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Dear subscribers of the DRC Newsletter,

The October edition of our newsletter is finally here! We apologize for reaching you a bit later than usual: we were just getting over the time change. Hopefully, all of you have updated your watches and make something meaningful out of the extra hour you gained. In the past days our clock was ticking faster, as there is a lot going on in the present month...

Therefore, we are pleased to announce that the DRC is ready to delight you with the news about all the upcoming activities and events scheduled for November.

First of all, we intend to inform you about this year's **DRC Annual Meeting 2021** taking place online in November, and we would like to invite you to send your representatives to attend the event and contribute to the discussion.

Moreover, the **Danubius Awards Ceremony** for extraordinary scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube region will be also taking place online, on **November 11**.

Apart from these events, there is a lot more going on in November! Don't miss the 2021 Danube Conference, the Ceremony for the Stanislaw Lem European Research Prize, the EURASHE Webinar "Developing institutional EU Research Support of Practice", and the European University Association (EUA) Annual Conference.

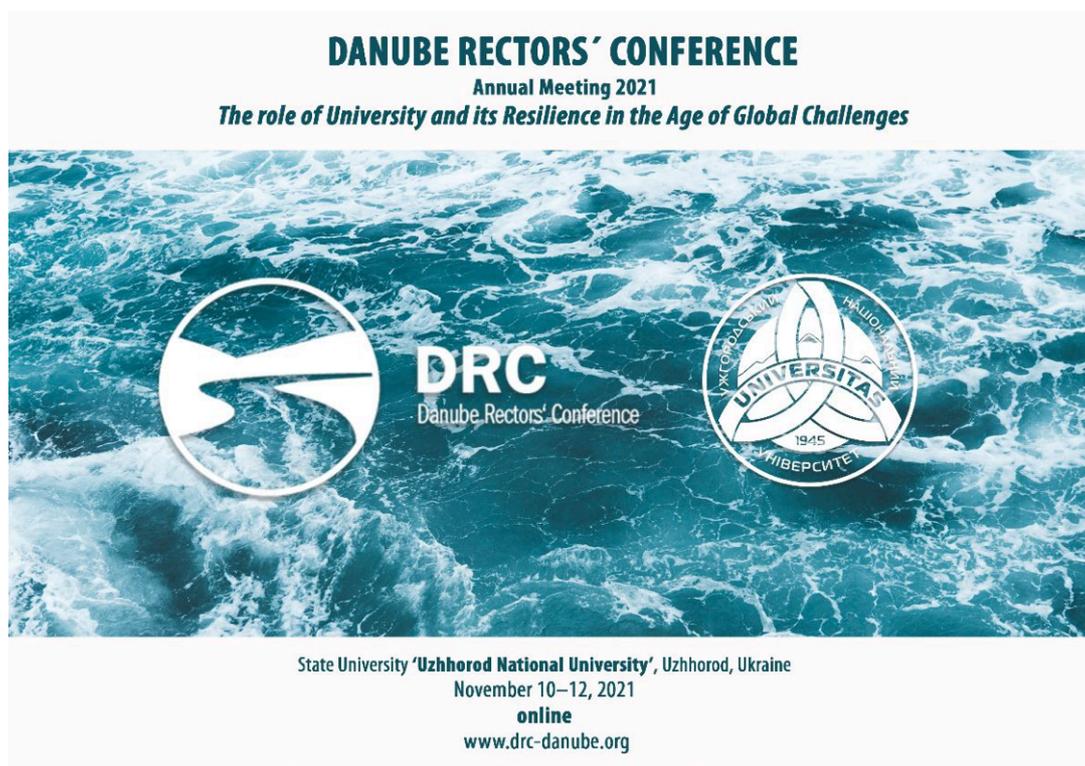
We encourage you to get involved in any of the initiatives that caught your eyes!

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

**DRC Annual Meeting 2021**  
**The Danubius Awards 2021**

Danube Conference 2021: Shrinking Spaces - Growing Responsibilities  
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## 1. DRC Annual Meeting 2021



Distinguished Rectors of DRC member universities,  
dear university representatives,

We would like to kindly remind you the upcoming **Danube Rectors' Conference Annual Meeting 2021** taking place online from **10-12 November 2021**. 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'**. [Here](#) you can find the programme of the meeting as well as registration link [here](#) for the Thursday's part of the event.

