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Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

The May newsletter is here! We have compiled information about exciting upcoming possibilities for cross-border cooperation and open dialogue between scientists from across Europe.

We would like to highlight that the **Call for Nominations** for the **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019** has been extended to the **31st May 2019**! So if you know - or you are - a promising young scientist who deals with a cross-border issue with relevance to the Danube Region, apply and/or spread the information to others.

Furthermore, applications for the **16th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation** taking place in Zagreb, Croatia are still open until **May 31st 2019**! Also, if you are interested in getting a sound knowledge and university education about Balkan region from experts from the field you should consider applying for the two-year university course "**Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies**" offered by the

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Danube University Krems.

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As always, the newsletter provides information on a variety of other opportunities to connect with like-minded people from different countries.

Enjoy the read!

Remember, feedback and comments are always [welcome!](#)

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Due to the large number of last-minute applications and requests we are receiving, the Call for Nominations for the **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019** has been **PROLONGED until 31st May 2019!**



**Call for Nominations:**  
**Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019**

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and Central Europe

**The Danubius Young Scientist Award** will be granted to **14 young scientists - one in each country that is part of the EUSDR**. The award seeks to encourage young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of problems and questions specifically related to the Danube and to stimulate the scientific community in the Danube region. The award will be endowed with 1.200,- Euros for each winner of the Danubius Young Scientist Award. Moreover, thanks to the ongoing kind support by the JRC, the awardees will be invited by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to visit the JRC in Ispra, Italy in 2020.

**The candidate has to be nominated by his/her hosting scientific organisation (university, academy of sciences, etc.) meaning that the candidate himself/herself cannot apply for the award.**

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

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An international expert jury will be established (including members of the Danube Rectors' Conference) that will be responsible for assessing all incoming nominations and for drawing up a final ranking. The most highly ranked candidate from each of the countries of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will be recommended for the award.

**The award ceremony is expected to take place in Bucharest in November 2019.**

- Nominations will be accepted in electronic format and in English only.
- Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to:  
[d.martinek@idm.at](mailto:d.martinek@idm.at)
- The deadline for submitting nominations is on **31st May 2019 at 23:59.**

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) to honor persons with extraordinary scientific achievements and output in relation to the Danube Region. Within a rotation system in one year achievements in the fields of humanities, social and cultural studies are awarded, in the following year achievements in the fields of life sciences.

2019 it is envisaged to complement this award for the sixth time with a specific price for young scientists – the so-called „Danubius Young Scientist Award“.

You can find award criteria and further information on the [website of the Danubius Young Scientist Award](#).

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## **2. Call for Applications: 16th DRC Summer School 2019**

The 16th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation will be held from **June 30**

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You can find more information and the draft programme on the [DRC Summer School website](#).



## 16<sup>TH</sup> DANUBE RECTORS' CONFERENCE (DRC) SUMMER SCHOOL ON REGIONAL COOPERATION

„FALLING WALLS - MOVING BORDERS - COMMON HOUSE EUROPE?“

AN INTENSIVE ONE WEEK PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

30 JUNE - 7 JULY 2019

Each year, the DRC Summer School is hosted by a different university and therefore offers a variety of settings. We are looking for young BA, MA and Phd level scientists from Social, Human and Political Sciences, who are interested in the region, have scientific records or intend to have deeper knowledge about the Danube Region.

After the end of the Summer School your contribution will be officially published as an article in the scientific journal “Der Donauraum”.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)Application deadline:  
May 31, 2019Registration fee:  
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*Room and full board as well as a city tour in Zagreb and an excursion will be covered by the organisers. Some travel grants are available.*

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**EXPERIENCE AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF ZAGREB, THE CAPITAL OF CROATIA, AND MAKE LASTING COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIPS.**

#### Workshop topics

1. Collective security or a new cold war?
2. The common European currency – constant crisis management?
3. From “Big Bang” to “Brexit”
4. From homo sovieticus to homo digitalis – successful transformation of the civil society in CEE?



**Join our DRC Summer School and receive up-to-date knowledge about the political, economic and social challenges of the Danube Region!**

Do you have research results about the Danube region that you would like to share? Do you want to discuss the most up-to-date issues of the Danube region and Central and Eastern Europe with leading experts in the field? Do you want to broaden your horizon and knowledge? Do you want to meet new people from all around Europe and develop yourself academically? Then the DRC Summer School is just right for you!

