

DRC Newsletter May 2018

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**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

In our May edition we would like to highlight again our DRC Summer School as well as the Danubius Young Scientist Award 2018! The deadlines are approaching fast, also for the events from our partners!

Feedback and comments are always [welcome!](#)

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## 1. SAVE THE DATE: DRC Annual Meeting 7-9 November 2018

We kindly ask you to save the date for our next Annual Meeting to be held at the Comenius University Bratislava 7. - 9. November 2018.

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

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Annual Meeting. We will also send out the draft agenda for the Presidency Meeting, the Permanent Committee meeting as well as the General Assembly in September.

Thank you very much and we are looking forward to see you in Bratislava!

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## 2. 15th DRC Summer School



### 15th DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation “Modernizing Europe: Generating Accountability” 1-8 July 2018 Danube University Krems

Are you a young scientist looking for new opportunities? Do you want to expand your knowledge? Come to the DRC Summer School and contribute to fostering regional cooperation! Present your own research and discuss it with experts on one of the following **workshop topics**:

1. Rise and fall of empires: integration and re-nationalisation
2. Towards a European federation: achieving EU integration through democratization.
3. Fostering brain-circulation in CEE.
4. Cultural heritage protection in the Danube Region.

**Participants will obtain a certificate of participation and 3 ECTS from the Danube University Krems**

**Application deadline:** June 03, 2018

**Registration fee:** 200 EUR

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Apply [here!](#)

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

### 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].

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.

<b>AWARD Criteria</b>
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 <sup>st</sup> 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).

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Nominations will be accepted in electronic format and in English language only.
Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to: <a href="mailto:s.schaeffer@idm.at">s.schaeffer@idm.at</a>
The <b>DEADLINE</b> for submitting nominations is <b>Thursday, 31<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at 23:59.</b>

**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.

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#### **4. Young Scholars Forum**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) is pleased to present the 6th edition of the Young Scholars Forum (YSF) on Central- and South East Europe.

The symposium will take place on 27th November - 1st December 2018, Vienna, Austria.

**„Cross-border cooperation in Central and South East Europe“**

The papers will reflect on the impact of cross-border cooperation in the Central and South East European States, by an interdisciplinary approach from scholars

well as policy developments in the region by involving the general public in the debate during and publishing the outcomes after the forum. Policy oriented contributions are explicitly encouraged.

The forum will be structured in four thematic panels, each chaired by an expert:

**1. EUSDR – Macro-regional governance**

Daniela Urschitz, independent consultant and expert, former EUSDR coordinator, City of Vienna

**2. Viségrad Four – Minilateralism**

Milan Nič, Senior Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

**3. Western Balkans – Enlargement**

Silvia Nadjivan, Research Associate, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

**4. Eastern Partnership – European Neighbourhood Policy**

Sebastian Schäffer, Research Associate, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

**Programme:**

It involves a presentation of research papers/projects by high level experts and young scholars; (plenary) discussions and a social and cultural programme;

**Applications:**

Applications for participation may be submitted via e-mail by **June 30, 2018** and have to include a full academic CV and an abstract (max. 1 page) of the research paper that shall be presented and discussed at the symposium.

**Language: English**

**Participation fee: € 100,-**

Costs for travel expenses (up to € 200,-), board & accommodation (in double rooms, single room is available for € 75,-) will be reimbursed by the IDM.

**Please send applications to:**

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM).

Mag. Sebastian Schäffer, MA

e-mail: [s.schaeffer@idm.at](mailto:s.schaeffer@idm.at)

**Further information can be found [here](#).**

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The DRC is providing together with the OeAD-WohnraumverwaltungsGmbH in total four scholarships (two for each summer school) to enable participants from DRC member universities to attend Green.Building.Solutions (GBS) and Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS). The call for applications for 2018 is open and can be found [here](#).

**Danube:Future**

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Dear Colleague,

we are pleased to inform you that the University of Ruse 'Angel Kanchev' is able to hold the 2018 Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School (DIS) from September 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The School is part of the Danube:Future project, a joint initiative of the Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference and the Danube Rectors' Conference, which has been endorsed as flagship project of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, priority area 7 - Knowledge Society.

The School deals with "Project Management and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development of the Regions in the Danube River Basin". In the enclosed Call for applications you will find an overview of the programme and requirements for participants.

We invite applications by **PhD Students** and **Junior Post-docs** of your University, especially those with experience and interest in interdisciplinary studies in the context of sustainable development. We would be happy if you could promote the Call at your University as a unique opportunity to learn and interact in interdisciplinary groups with a high-level faculty.

**The participation is free.** All organizational costs and participants' living expenses (food allowance and accommodation) shall be covered by the Danube-University Krems and its sponsors, i.e. the Central European Initiative; as a contribution of your institution, we hope you will be able to cover travel costs fully or partly (in the latter case the rest has to be borne by the participant).

Each candidate has to fill in the completed Application form available at <https://www.danubefuture.eu/2018-edition> by **Monday 18th June, 2018**. The total number of participants of the school is limited to 28.

The Organizing Committee will select applicants on the grounds of their scholarly achievements and statement of motivation by **June 29<sup>th</sup> 2018**.