Particularly, we would like to **encourage to attend the DRC General Assembly** taking place on **Friday, 12 November from 9-12**, where **new DRC initiatives** will be discussed that are certainly of interest for your university and its students. The connection link can be found in the Agenda that will be sent out to the member universities via email.

## We are looking forward to meeting you at the DRC Annual Meeting 2021!

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### 2. Danubius Awards Ceremony 2021



The **Danubius Award** was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the intention to honor persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region. The **Danubius Award** is intended to represent recognition for a profound scientific analysis of the Danube region. The prize is divided into three categories:

**Danubius Award**

**Danubius Mid-Career Award**

**Danubius Young Scientist Award**

This year's Danubius Awards Ceremony will be taking place online via [YouTube](#). (click for the event link), on **November 11, 2021 from 15:00 - 16:30**.

**The programme of the award ceremony is available [here](#)**

Congratulations to the winners and looking forward to seeing you!



**IDM** Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Education, Science and Research

European Commission JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

## Danubius Awards 2021

### Virtual Award Ceremony

November 11, 2021  
15:00 - 16:30

<p><b>15:00 Welcome message</b> Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz Faßmann Austrian Minister of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)</p> <p><b>15:05 Introduction and welcome</b> Mag. Barbara Weitgruber Director-General for Scientific Research and International Relations (BMBWF)</p> <p><b>15:10 Welcome</b> Dr. Erhard Busek Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe</p> <p><b>15:15 Laudatio - Danubius Award</b> Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Gerzabek University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna</p> <p><b>15:20 Danubius Award Winner</b> O.Univ.-Prof. Dr. Josef Glögl</p>	<p><b>15:25 Laudatio - Danubius Mid-Career Award</b> Dipl. Ing. Dr. Thomas Dillinger TU Wien</p> <p><b>15:30 Danubius Mid-Career Award Winner</b> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tijana Dabović</p> <p><b>15:35 Introduction of the Danubius Young Scientist Award</b> Prof. Zdravko Kačič President of the Danube Rectors' Conference Rector of the University of Maribor</p> <p><b>15:40 Welcome</b> Prof. Miroslav Veskovíc Joint Research Centre, European Commission</p> <p><b>15:45 Danubius Young Scientist Award Winners</b></p> <p><b>16:30 End of Ceremony</b></p>
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Moderation: Mag. Sebastian Schäffer, MA, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

### 3. Danube Conference 2021: Shrinking Spaces - Growing Responsibilities



We are thrilled to announce the 2021 Danube Conference: **Shrinking Spaces – Growing Responsibilities: Macro-regional approaches to tackle current transformations in the Danube Region**, taking place on 10th November via Livestream on [IDM Facebook page](#).

A decade ago, the **EU Strategy for the Danube Region** was launched, involving different regional actors to join their efforts to tackle *common ecological, transport and socio-economic challenges*. The Covid-19 Pandemic accelerated the urgency to take cooperation a step further, as it clearly emphasized the need to preserve democratic spaces by means of dialogue, partnerships and concerted action at the regional level.

*This implies to reflect on the lessons of a decade of macro-regional cooperation, the cross-regional approaches to the recovery from the pandemic and the role they will play in driving the green transition.*

These topics, and many other, will be the object of our upcoming **Danube Conference 2021**, taking place **10 years since the EURSDR**. On such a special occasion, we cordially invite you to join our debate on the future of macro-regional cooperation. Discuss with experts and practitioners the growing

responsibilities for regional actors to tackle shrinking spaces.

**Together we will identify fields of action in the Danube Region!**

For the programme outline, please click [here](#).

