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WE STAND WITH UKRAINE



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The DRC Presidency stands with Ukraine.

Russia's aggression is not just a completely unjustified attack on Ukraine. It is an attack on all of us. While we fear for the safety of our friends and partners at the universities across Ukraine, particularly our members Uzhhorod National University and Odessa National I. I. Mechnikov University, we ask our network for any support in these dark times.

We will continue our efforts and engagement with Ukraine throughout our several formats like the Danubius Awards, the DRC Summer School and the EUSDR.

Dear subscribers of the DRC Newsletter,

We are excited to provide you with the **March/April issue** of the Newsletter where we keep you up-to-date with the current developments in our organisation and inform you about many upcoming **funding possibilities and various initiatives**.

Let's start this newsletter with a success story: **we hosted the first meeting of the Strategic Foresight project in Vienna!** On March 27-29, twenty young researchers

gathered for two days in Vienna to discuss the challenges and opportunities for research and higher education in the Danube Region. **Scroll down to discover more about the project's developments!**

We are also thrilled to share with you numerous other opportunities in different fields of study and research. Among them, do not miss the **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2022 Call** if you are a young forward-looking scholar whose research can have an impact on the region! Furthermore, the March/April issue brings amazing opportunities to the region's art scene with the **Sharing Future Artist in Residence Scholarship 2022** and the **photo contest "Life along the Danube"**!

Finally, other initiatives which can be of interest to your institutions and students - such as the **EURASHE 31st Annual Conference**, different Calls for papers and applications, the **JRC Summer School** or **OeAD summer universities** - are included in this issue.

We wish you a pleasant dive into the newsletter!

And as you well know, we always welcome your feedback and comments, as in this way we grow!

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1. DRC Strategic Foresight Project: First Meeting in Vienna



We are pleased to share with you some details of the DRC Strategic Foresight Project's first meeting!

Between the 27th and 29th of March, twenty bright minds from all over Europe have gathered in Vienna for developing possible scenarios concerning **the future of research and higher education in the Danube Region**.

After getting numerous insights on strategic foresight methodology provided by our guest professors during the lectures, participants have worked within their assigned group and dealt with **four different thematic areas**: **University Autonomy and Governance**, **Science and Learning in Digital Era**, **Scientific Research for European Decision Making**, and **Employability of Students and Early-stage researchers**.

It was just the first meeting, but the proactiveness of the participants, as well as the early results they have already brought, clearly show that **the project outcome will be a valuable contribution to analysing what is ahead of us when it comes to the future scenarios of higher education in the region!**

Therefore, **we thank all the participants for being a great group of young researchers and for bringing their enthusiasm to Vienna, the visiting lecturers**

for the valuable inputs provided, and the IDM team for implementing the project!

The first in-person meeting is just the beginning of the project, which will continue throughout the upcoming months. **Don't forget to follow our [social media channels](#) to keep on track of it!**

2. Danubius Young Scientist Award 2022



We are excited to announce a Call for nominations
for **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2022!**

The Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science, and Research (BMBWF) and **Institute for Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)** will grant the award to **14 young researchers** - one from each signatory party of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region - Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania, and Ukraine.

Since 2011 this prize has been awarded to honour individuals with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity connected with the Danube region! This award comprises **1.350 Euro** as well as the opportunity to be a part of the organized visit of the facilities in Ispra, Italy, in 2023, made possible by the kind support of the European Commission. Research Centre - **JRC**.

Scholars from all fields may be nominated by their **hosting institution** (university, academy of sciences, research organizations). Each institution may nominate up to **five researchers**, who may be a part of the different organizational units (faculties,

departments, or research groups). In case of more applications, those candidates proposed by the rectorate or management of the organization will be given preference.

More information on the selection process, award criteria and the requirements of the document submission are available on this [link](#).

An award ceremony is planned for October/November 2022, and more details on this event will be announced timely.

The deadline for application is **30th April 2022**.

3. Call for Photos: "Life along the Danube"

**We are excited to learn about the Danube from your perspective!
Create an exhibition with us!**



The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Volkshochschule Landstraße (Vienna), Wiener Fotohochschule and OeAD Cooperation Office Lviv invite you to send **pictures portraying various aspects of life along the Danube**. We aim at showing the Viennese audience the cultural and natural diversity and heritage of the second-longest river in Europe along its banks.

Therefore, we warmly invite you to participate in the exhibition by

sharing photographs from the river's journey in Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, and Ukraine, **by April, 30th 2022.**

Check out the [IDM website](#) to discover more about the exhibition's contents and organization, as well as the prizes that will be awarded!