**Enjoy the gorgeous city of Zagreb, social programs and have a memorable international experience while networking with like-minded people.**

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Read the call for application
2. Fill out the Application Form online (See link or QR-code below)
3. Send your CV and an abstract of max. 1 pages of the paper that shall be presented
4. Wait for the decision of the board
5. In case of a positive response: transfer the registration fee to the account



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### 3. Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies - MA university course

The Danube University Krems in Cooperation with the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) offers two-year university course "Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies".



The "Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies" course offers a well-founded, practical and up-to-date interdisciplinary education with the aim of gaining a comprehensive

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understanding and knowledge of the Balkans. The focus is in the history and culture of the Balkan region, the social structure, social change or the media and education in Southeastern Europe.

Another key area is the political systems of the Balkan states as well as the European Union and its relationship with the countries of Southeastern Europe. Special attention is also paid to the development of the economy and companies in the Balkans, including the role of foreign investment and investor protection. In addition, modules on the legal systems as well as the state and development of democracy, the rule of law and human rights in the Balkans belong to the priorities of the course.



**Target group:** Graduates of universities and polytechnics of any field of study, in particular from the fields of political, humanities, law, social and economic sciences as well as persons in professional life, who are primarily active in the media, interest groups, international organizations, in business, in political consulting, as interpreters or in the field of culture.

**Language:** German (some lessons can be held in English)

**You can find more information and application conditions (in German) on the [website of the course](#).**



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4. 8th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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As a key event of the 2019 EUSDR Presidency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, the DG Regio/European Commission and the Danube Transnational Programme, with the technical support of the Danube Strategy Point, are organizing the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum. The event will be held on the **27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019** in **Bucharest**, Romania, under the motto: ***“Building cohesion for a shared prosperity in the Danube Region”***.

You can find **more information** on the Annual Forum and the **registration form** [here](#).

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#### 5. YES! EUSDR. Youth – Entrepreneurship – Science

Development of the entrepreneurial capacity of European citizens and organisations is one of the key policy objectives for the EU and Member States. Steinbeis Network Romania invites members of the Danube Rectors Conference to use our official side event to 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum EUSDR in Bucharest as platform for discussing solutions to empower students and researchers in generating an entrepreneurial mindset. Entrepreneurship is seen more as a competence than a skill. Being able to think like an entrepreneur, helps also to prepare demand driven projects of applied research and also enables to contribute more independently to the success of bigger organizations.

**Date:** 26.06.2019, 14:00–17:30

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Venue: Bucharest; Palace of Parliament – “Human Rights” Conference Hall  
Website: [www.yes.eusdr.eu](http://www.yes.eusdr.eu)

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**Steinbeis Transfer Management**  
**Steinbeis Network Romania**



## 6. DRC Annual Meeting 2019



We kindly ask you to save the date for our next **Annual Meeting** to be held at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest**, Romania on **6th - 8th of November 2019**.

A detailed programme as well as further information will be published on the DRC website in the upcoming months closer to the date of our 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.

We look forward to seeing you in Bucharest!

## 7. Second ELTE Erasmus+ ICM Staff Week and Training

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The second **ELTE Erasmus+ ICM Staff Week and Training** is being organized by the Department of Erasmus+ and International Programmes of Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

The staff week will be held **from 7-11th October 2019** and targeted mainly for **staff members and coordinators of ELTE ICM Partner Universities, who work with the Erasmus+ programme and international students and staff** on a daily basis.

The training programme aims to promote inter-institutional connections, with special focus on introducing the higher education system and administrative aspects of the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Union. The programmes also provide a chance to acquaint participants with the different faculties of ELTE and its partners, giving a more detailed spectrum of possible partnerships. Crash course on Hungarian language and intercultural communication will conclude the staff week. Participants will receive a Certificate at the end of the training.

The registration will be open from **10<sup>th</sup> May to 3rd June 2019**.