The Conference is organized by:

**Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM),**

**University for Continuing Education Krems (Danube University)**

In cooperation with:

**BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna,**

**Europa Forum Wachau**

**IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems**

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#### 4. The Stanisław Lem European Research Prize (Lem Prize)



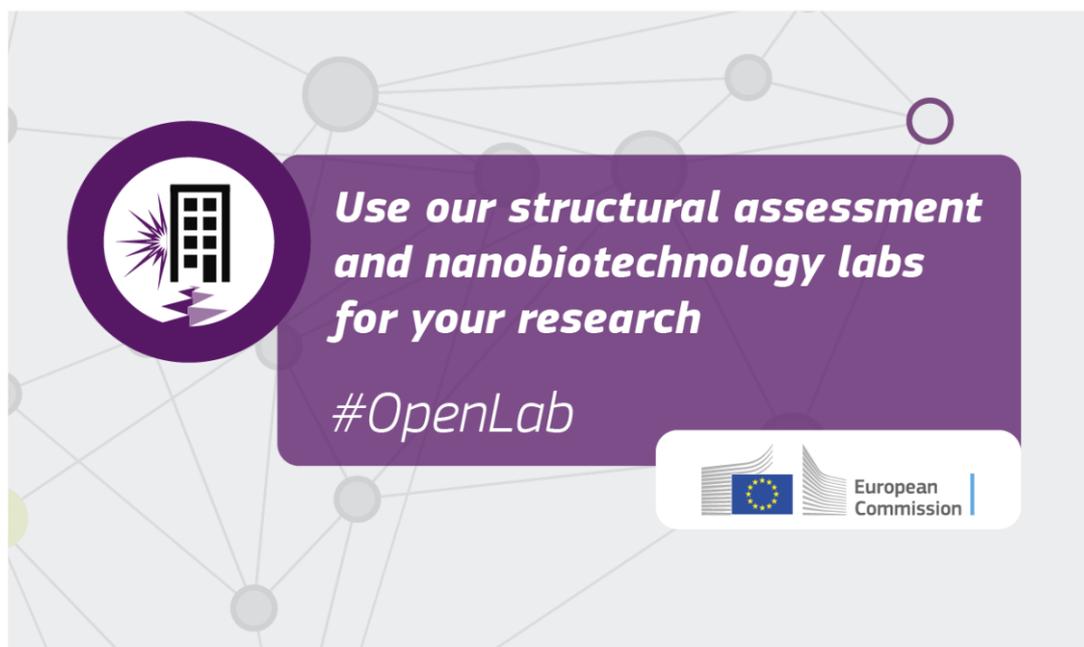
The competition is open to **young scientists up to 40 years old**, associated with a **university or research institution in an EU or Horizon-associated country** and in **Switzerland**.

**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 [Wrocław Tech University](#)'s anniversary.

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## 5. 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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## 6. EURASHE Webinar "Developing institutional EU Research Support of Practice"

**The European Association of Institutions of Higher Education (EURASHE)** is an international non-profit association based in Brussels, which represents universities of applied sciences and universities, associations of higher education institutions, and individual institutions.

Since **research and innovation activities** have been gaining more importance within the mission and

profile of professional higher education (PHE), namely Universities of applied sciences during the last decade. EURASHE aims to provide a space for an exchange of experiences and knowledge.

EURASHE would like to invite you to the Webinar on **30 November** at 14:30 CET. under the title **'Developing institutional EU Research Support Strategies'**

The webinar will focus on:

- Overview of EC funding opportunities for applied research and innovation activities of universities of applied sciences, updates on any future patterns coming from the European Strategy for Universities; DG RTD European Commission
- EURASHE research and innovation related priorities, ERA Hubs, UAS4EUROPE Innovation Action Plan
- The case of institutional strategy for EU and national support for research within the national/regional authorities' policies (UAS Fulda, State of Hessen)
- Input for the workshop in Fulda, Germany in April 2022

**Here is the [link for registration](#).**

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## 7. European University Association (EUA) Annual Conference

**The European University Association** is inviting proposals for presentations at the 2022 EUA Annual Conference. The event under the title **"University values : what, why and how?"** will be hosted by the Budapest University of Technology and Economics in Hungary on **28-29 April 2022**.

The 2022 EUA Annual Conference will provide a platform to discuss which values shape the missions and strategic objectives of Europe's universities. [The 2022 Annual Conference call for contributions](#) invites leaders and senior managers with responsibilities at the institutional/national level from individual and collective [EUA members](#) to submit proposals showcasing measures universities take to ensure that their values are understood and lived individually and collectively.

The deadline to submit proposals is **13 December 2021**.

Here is the [link for submitting proposals](#).

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## 8. 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



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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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