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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers of the DRC Newsletter,

the August/September edition of our newsletter is finally here! We hope you have enjoyed the summer and had wonderful holidays. Now as the weather gets colder, and the colourful streets welcome the new season, the DRC is ready to delight you with the news about all the exciting activities and events of the next months.

Most importantly, **we would kindly ask the participants of this year's Annual Meeting taking place in November to indicate their preference about the format of the meeting.**

Moreover, the **DRC scholarship winners** selected for the participation in this year's **OeAD Summer Universities** shared with us their impressions about the activities they experienced there.

We invite you also to check the **Stanisław Lem European Research Prize** organized by **Wroclaw Tech University** or the **Erasmus+ APP Launch Conference**.

Do not miss the new **DIGI-HE Workshop on Developing a high-performance digital education ecosystem** of the **European University Association** which is also preparing the **2022 European Learning & Teaching Forum** next February!

We encourage you to get involved in any of the initiatives that caught your eyes!

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

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We kindly invite you to our next **Annual Meeting** taking place on **11-12 November 2021**. Due to the current development of the pandemic situation in Ukraine, we would kindly ask you to inform us about your preferred way of participation (online/in-person) by **Friday, October 15**. Please indicate your preference in the provided

[form.](#)

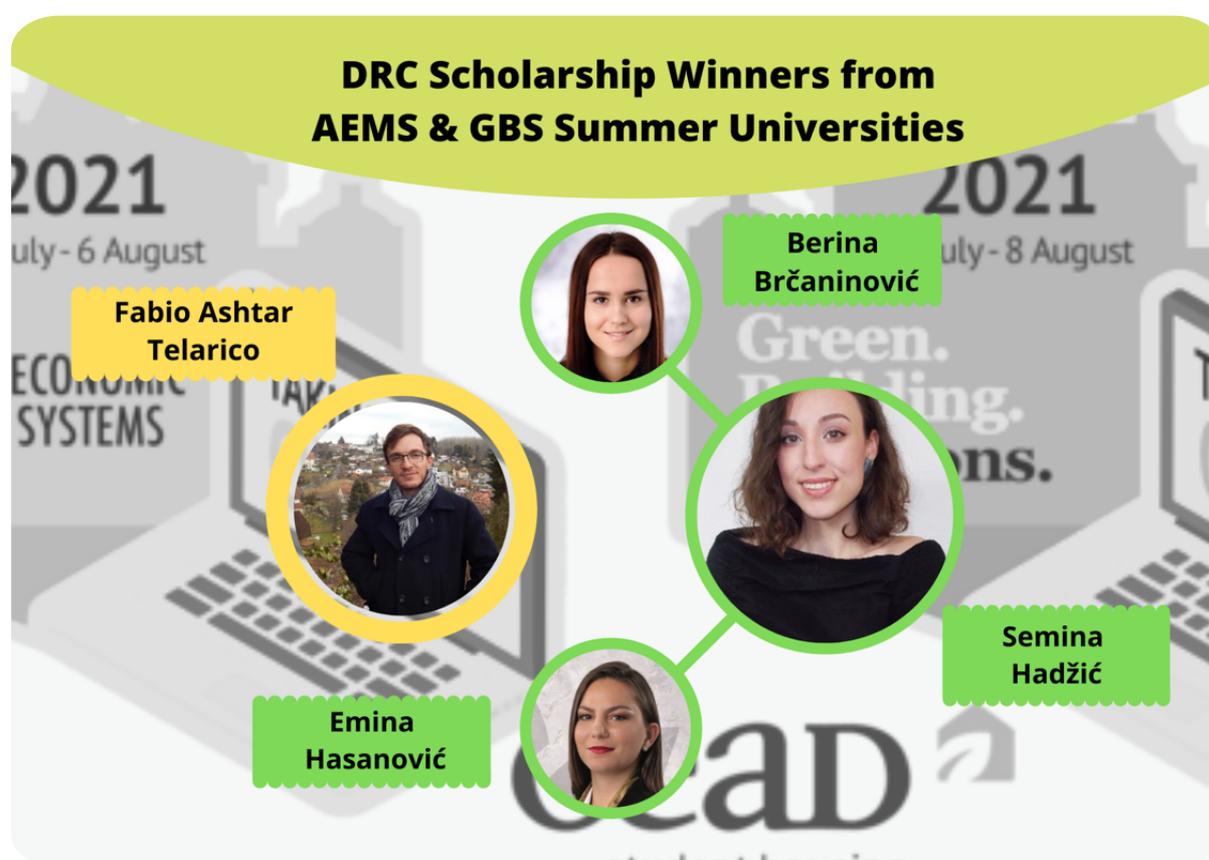
For those participants, who would like to attend the event via Zoom, [here](#) you will find the link for registration.

