Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! We hope you had a good start in the new year! Our combined newsletter for January and February has interesting news about the development in our network, announcements for the DRC Summer School and our next Annual Meeting at the Danube University Krems.

Feedback and comments are welcome!

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The Annual Meeting will be held at the Danube University Krems 9.-11. November 2016.

We are very glad to announce that the European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Johannes Hahn, will be amongst the speakers of our conference with the title:

"Vision, Knowledge, Prosperity

The Universities’ Contribution to Implementing the EUSDR – Good Practice and Challenges"

A detailed program as well as the registration will be announced soon on our [website](http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=77da7b4f3e8e4d0eff287aa6f&id=a0b92c98a4&e=[UNIQID])

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2. 13th DANUBE RECTORS’ CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHOOL ON REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

“Post-Socialist Transformations in the Danube Region - 25 Years After the Collapse of
the Soviet Union”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Each year, the DRC Summer School is hosted by a different university and therefore offers a variety of settings. The combination of expert lectures in the morning and workshops held by experienced scholars using innovative methods in the afternoon will give you the chance to:

- Present your research
- Exchange with other academics from the Danube Region
- Publish an article in our DRC Summer School Book series

Every edition of the DRC Summer School is a unique experience. The topics are selected in relation to current and historical events, offering a broad variety for social scientists. A field trip complements theory and brings perspectives outside of the seminar room to the group. Furthermore, you will experience the vibrant atmosphere of this year’s host city Prague during our social programme.

Become part of the broad alumni network of the DRC Summer School!

Workshop items

1. Conflicts and security
2. Regionalization across the Danube countries
3. The prerogative of internationalization in Higher Education in the Danube Region
4. Changing landscape of political culture and political socialization: Challenges and possibilities for civil society in the post-soviet space

Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax until June 5, 2016 and should include the application form, the CV of the applicant and an abstract max. 2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the framework of the Summer School.

The registration fee of the Summer School is EUR 200.-, the contribution to the expenses for board and accommodation is EUR 230.-

Please note that it is possible to apply for a scholarship on board and accommodation as well as on a partial travel reimbursement (limited to EUR 100.-).

The participants are selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors’ Conference (DRC).

The successful participation of the DRC Summer School will be granted with 10 ECTS points by the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities.
Applications to:
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Fax: +36-72-522-624,
E-mail: voros@idresearch.hu

Apply here

3. New DRC Facebook Page

We are implementing a new Facebook page for the DRC. Please like us at the link below:

DRC - Danube Rectors' Conference

4. DRC Permanent Committee

The DRC needs new appointments for the Permanent Committee:

The Permanent Committee is composed of a minimum of one representative per country. It consists of the President, two Vice-Presidents, all former Honorary Presidents and one representative from each country nominated by the General Assembly as well as appointed by all DRC members of the concerned country. The Permanent Committee meets in ordinary session at least once a year.

It has the following competences

- supervise the implementation of the decisions taken by the General Assembly,
- submit recommendations and proposals to the Presidency, appoint, or dismiss the Treasurer of the DRC upon proposal of the elected President,
- approve the programme of activities of the DRC upon proposal of the Presidency and supervise its execution,
- prepares the annual budget
- prepares the annual financial statements
- make proposals to the General Assembly on the admission and exclusion of members.

The Committee may assume the following responsibilities regarding general policy or which relate to particular projects:
• upon request by the Presidency consider any action that may contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the DRC,
• appoint working groups to undertake / advise on specific activities,
• maintain effective relations with the national conferences and with the international organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental, which have a special interest in university affairs,
• develop recommendations on university policy.

If you are interested in representing your country (especially Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Moldova, Serbia, Kosovo, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine) in the permanent committee, please send an email.

5. CASEE Newsletter February 2016

CASEE 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, click here.

6. Farewell message from Anita Horváth, International Office ELTE Budapest:

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year & Greetings from ELTE, Budapest!

This email is to let you know that after 8 years in my position as IRO, I am leaving the International Office of ELTE. I will be going back to where I came from i.e. teaching English. From 1st February I will be working at the Centre for Advanced Language Learning of ELTE.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you over the past few years. I have met and got to know great, dedicated and absolutely helpful colleagues. So I would like to thank all of you for the help and support I have received while collaborating with you. Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting you all in person, I hope that our paths will cross again in the future.

If you want to contact our International Office, please direct all the future correspondence to Ms. Kata Öhler, my colleague and dear room mate at the International Office (katalin.ohler@rk.elte.hu) from 25 January 2016. If you would like to
contact me in the future, please feel free to e-mail me at horvath.nyita@gmail.com.

Best regards,

Anita Horváth

7. Energy Community Summer School

The first Energy Community Summer School will take place in Tirana from 3 to 10 September 2016. It is organised in close collaboration with the Open Regional Fund for South-East Europe – Energy Efficiency (ORF-EE), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and will be hosted by the POLIS University. The Višegrad Fund is considered as another financial institution in addition to the GIZ.

The application deadline is 31 March 2016. Participation in the Summer School is free for all participants (including tuition and accommodation costs in Tirana). Travel costs are borne by the participants.

The multidisciplinary training programme is aimed at providing highly motivated postgraduate students and young professionals with a strong understanding of the full complexity of the energy sectors as well as giving them a platform for exchange and contribution to the energy debate.

The Energy Community Summer School 2016 will cover scientific, legal, economic, cultural, political as well as technical aspects of energy production, supply and consumption, with a particular focus on energy sectors in transition. The interactive training sessions will be led by renowned academics and professionals with decisive expertise in the energy sector.

Benefits of attending the Energy Community Summer School:

- ECTS credits - the Energy Community Summer School is accredited in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System. Students participating in the Summer School will have a chance to earn 3 ECTS points.
- Experience abroad - studying in a different country is a great experience and gives the possibility to gain international experience, which is important for the job market etc.
- Get to know the countries of the Energy Community, their culture and people in addition to their energy sectors – the Summer School will not only be about academic experience, but will also give the participants the opportunity to get to know fellows from different countries and experience different cultures.
- Knowledge outcome – after finalising the Summer School, the participants will
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better understand the science, policy and regulation of energy markets in transition. They will understand the challenges behind the implementation of European aspects of energy law and regulation and be able to combine different disciplines and approaches underpinning energy-related projects and reforms.

To find out more about the Summer School, including the selection criteria and registration process, click [here](http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=77da7b4f3e8e4d0eff287aa6f&id=a0b92c98a4&e=[UNIQID]).

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8. Danube Adventure: learning about the river in a playful way

A new online game provides children with an exciting opportunity to engage with the Danube. A clever mix between a quiz and skills games, the “Danube Adventure” is a new chapter in the success story of ICPDR education activities.

Experience your own Danube Adventure at [www.danubeadventure.org](http://www.danubeadventure.org)

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9. 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](http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=77da7b4f3e8e4d0eff287aa6f&id=a0b92c98a4&e=[UNIQID]).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=77da7b4f3e8e4d0eff287aa6f&id=a0b92c98a4&e=[UNIQID]).
10. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES

We offer the opportunity in each newsletter to present one DRC member university. A template for this information to be provided can be found in the intranet.

If you want to present your university in the next newsletter, please send filled out template to info@drc-danube.org.

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