

DRC Newsletter October 2017

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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to our newsletter! The deadline (**30 October 2017**) for the registration to our Annual Conference at the University of Zagreb is approaching fast. All information and further news from our network can be found in our latest edition below:

Feedback and comments are [welcome!](#)

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1. DRC Annual Conference Zagreb 8.-10. November 2017

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<https://www.drc-danube.org/activities/annual-conferences/2017-zagreb/>

Registration:

Please register until

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2. Convocation of the DRC General Assembly 2017



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September 20, 2017

Convening Notice

Based on the Statute of Danube Rectors' Conference (article V.2) I convoke the General Assembly of Danube Rectors' Conference to be held during the Annual Meeting 2017 at University of Zagreb on November 10, 2017.

Draft Agenda of the General Assembly 2017

1. Opening
2. Approval of the Agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2017
3. Approval of the minutes of the DRC General Assembly 2016
4. Annual Report on DRC Activities 2017
5. Annual Report of the DRC Secretariat
6. Report on the DRC Summer School 2017 in Pécs
7. Report on the Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School 2017 in Krems
8. Report on the DRC Fund for Incentives
9. Report on the current project status of EDU-LAB
10. Report on the DRC financial situation in 2017
11. DRC Membership issues
12. Election of the new DRC Honorary President 2018–2022
13. DRC Action Plan for 2018
14. DRC Financial Budget for 2018
15. DRC Annual Meeting 2018 in Bratislava
16. Any other business
17. Closing

3. Convocation of the DRC Permanent Committee Meeting 2017

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**Draft Agenda DRC Presidency and Permanent Committee Meeting
November 8, 2017; 16.00
University of Zagreb
Small Meeting Hall (Mala Vijecnica)
Trg Republike Hrvatske, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia**

1. Opening
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2017
4. Appointing of the Treasurer
5. Annual report on DRC activities 2017
6. DRC Membership issues
7. Annual report of the DRC Secretariat
8. Report on the DRC Summer School 2017 in Pécs
9. Report on the DRC Fund for Incentives
10. Preparation of the election of the new DRC Honorary President 2018–2022
11. DRC Action Plan for 2018
12. DRC Financial Budget for 2018
13. DRC Annual Meeting 2018 in Bratislava and Annual Meeting 2019
14. Any other business
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4. Invitation for project implementation: Report of EUSDR activities of DRC member universities

The presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference focuses in its Action Plan for the year 2017-2018 on improving higher education in teaching and research in the Danube Region. In point 2 of the Action Plan, the presidency of the DRC calls for "Establishing and facilitating bilateral and multilateral contacts between the

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mobilities, etc.) to improve networking between the member universities and improve visibility.

To fulfil this goal, the DRC presidency allocates up to **5.000.- Euro** for the report. Within this report, all activities of DRC member universities since the start of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in 2011 within this framework should be listed. Within the report, also potential overlaps and/or non-existent cooperation should be identified and evaluated.

Requirements are:

- Author(s) affiliation with a member university of the DRC
- Strong network with other DRC member universities
- Experienced research capacities
- Knowledge of two or more languages of the DRC member universities is an asset
- Ability to process and visualize data for presentation on various platforms (Annual Meeting, DRC Website, Social media channels)

Interested candidates are invited to send their application including CV(s) of responsible person(s), timetable of research as well as a budget proposal by **December 31st, 2017**.

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The DRC Action Plan can be found on our [website](#).

5. EDU-LAB Seminar und Workshop held at the University of Maribor



On September 14-15 2017, University of Maribor was hosting the first Stakeholder Seminar and Workshop within the latest Work Package of the EDU-LAB project aiming at the development of a new governance model in labour market relevance of higher education.

More than eighty representatives of partners and stakeholders from education, business and public administration from 10 Danube region countries were present, amongst them DRC President Rector Friedrich Faulhammer.

A more detailed information on the workshop as well as on EDU-LAB can be found [here](#).

6. DRC Presidency at the 6th Annual EUSDR Forum

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DRC President Friedrich Faulhammer attended the [6th Annual EUSDR Forum](#) in Budapest on 18. October 2017. Honorary President Ferenc Hudecz represented the DRC at the [4th Danube Participation Day](#) at the Andr ssy Universit t Budapest on 17. October 2017.

More information about the activities of the presidency can be found [here](#).

7. Conference: The EUSDR – Common Approach, Shared Competences

Challenges for Policies, Economics, Science, Culture and Education in the Danube Region

Date: November 16, 2017

Venue: Danube University Krems, Seminar room 2.4
Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Strasse 30, 3500 Krems an der Donau

Languages: English / German (simultaneous translation)

Organised by: [Danube University Krems](#) and the [Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe \(IDM\)](#)

Under the patronage of **ARGE Donaul nder**

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Prior registration is obligatory for participation.

Please send your registration to: idm@idm.at

A bus transfer is offered. (Vienna – Krems – Vienna)

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The EUSDR – Common Approach, Shared Competences

Challenges for Policies, Economics, Science, Culture and Education in the Danube Region

European as well as international developments reveal numerous challenges for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and the EU itself. Therefore the conference poses the question which institutions can be used at local, regional, national and global levels to implement the EUSDR's objectives.