More information about the Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School and about the Danube:Future project, can be found on the website: [www.danubefuture.eu](http://www.danubefuture.eu) In case of questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [training@danubefuture.eu](mailto:training@danubefuture.eu) We are looking forward to receive applications from your students and post-docs and remain with best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Cor. Mem. Prof. DSc Hristo Beloev  
The Rector of the University of Ruse 'Angel Kanchev'

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**The European Commission is organising next 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the workshop: 'Investment Readiness of Innovation Projects in South East Europe' in Zagreb, Croatia**

This workshop will explore the support mechanisms required for innovations to grow and scale up in South Eastern Europe, while connecting the macro-level perspective of government and policy makers with hands-on insights from innovators and enablers.

**Objectives**

The main focus of this workshop is to exchange best practices in supporting investment readiness for technology-based scale-ups and start-ups in South East Europe and the Western Balkans and understand the requirements for developing bankable projects. Policy initiatives, implementation processes, instruments and capacity building activities will be presented, as well as first-hand experiences and case studies from across the region and beyond.

The conclusions of this event are expected to feed into broader political developments, and contribute to existing and new tailor-made instruments that can wider support innovative companies in the area.

**Location and co-organisers**

Zagreb has been selected to host this workshop and showcase their innovation and technology transfer ecosystem within South East Europe. The event will take place at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture of the University of Zagreb, which is the oldest and biggest faculty of this field in Croatia.

The event is sponsored and organised in association with:

- The European Commission
- The [Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture of the University of Zagreb](#)
- The [Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovations and Investments](#) (HAMAG-BICRO)

**Participants**

This two day workshop envisages bringing together innovation practitioners and decision-makers with an interest in supporting scale-ups and start-ups, and regional stakeholders from EU member states, enlargement and neighbourhood countries in South East Europe.



representatives of academia and technology transfer offices, chambers of commerce, entrepreneurs, and early stage and venture capital investors including business angels.

The number of attendees is estimated at around 100-120, and selected participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey may be eligible for reimbursement of their travel and accommodation expenses.

### Apply to participate

Attendance to the event is by invitation only. If you wish to participate you are encouraged to submit an [expression of interest](#) (deadline **08/06/2018**). More details on programme can be found [here](#).

Given the limited number of places, we will not be able to admit all interested applicants but will perform a selection based on applicant's background, affiliation and motivation with due respect to a fair geographical representation.

### Who we are

DG JRC's Enlargement and Integration Action promotes the exchange of innovation related best practices, knowledge, tools and methods between innovation practitioners and policy and decision makers from South East Europe including the Western Balkans. The JRC, and in particular its Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Unit, are in possession of operational and technical expertise in the domains of Technology and Knowledge Transfer. JRC flagship activities and tools are highly relevant to the development of the entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem in South East Europe.

*\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

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## 8. Out of the Box Summer School

Dear members of the Danube Rectors' Conference,

University of Maribor invites students from the Danube region to the International Interdisciplinary Out of the Box Summer School on Solution Design titled **"The value of waste!"** and taking place in Maribor from **June 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. You may obtain all information on the topic and programme on the website <http://summer.outofthebox.um.si/>.

We are at disposal for your queries under contacts stated on the website. You may also contact me personally under [mladen.kraljic@um.si](mailto:mladen.kraljic@um.si) or via telephone

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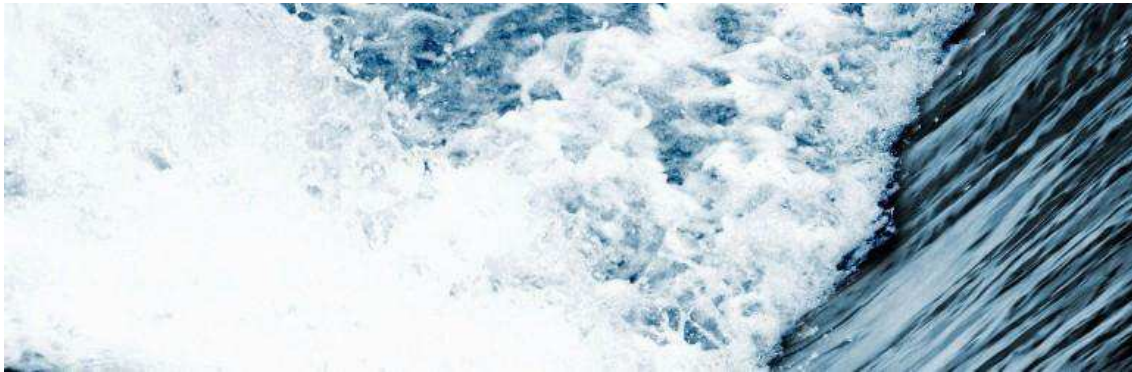
Looking forward to your kind reply and hoping for the interest of you students till May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we send you our cordial greetings and remain

Yours,

University of Maribor  
Organisation team of Solution Design Summer School

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## 9. 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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## 10. 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](#).

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## 11. ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture

***Dear Partner! Greetings from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest!***

In 2018 we are planning to run again **ELTE Summer University of Hungarian**

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culture, arts, and history, cultural programs/social activities;  
It is a great program to those who are interested in Hungarian language and culture to improve their Hungarian during summertime in a multi-cultural and stimulating environment.

Website: [www.elte.hu/en/hungarian-language-and-culture](http://www.elte.hu/en/hungarian-language-and-culture)

Deadline for application: **15 July 2018**

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