

DRC Newsletter

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**DRC**
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

we hope you had a good start into the new year and got some rest during the holidays. With this year's first edition we bring you again some interesting opportunities for cross-border cooperation and scientific networking.

Firstly, on 13th January 2020 the DRC together with the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) organized the Kick-off event of the Jean Monnet Project **"From Fictional to Functioning Democracy" (FIFUDEM)** at the House of the European Union in Vienna. The event was opened, among others, by the DRC President and Rector of the University of Belgrade Prof. Dr. Ivanka Popović.

Furthermore, we would like to draw your attention to the call for application for Training and Capacity Building at the **JRC Nanobiotechnology Laboratory** for access to applicants from **Enlargement and Integration Countries**.

In addition, the call for applications for the **OeAD Summer Universities** is also open!

What are you waiting for? Read and apply!

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

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13 January 2020

Haus der Europäischen Union, Vienna, Austria

Kick-off Event of the Jean Monnet Project "From Fictional to Functioning Democracy Developing Concepts and Strategies for an Inclusive and Participatory Europe" (FIFUDEM).

Keynote speech: **Ivan KRASTEV**, Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

As part of the IDM and DRC Jean Monnet Project "From Fictional to Functioning Democracy (FIFUDEM)", the conference brings up the problem of fictional democracy - a new form of façade democracy that produces illiberal fictions of democracy. It aims at creating new visions for actively committed citizenship in a functioning democracy, embedded in a common and inclusive European Union. In order to achieve this, academics and researchers specialised in EU matters, as well as civil society activists, stakeholders and practitioners and EU representatives are invited to develop strategies of strengthening active and participatory citizenship and functioning political communication methodologies.

Confirmed attendees included amongst others **Ivan KRASTEV**, **Gertraud ILLMEIER** (Interkulturelles Zentrum, Vienna), **Lukas MANDL** (Member of the European Parliament, Vienna), **Katarína MATHERNOVÁ** (Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission, Brussels), **Hedvig MORVAI** (Erste Foundation, Vienna), **Ivanka POPOVIC** (Rector of the University of Belgrade, President of the Danube Rectors' Conference), **Wojciech PRZYBYLSKI** (Editor-in-chief of Visegrad Insight and chairman of Res Publica Foundation in Warsaw), **Martin SELMAYR** (Representative of the European Commission in Austria), **Mihai Răzvan UNGUREANU** (University of Bucharest, former Foreign Minister, former Prime Minister, Romania), **Kristina VOKO** (Country Director Albania at Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN), Tirana), **Vuk VELEBIT** (Political analyst (Talas.rs) & civic activist, Belgrade) and **Toni PAVLOSKI** (Deputy Director of the Directorate for the European Union at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia, Skopje).

On behalf of the DRC were also involved the DRC Vice-President and Rector of the Danube-University Krems Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer as well as the DRC Secretary General Mag. Sebastian Schäffer.



You can find the programme of the conference as well as further information [here](#).

We are looking forward to future project steps!

2. FIFUDEM - DRC as the main project partner

The Danube Rectors' Conference Secretariat is operated by the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM). The IDM has received the Jean Monnet funding from the Erasmus+ Program of the EU Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the project

"From Fictional to Functioning Democracy: Developing Concepts and Strategies for Inclusive and Participatory Europe (FIFUDEM)".

FIFUDEM will be conducted at the IDM in the period from 2019 to 2022 and within this framework, DRC represents the **main project partner** as well as the main tool of dissemination of the project's results.



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functioning political communication as well as active citizenship in an inclusive and participatory EU, and 3) to disseminate the project's findings through awareness raising activities, events and publications for different targets groups on the local, regional, national, international and EU level. The rationale behind this proposal comes from the worrying erosion tendencies of liberal democracy as well as from the increase of populism, extremism and religious radicalisation in the Danube Region and Central Europe.

We will regularly update the project [website](#)!



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3. JRC Nanobiotechnology Laboratory - Training and Capacity Building

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) opens for the purposes of training and capacity building its scientific laboratories and facilities to people working in academia and research organisations, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and more in general to the public and private sector.

Applicants from institutions and organisations located in [countries associated to the Framework Programme H2020](#): Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, and Ukraine are welcome to apply to the calls of the Training and Capacity Building at JRC Research Infrastructures programme.



The Nanobiotechnology Laboratory features state-of-the-art equipped facilities designed to foster interdisciplinary studies. A special emphasis lies on characterisation of nanomaterials, nanotechnology-enabled health products, microplastics, advanced materials and their interactions with biological systems, as well as on the detection, identification and characterisation of nanomaterials and microplastics in complex matrices.

The JRC will pay the travel and subsistence eligible costs of the users visiting the JRC for training and capacity building at the Nanobiotechnology Laboratory.

2020-1-TCB-NanoBiotech

Opening of the call: 2020-01-16

Closure of the call: 2020-03-16

During preparation of the proposals users are encouraged to contact the Nanobiotechnology Laboratory at JRC-OPEN-NANOBIOTECH@ec.europa.eu

4. Green.Building.Solutions.Summer University Vienna

In 2020, the DRC is again funding two scholarships for students of the DRC member universities to attend the **Green.Building.Solutions.Summer University 2020**.

Application for the programs via summer-university.net is already possible.



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→ Try it yourself

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The **OeAD student housing**, winner of the 2013 Austrian Climate Protection Award, offers passive houses for active students and accommodates 2,500 international guests annually in innovative and energy-efficient student dormitories.

The **BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna** teaches sustainable use of natural resources by connecting natural, engineering and economic sciences.

The **TU Vienna** focuses on the relationship of energy to the environment in architecture, urban planning, as well as natural and engineering sciences.



students completing them successfully will get a transcript they may use to obtain ECTS credit from their home institutions.

Courses offered:

- Managerial Accounting: Information in Business Decision-making
- Business Communication Skills
- International Business Networks
- Corporate Financial Analysis – An Integrated Approach
- Strategic Brand Management
- Informal Logic for Business

Application deadline: 30 June 2020, early bird fee is available until 30 April

Course fee: 350 EUR; early bird fee: 280 EUR

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ELTE Business Economics Summer University

ELTE BESU, a part of the ELTE Budapest Summer University, offers six one-week courses for undergraduate and graduate students of business and economics.

The courses involve 25 hours of instruction, and students completing them successfully will get a transcript they may use to obtain ECTS credit from their home institutions.



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7. proESOF Call for Proposals



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 ESO F 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 ESO F 2020 (three weeks from June 27 to July 18, 2020)
- **Draft proposals for the official call of ESO F 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, rountables 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 future “new jobs” opportunities.

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

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



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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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](#).

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



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