What prerequisites are necessary to strengthen the European idea in the Danube Region and, to a large extent, throughout Europe, against growing right-wing populisms, extremists and radicalization processes?

Which measures, initiatives, and networks are needed within politics, economics, science, culture and education in order to not only thwart the frequently mentioned 'polycrisis', but also to create new perspectives for the Danube Region to show good practice for a common Europe?

Programme

8:00 Bus transfer from Vienna to Krems

9:00 **Registration**

9:30 **Welcome addresses**

- > Mag. Friedrich FAULHAMMER, Rector of the Danube University Krems and President of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC)
- > Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna
- > Johanna MIKL-LEITNER, Governor of Lower Austria (Ibc)

Conference moderation

- > Dr. Simon ORTNER, General Secretariat ARGE Donauländer

10:00 **Keynote-Speech**

- > Charilina VITCHEVA, MA, Deputy Director-General of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission, Brussels

10:30 **Panel 1**

EUSDR Objectives Correlating or Competing with Current Developments and Challenges

- > MR Mag. Roland HANAK, MAS, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Head of Staff Position Bilateral Cooperation in Labour Market Policy, Austria Priority Area 9 Coordinator, Vienna
- > Mr. sc. Dragica KARAJIĆ, Head of Unit for EU Policy on Territorial Cooperation and Macro Regional Development, Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts Directorate for EU Programmes, Croatia, Priority Area 8 Coordinator, Zagreb
- > MMag. Christian MANDL, Head of European Policy Coordination Department at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO), Vienna (Ibc)
- > Mag. Jürgen SCHICK, Federal Ministry of Education, Austria, Deputy Head of Department for EU Coordination and Multilateral Affairs, Priority Area 9 Coordinator, Vienna
- > o. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gerda SCHNEIDER, Deputy Head of the Department of Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Sciences at the University of Applied Life Sciences, Vienna

Moderation

12:30 > Mag. Wieland SCHNEIDER, Foreign Editor, 'Die Presse', Vienna

14:00 Lunch break

Keynote-Speech

- > Prof. Dr. Franz-Lothar ALTMANN, Associate Professor for International Relations at the University of Bucharest, Board Member of the Southeast Europe Association, Munich

14:30 **Panel 2**

Necessary Concepts, Planning Horizons and Perspectives for a European Togetherness

- > Univ.-Prof. Dr. Mathias CZAİKA, Professor for Migration and Integration at the Danube University Krems
- > Dr. Gorazd JUSTINEK, Executive Director at the Centre for European Perspective (CEP), Ljubljana
- > Mag. Elisabeth PACHER, Consultant for European and International Culture Policy at the Federal Chancellery of Austria, Vienna
- > Bjula RIBAR, Senior Expert Associate for EU Funds, Foundation Novi Sad 2021 – European Capital of Culture, Novi Sad
- > Maria SCHWARZMAYR, Art Initiative „Divided Cities“, Salzburg

Moderation

- > Mag. Adelheid WÖLF, Correspondent South Eastern Europe, 'Der Standard', Vienna/Belgrade

16:30 **Closing remarks**

- > Mag. Friedrich FAULHAMMER, Rector of the Danube University Krems and President of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC)

16:45 **Get together**

17:30 Bus transfer from Krems to Vienna

8. JRC Macro-Regional Innovation Week 2018

The European Commission is organising from 24 to 26 January 2018 the event 'Macro-Regional Innovation Week: focus on Technology Transfer linked to Smart Specialisation and Support to Policies (agriculture, environment, energy and transport, and biotechnologies) and uptake in the Western Balkans.'

The event will promote the [opening of the JRC's research infrastructures and laboratories](#) and showcase JRC's technical and scientific competences, in particular in the field of agriculture, environment, energy, transport and biotechnologies. This will also be the occasion to present key results of [JRC's Scientific Support activities to the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region \(EUSDR\)](#) that may be relevant to other macro-regions in particular for the Western Balkans.

Attendance to the event is by invitation only and if you wish to attend you are encouraged to submit an [expression of interest \(deadline 15/11/2017\)](#). More details on the programme and the application procedure can be found [here](#).

9. CASEE Newsletter October 2017

CASEE was founded in 2010 upon the initiative of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and involves Life Science Universities in

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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 this month, click [here](#).

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](#).

11. DRC Facebook Page



To stay up to date please like our DRC Facebook page:



12. The rural development in the context of European competitiveness

Distinguished Partners of *Spiru Haret* University,

We would like to proudly announce an upcoming event organized by *Spiru Haret* University of Bucharest via the *Center for International Relations and Academic Image* (CRIIA) and University of *Academy of Sciences of Moldova* in Chisinau. The International Conference “***The rural development in the context of European competitiveness***“ (RDCEC) will take place in Bucharest, Romania, **28-29 April 2018**: [Conference Website](#).

The Conference Scientific Sections are:

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Ø *Agro-food economy and rural development*

Ø *Sustainability, economic mechanisms and biotechnologies*

The dates you have to keep in mind for this event are:

v 25.02.2018: Registration to the conference.

v 31.03.2018: Sending the paper in extenso.

v 15.04.2018: Notification from the organizers about the acceptance or rejection of the paper.

v 18.04.2018: Sending the payment confirmation.

v 20.04.2018: Confirmation of participation to conference.



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