested in taking part in the Joint Erasmus Staff Mobility Week, please fill in the enclosed registration form and send it back to erasmus@elte.hu.

Application deadline: 16 March 2012.

Please note that the participants have to apply at their home university for Erasmus Staff Mobility Grant. The costs of travel, accommodation and meals will have to be covered by the participants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Szekely: szekely.agnes@elte.hu.

6) DANUBE REGION BUSINESS FORUM 2012 of Austrian Chamber of Commerce, 8.11.2012

The Danube Region Business Forum has the Topic “Environmental Technology”. In case your institution wants to actively contribute to this Forum, please **nominate Environmental scientists who could talk about their co-operation with enterprises by sending the name, contact address (e-mail!), area of expertise and possible topic for a speech to margarita.calderon-peter@boku.ac.at by March 20th!**

In case you want to disseminate conferences, workshops or similar events organized by your institution to the DRC Members, or should you have any questions or comments to DRC activities planned, please do not hesitate to send this information to the DRC Secretary General (margarita.calderon-peter@boku.ac.at) – it will be included in the next DRC Newsletters.