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

This year's edition of the DRC Annual Meeting will have as a leading theme **'The role of University and its Resilience in the Age of Global Challenges'**.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

2. The DRC Scholarship winners share their impressions



At the **beginning of September** the winners of the **DRC scholarships** chosen among the participants of the [OeAD](#)'s summer school projects, the [Green Building Solution](#) and the [Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems](#), were selected and announced. After the proclamation the four were interviewed by the [IDM](#) about some of the most important points of their experience with the projects.

Berina Brčanić is a 24-year-old Bosnian student on the faculty of Architecture of University of Sarajevo. The group work and lectures gave her the opportunity to connect with people from all over the world and to apply her knowledge on the

project she and her colleagues have created at the end. This experience pushed her to apply for a Master's degree in sustainable architecture.

Semina Hadžić is a 22-year-old university student, currently enrolled at University of Sarajevo, where she is graduating in Architecture and Urbanism. In her words this Summer University helped her to gain a set of skills needed for a young architect and she would try to implement the acquired knowledge in her own projects.

Emina Hasanović is a 29-year-old Bosnian undergraduate enrolled on the faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the UNiversity of Sarajevo. She was pleased to meet people with her same goal: to reduce the effects of climate change and to create a better environment.

Fabio Ashtar Telarico is a 22-year-old Italian junior expert who is doing a Joint Master's Programme in Southeast European Studies, University of Graz and University of Belgrade. He stated that it has provided him with a number of experiences and occasions to improve real-life and problem-solving skills.

3. The OeAD Summer Universities 2021



This year the [OeAD](#) hosted two unique online summer schools. The [Green Building Solution Summer School](#), the online classes lasted from **July 17 to August 8, 2021**, and the [Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems Summer School](#), lasted from **July 19, 2021 to August 6, 2021**.

The aim of the former was to teach and indeep the **ecological knowledge and**

engineering expertise in a condense three-week program. On the other hand, the latter focused on **restructuring economic systems** to achieve a sustainable use of resources and a more collaborative society overall.

The students had an opportunity to learn about sustainable buildings in an intercultural environment from trained experts with very vast and variegated backgrounds who shared with them the newest developments on the field. Both programs offered the respectively **7 and 5 ECTS certificates** after their completion.

We will keep you informed about the results of the projects developed during the programs once they will be published by the OeAD.

Next year, there will be **another edition of both summer schools** and we will make you know about all the deadlines for the applications as soon as we know them, so keep in touch with our **Newsletter** to be sure to not miss anything about it.

4. Facilitating research and innovation cooperation in the Danube Region



"Facilitating research and innovation cooperation in the Danube Region"

*within dedicated calls of the
"Widening participation and spreading excellence" part of Horizon Europe*

This **initiative** of the **the EU Strategy for the Danube Region** (EUSDR) aims to bridge potential applicants from the Danube Region in upcoming Horizon Europe "Widening" calls in order to foster participation in this programme.

The Horizon Europe Info day on **28 October 2021** will focus on the Horizon Europe part for "**Widening participation and spreading excellence**".

At the Info day on 28 October 2021 the main conditions of the addressed Horizon

Europe "Widening" calls with a special concentration on the various novelties, new possibilities and actions will be presented by a representative of the European Commission.

In addition, some of the so far successfully implemented "Widening" projects in previous EU framework programmes will be presented. Enough time will be dedicated to Q&As, so that as many issues as possible could be clarified. The Info day will be supplemented by the possibility of continuous (long-term) virtual matchmakings (B2B) meetings lasting until 15 March 2022 (the end of the last submission deadline of the targeted Horizon Europe "Widening" calls).

The bilateral virtual matchmaking (B2B) meetings provide prospective applicants or researchers an opportunity to meet and discuss ideas for joint projects and to build consortia.

For more details and the registration of your profile please see <https://widening-cooperation-danuberegion.b2match.io/>

5. The Stanisław Lem European Research Prize (Lem Prize)



The competition is open to **young scientists up to 40 years old**, associated with a **university or research institution in an EU or Horizon-associated country** and in **Switzerland**.

Lem Prize is awarded for a recent scientific achievement made **within last 3 years** in **field of science and engineering**. The competition application along with the

required documents must be submitted electronically by **October 15, 2021**. The winner will be announced on **November 15, 2021**, during the celebrations of [Wroclaw Tech University's](#) anniversary.

