

DRC Newsletter June 2018

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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

[Registration](#) for our Annual Meeting at the Comenius University Bratislava is now possible! A report on the 15th DRC Summer School can also be find in this edition as well as further news from our network.

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1. DRC Annual Meeting 7-9 November 2018



Our next **DRC Annual Meeting** will be held at the Comenius University Bratislava on November 7th-9th, 2018.

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During the General Assembly, we will elect a new presidency.

The online registration is available on the website of the Comenius University Bratislava: <https://uniba.sk/en/drc2018>

You can also find useful information on our website: www.drc-danube.org

We are looking forward to see you in Bratislava!

2. 15th DRC Summer School 2018



15th Danube Rectors' Conference Summer School on Regional Cooperation "Modernizing Europe: Generating Accountability"

This year's DRC Summer School was held in **Krems, Austria**, from July 1st to July 8th 2018. This edition was opened with the presence of **Friedrich Faulhammer**, Rector of the Danube University Krems and DRC president, **Sebastian Schäffer**, Secretary General of DRC and research associate at Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe and **Ulrike Guérot**, Professor for European Policy and the Study of Democracy. She shared her insights on "Why Europe must become a Republic" giving rise to a fruitful discussion with all of the participants.

We were also honored by the presence of various experts from different fields such as political sciences, economics, foreign policies and history. Having this wide spectrum of approaches allowed the participants to deepen their knowledge on the current issues regarding regional cooperation within the Danube Region.

After all of the lectures our participants took part in a workshop session where they developed two potential future scenarios for the Danube Region. One group proposed a pessimistic scenario, while the other came up with an optimistic one. Both of them were later presented to **Rudolf Schicker**, Coordinator of the Priority Area 10 of the EUSDR, during the discussion at IDM in Vienna.

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We would like to thank all participants, lecturers and sponsors who made this a great success!

You can find more information about the programme and pictures on our website: www.drc-danube.org

3. Call for nominations "Danubius Young Scientist Award 2018"

The "Danubius Young Scientist Award" will be granted to **14 young scientists - one in each country that is part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region** [Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania and Ukraine].

Only nominations from Germany, Montenegro and Slovakia can still be accepted!

The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhance the visibility of the scientific community in the region: Moreover the award encourages young scientists to engage themselves in the scientific examination of the multifaceted issues and questions specifically related to the Danube Region.

The award will be **endowed with 1.200 EUR for each winner** of the young scientist award.

AWARD Criteria
Scientific excellence and innovative approach of the academic work
Thematic relevance of the scientific work for issues/problems of the Danube Region
Relevance of the scientific work beyond the national borders
Potential of the candidate (for example: integration in international networks, participation in scientific projects, publication history, experience in teaching, etc.)
No formal age limit - BUT Limitation to participants that have received their master/PhD max. 5 years ago (= after 1 st of January 2013). Submissions of candidates holding only a bachelor degree will not be accepted.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION:

Documents have to be submitted in **English language** (exception: copy of the academic title received) and have to consist of the following parts:

- A. Max. 3 pages summary of the scientific work
(e.g. thesis, dissertation, journal article, scientific publication, etc.)
- B. 1/2 page statement explaining the relevance of the work for the Danube Region and as appropriate the relevance beyond national borders
- C. Curriculum vitae including publication list of the candidate (max. 3 pages)
- D. Copy of the document related to the award of the highest academic title received (to verify the criteria of max. 5 years after master degree or PhD degree).

Please consolidate/merge parts A to D into one file (preferably in pdf format).

Place of submission and deadline:

Nominations will be accepted in electronic format and in English language only.
Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to: s.schaeffer@idm.at

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The **DEADLINE** for submitting nominations is
Monday, 31st of July 2018 at 23:59!

SELECTION PROCESS:

Candidates for the "Danubius Young Scientist Award" can come from all scientific disciplines.

The nomination of the award candidate cannot be made by the candidate himself/herself but he or she **has to be nominated by their hosting scientific organization** (university, academy of sciences, etc.).

The number of nominations per organization is limited to 3.

Every university, academy of sciences or research organization etc. can nominate up to a maximum of three candidates in total; however the three candidates have to come from different faculties or departments, institutes or research groups within the organization.

An international expert jury will be established that will be responsible for assessing all incoming nominations and for determining a final ranking list.