If you need further information, do not hesitate to send an email to [erasmus.icm@dep.elte.hu](mailto:erasmus.icm@dep.elte.hu)  
(Subject: ELTE Staff Week 2019)

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## 8. Conference on Supporting Smart Specialisation Strategies and Technology Transfer in South-East Europe

The JRC - Joint Research Center and the Romanian Ministry of Research and Innovation are organizing during the [Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU](#) the conference

### "Supporting Smart Specialisation Strategies and Technology Transfer in South-East Europe"

taking place on **18<sup>th</sup> June** at the **Politehnica University of Bucharest**, Romania.

The conference will focus on the progress, results and challenges related to the development and implementation of successful smart specialisation strategies, innovation ecosystems and technology transfer capacities, in particular following the best practices and trends from Europe and internationally.

The event is in connection to the "[Innovative Enterprise week](#)" in Bucharest on 19-21 June 2019.

The draft programme is available now on this [website](#).

The registration is open **until 7<sup>th</sup> June**



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## 9. proESOF Call for Proposals

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# ESOF 2020

## EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM

### TRIESTE

This call for proposals, launched by the [TESI Local Programme Committee](#), aims to collect ideas and to support the development of initiatives which will enhance dissemination, education, networking and training from now until ESOF 2020. In particular the call collects and evaluates three distinct groups of initiatives:

- **proESOF events 2018-2020** preferentially in the North-East of Italy and Central and Eastern European areas;
- **Science in the City Festival**, Trieste ESOF 2020 (three weeks from June 27 to July 18, 2020)
- **Draft proposals for the official call of ESOF 2020 Trieste** (Call in January 2019).

The proposals may be related to the following areas:

**Science to Science:** focused on current and future path-breaking science, it provides for keynote speeches and events, plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and debates. It encompasses social sciences and humanities as well as physical and life sciences, engineering and medicine.

**Science to Business:** a unique platform in Europe to exchange ideas and good practices on research-driven business models, public private partnerships, the economic developments resulting from technological innovation, future careers and

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future "new jobs" opportunities.

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**Science to Policy:** stakeholders, governments, scientists, industry and the public in the Triveneto region and in the South East European countries, will be asked to cooperate in a joint effort to ensure reliable, evidence-based policy-making for the benefit of the society as a whole. Possible discussion subjects include the ethical use of scientific knowledge in addressing the grand challenges of humankind, integrity of science, science diplomacy to build peace and cohesion.

**Science to Citizens:** it aims to create a scientific citizenship for all and to promote the idea of science as fundamental to problem-solving. All activities and events organized in this frame will inspire passion and a collaborative attitude in people, from the very young to the elderly, in order to build a sense of identity and ownership within the field of science.

**Science to Communicators:** aimed at building a solid network of science communicators active in different fields (from journalism to events organizing, from publishing to communication corporate) across Europe, with a special focus on the Triveneto region and the South East European countries.

You can find more information on the website: [www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof](http://www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof)

**The call will stay open from February 2018 to March 2020.**

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## 10. JRC Training and Capacity Building Calls for the Nanobiotechnology Laboratories

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission has opened a Call to access JRC Research Infrastructures for Training and Capacity Building **for Enlargement and Integration Countries** to the:



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Nanobiotechnology laboratory (NanoBiotech): [2019-1-TCB-NanoBiotech](#)  
Call closing 03 June 2019

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The call is addressed to JRC external users from **universities, research or public institutions, or from Small-Medium-Enterprises (SME)**.

[Training is free of charges and travel/subsistence costs are covered by the JRC.](#)

### Conditions and criteria for access

The JRC offers access to its **non-nuclear facilities** to researchers from Lead User Institution and User Institutions ([see definitions in the Framework](#)) only from [countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon 2020](#). The Lead User Institution must be from a university, research or public institution, or from a Small-Medium-Enterprise (SME).