6. The Open Access call of the ELSA and the nano-biotechnology laboratory



The [Open Access call of the ELSA and the Nano biotechnology Laboratory Joint Call](#) between two **JRC Research Infrastructures** to **tackle cross-boundary issues** with the **access cost waived** for institutions applying from WPSE-listed countries. We invite proposals for projects to experiment, prototype and demonstrate ideas for the **New European Bauhaus**.

The **ELSA Reaction Wall** and the **Nanobiotechnology Laboratory** will serve as collaboration platform to **stimulate creativity and innovation in the built environment**. Location: **Ispra, Italy**. Opening of the call will be on **September 22**, the closure one on **January 16**.

Research priorities:

- **Safe and green** renovation of buildings for the New European Bauhaus.
 - New materials and technologies.
 - **Sustainable materials** for construction.
 - Application of **advanced testing methods**.
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7. Developing a high-performance digital education ecosystem Workshop (EUA)

The banner features a dark blue background with a light green diagonal stripe on the right side. At the top left, the text 'DIGIHE' is displayed in white and green, with 'DIGI' in white and 'HE' in green. To its right, the 'eua' logo is shown in light blue. Below the logos, the title 'DIGI-HE Workshop I' is written in large white font. Underneath the title, the subtitle 'Developing a high-performance digital education ecosystem: strategy and organisational culture' is written in a smaller white font. To the left of the subtitle is a white megaphone icon. Below the subtitle, there are two icons: a calendar icon followed by the date '19 October 2021' and a clock icon followed by the time '14.00 - 17.00 CEST'. At the bottom center, the text 'Registration deadline: 5 October 2021' is written in white.

On behalf of the [DIGI-HE project](#) consortium, the [European University Association](#) is pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the online workshop “[Developing a high-performance digital education ecosystem: strategy and organisational culture](#),” taking place on **19 October 2021 at 14.00-17.00** (CET).

The workshop aims at supporting institutions in the assessment of their achievements and opportunities in **digitally enhanced learning and teaching**. Free of charge and **open to all EUA members**, it will be of interest to higher education leaders responsible for learning and teaching and its digital transformation.

Registrations for this workshop are **open until 5 October**. Early registration is advised as attendance is **limited to 30 participants** with a maximum of two representatives per institution.

8. The “ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe” (CASEE)



The winner will receive a cash prize of **PLN 100,000 (EUR 22,057)** and a **voucher for a 1-2 week stay** in Wrocław, which will include a series of lectures and getting to know the biggest attractions of the city. The costs of stay are **fully covered** by Wrocław Tech.

The "[ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe](#)" (CASEE) is a network of **Central and South Eastern European Higher Education Institutions** linking Life Science disciplines in the region ranging from natural resources, environment, food, agriculture, biotechnology and natural resources.

Among its many fascinating updates and opportunities displayed the newsletter, CASEE is offering you the chance to participate to conferences such as the "**International Conference on Agriculture and Life Science (ICOALS III)**" in the [Agricultural University of Tirana](#), Albania, between **November 1 and 3 of 2021**, **at the international congress on "Life Sciences Today for Tomorrow"**, held online at [IASI University of Life Sciences \(IULS\)](#) in Romania between **October 21-22 of 2021**, or to the programme for the ICA Rectors and Deans Forum, focusing on the **Role of Life Science Universities in Transitioning to Climate Neutrality and Open Science** that will be holden at [KU Leuven](#) in Belgium on **October 21 and 22, 2021**.

9. Call for contributions for the 2022 European Learning & Teaching Forum



The **European University Association** is already getting ready for the [2022](#)

[European Learning & Teaching Forum](#). The event, entitled “**On site, online, on point?**”, will be hosted by the **University of Deusto in Bilbao, Spain, on 17-18 February 2022**.

EUA is now looking for **proposals for papers, workshops and practice presentations** for the event. **The deadline** to submit proposals is **4 October 2021**. Leadership and management in higher education institutions, students, policy makers and other stakeholders are welcomed to submit proposals for presenting practices or research on enhancing learning and teaching in higher education.

Please get familiar with the [call](#) for more information!

The forum will deal with the **challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic to higher education** , but not only. Indeed, the pandemic also resulted in an **innovation drive** and a **redesigning of teaching methods**. EUA seeks now to reflect about the future and about new technologies and learning, about digitalisation and the university’s culture, about the potential of digitalisation to increase equity of access to learning, and about its role in internationalisation.

The European Learning & Teaching Forum provides an opportunity for participants to meet and discuss developments in learning and teaching at European universities and makes use of EUA’s extensive policy work in European higher education.

In case of questions, please contact LTForum@eua.eu.

10. DRC Facebook Page



We are trying to improve the circulation of information within our network.
We kindly ask you to also connect with us via [Facebook](#) and visit the [DRC webpage](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna



11. 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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