The highest ranked candidate from each of the countries of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will be recommended for the award.

4. Questionnaire "Europe's future and its democracy"

Prof. Ulrike Guérot, who held a keynote at 15th DRC Summer School on "**Why Europe must become a Republic**" kindly ask you to participate in the following survey:

We would like to ask your support by answering and distributing the following questionnaire from **Donau-Universität Krems, Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy** (Prof. Ulrike Guérot) and **Westfälischen Wilhelms Universität Münster, Germanist Institute** (Prof. Christine Dimorph).

By participating, you are providing support for our continuing research into Europe's future and its democracy. This questionnaire specifically addresses the idea 'republic' and should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Your participation is strictly **ANONYMOUS**. Your answers will only be compared with the responses of other participants. Please attempt to answer the questions spontaneously, without too much deliberation. The questionnaire has no 'right' or 'wrong' answers; we are interested in your personal opinion.

Here is the link: <https://www.soscisurvey.de/europeanrepublic2018/>

Thank you very much!

5. 4th EUA Funding Forum



We are pleased to invite you to the 4th EUA Funding Forum, hosted by Ramon Llull University in Barcelona, Spain, on 18-19 October 2018.

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This year's Forum will focus on **Frameworks that empower, universities that deliver**. University leaders, senior managers and policy makers will discuss how to empower institutions in uncertain and risky financial and economic situations. The event philosophy will be share and learn to grow and improve. Policy makers will also have the opportunity to explore recent and current reform mechanisms in the sector across Europe. In a nutshell, the Forum will enrich the perspectives of both institutional leaders and policy makers working in funding reforms and change management.

The Forum will be an opportunity to:

- find out about the latest evolutions in public funding to universities and benchmark investment efforts across Europe;
- understand the ins and outs of [efficiency and effectiveness](#) in university management; what higher education institutions are already doing, and which policies can support their efforts;
- upgrade your capacity to master and manage change via exclusive training;
- assess what is at stake in battle for the [next generation of EU funding programmes](#), and prepare your institution in time;
- meet other decision-makers to identify ingredients for successful reform design and implementation;
- gain new insight on how to develop partnerships that support your institution's missions;
- learn how to communicate about your institution's impact on its environment and society at large.

The format

This year's Funding Forum will feature popular formats and step-up interaction among participants through a variety of new activities. Expert panels, in plenary sessions, will frame the topics to introduce the discussion. Master classes will provide an up-to-date overview of the most recent trends in higher education and research funding. In the Forum "expert rooms", university leaders and managers and policy makers will learn from peers. Participants will engage with each other in learning cafés and roundtables.

The Funding Forum will also be an opportunity to get updated on the latest trends in university funding and governance and enjoy a highly-interactive event that will give you new insights and inspiration to take home.

Highlights for university leaders and senior managers

Exclusive training session on transformational leadership; thematic Master classes and "expert rooms" to learn about new strategic steering tools and methodologies; direct dialogue with peers and policy makers.

Highlights for policy makers

Reform-focused roundtables (funding and governance); discussion on the alignment of the funding landscape for universities; Europe-wide benchmarking of funding practices and evolutions; direct dialogue with policy makers from other countries as well as university leaders.

Highlights for researchers

Two research Master classes to get updated on current research on higher education and research funding and management; direct dialogue with public authorities and practitioners.

Programme

The preliminary programme, including session descriptions and further information are now available on the [Funding Forum webpage](#).

Information and registration

We invite you to register as soon as possible. The deadline to register at early bird fee is **September 10th, 2018**.

To register please click on:

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6. Interreg EDU-LAB Newsletter



EDU-LAB is a project funded by the European Union aiming to improve the professional chances of young people in the Danube region.

The DRC is a associated partner of the project.

You can find information on the latest developments in their [newsletter](#).

7. DRC Facebook Page



We are recently trying to improve the circulation of information within our network. As you are a member of the DRC, we kindly ask you to also connect with us via Facebook and please follow or DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.

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8. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).

9. CASEE Newsletter July 2018

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DRCLE was founded in 2010 upon the initiative of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and involves Life Science Universities in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Austria. It aims to support the development of the EU Strategie for the Danube Region to strenghten research, education and University Development inthis region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the newsletter of April, click [here](#).

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