The **Training and Capacity Building topics** offered in the Nanobiotechnology laboratory include an introduction and hands-on training on:

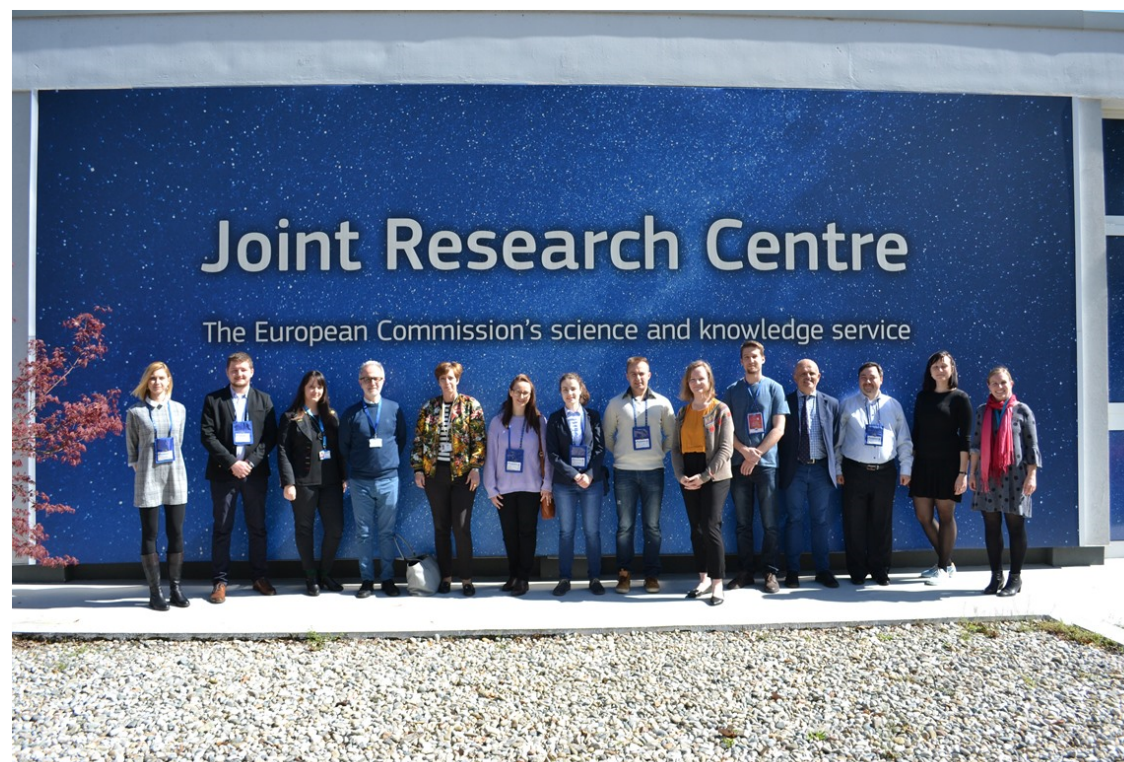
- Nanomaterials sizing using dynamic light scattering, disk centrifuge sedimentation, asymmetric and sedimentation field flow fractionation with different detectors and analytical ultra-centrifuge.
- In vitro assays for studying nanomaterial-cell interactions and highlighting pitfalls occurring during assay development due to the specific nature of nanomaterial (in vitro dosimetry, interaction of nanomaterial with cell reagents).
- Biomolecular interaction studies using surface plasmon resonance and quartz microbalance techniques.

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- Raman spectroscopy, ellipsometry, electron microscopy and an introduction to surface chemistry analysis using XPS and/or ToF-SIMS.
- ICP-MS including single particle detection.

You can find all relevant information at <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-facility/open-access/training>.

## 11. The Danubius Young Scientist Award Winners visit to JRC Ispra



A group of 9 **Danubius Young Scientist Award Winners** (Péter Borza, Daniel Martínek, Halyna Palamarchuk, Janka Vogel, Jelena Molnar Jazić, Jelena Vladoic, Kaja Prislan, Kristijan Kotarski, Raimund Haindorfer and Tzvetelin Gueorguiev) visited the JRC Ispra site on 8-10 April 2019.

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Their areas of expertise ranged from biology to modern history, migration, water treatment, pharmaceutical engineering till cybercrime and communication.

On the first day, they had a tour of the Visitors' Centre, followed by presentations of JRC initiatives, on the second day they shadowed a JRC scientist and on their last day, they had the opportunity to visit some of the laboratories.

**The DRC would also like to thank the JRC for organizing this opportunity and for the ongoing cooperation!**

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## 12. 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](#).

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13. CASEE Newsletter May 2019

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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. 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 Strategy for the Danube Region to strengthen research, education and University Development in this region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the latest newsletter, click [here](#).

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#### 14. 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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## 15. 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](#).

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