4. Save the Date: DRC Summer School

We are happy to share with our network that **the 17th DRC Summer School is going to take place in Vienna from the 10th to the 16th of July!** Therefore, we invite you to **save the date and keep following us to be updated on the core topics of the 2022 edition as well as to receive further information on the application process.**

This initiative is the perfect occasion for students to:

- **Share research results** about the Danube region;
- Discuss the most up-to-date issues of the Danube region and Central and Eastern Europe with **leading experts in the field;**
- **Present their research** and get input from the workshop leaders as well as other participants;
- Broaden their horizon and knowledge;
- **Meet new people from all around Europe** and enrich their **academic development;**
- Experience an unforgettable week in Vienna, the capital of Austria, and make **lasting cooperation as well as friendships with an international academic institution;**

After the end of the Summer School, the participants' **contributions will be officially published as an article in the scientific journal "Der Donauraum"**.

Stay tuned for more information!

5. Call for Applications for the "Sharing Future" Artist in Residence Scholarship 2022



The Canetti Artist Scholarship is aimed at **artists from all over Europe**. The fact that it is also advertised to artists from neighbouring countries – from the Western Balkans and Turkey, should, in particular, provide opportunities for international, artistic exchange. **Various different forms of art should be fostered by the scholarship: painters, photographers, writers, performance artists, translators, and musicians can apply for it.**

The slogan of the scholarship “**Sharing Future**” aims at a **collaborative creation and cooperation for a joint Europe and a common future.**

The funding period of the scholarship is one month. The scholarship holder can

- pursue his/ her artistic work undisturbed in the spring/summer of 2022 in Ruse;
- use the historic Canetti house as a workplace with various possibilities for artistic expression using the space (<http://eliascanetti.org/bg/dom-kaneti-2/>);
- get to know the local cultural scene in Ruse and Bulgaria and use the resulting synergies, and artistic realization;
- living in an apartment provided by the IECS;
- receive 1200 € for contribution and 300 for € travel expenses or 1500 € for both combined. Project-related expenses are to be covered within this amount;

The application with all documents should be sent to eliascanetti@eliascanetti.org no later than **30.4.2022**.

More information on the scholarship as well as the submission process can be found on the [webpage of the Elias Canetti Society](#).

6. EURASHE 31st Annual Conference: "Next Generation PHE"

EURASHE 31st Annual Conference

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ONLY MONTH LEFT TO REGISTER

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The European Association of Institutions in Higher Education ([EURASHE](#)) organise its **31st Annual Conference, ‘Next Generation PHE: Skills relevance, Inclusion, Digitalisation, Innovation’**. The conference is taking place the **23-24 May 2022** in **Brussels** at the EPHEC campus.

Next Generation PHE will discuss the big issues facing Europe as it emerges from the Covid pandemic – How can we ‘build back better’ and how can professional higher education support this collective endeavour? During the conferences, people and institutions from all around Europe will share stories from their countries and good practice examples in the Higher Education Sector.

For more information about the Programme and the Participation fees, visit the [dedicated webpage](#) and [register here](#) until the **10th of May**.

7. Online workshop on “Talent circulation in the EU”

European Commission

Online workshop

2nd of May 2022
13:00-15:30

Talent circulation in the EU:
Pathways for balanced international
and intersectoral mobility

Study team “Knowledge Ecosystems in the new ERA”
On behalf of
Directorate General Research for Research and Innovation (European Commission)

The European Commission has the pleasure to invite you to the **online workshop on “Talent circulation in the EU”** that will take place on the **2nd of May 2022** from **13:00 to 15:30**.

The workshop will present the main findings from the study ‘Knowledge Ecosystem in the new ERA’ regarding talent circulation, including issues of geographical brain drain and intersectoral mobility. Four cases will be presented to illustrate how the Member States have addressed the challenges related to talent circulation in their country and pathways for the future will be discussed.

We invite you to **save the date**, for now, the programme and link to register will follow soon.

8. Call for Papers: The 30th Anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty

[Studio Europa Maastricht](#) and the [Maastricht University](#) are pleased to invite you to participate in the **interdisciplinary academic conference making the 30th Anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty!**

The Conference will be held in Maastricht from the **27th to 29th of September 2022** and it is aimed to discuss *the Past, Present, and Future of European Integration* from a European socioeconomic perspective.

To facilitate critical and constructive academic dialogue on the event's subject, the organizing institutions welcome **contributions from forward-looking scholars from all backgrounds**. Particularly welcome are contributions from the fields of **economics, history, legal studies and political science**. The abstract submission will be open until **June 01, 2022**. Applicants should send the abstract (up to 300 words) to the application process coordinator: i.rubinic@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. For more information on the call for papers and on the application process, visit the [dedicated website](#).

9. Call for Papers and Registration: JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance



The [Joint Research Centre](#) (JRC) of the European Commission is pleased to announce the **4th edition of its Summer School on Sustainable Finance**. The **call for papers and registration is now open!**

The Summer School will feature both **academic sessions and more policy-oriented lectures**. To facilitate cross-fertilization and promote the development of policy-relevant research and science-based policy, the school addresses different types of communities, including scientists and policy officers working at public and/or international institutions, as well as private-sector experts active in the field of sustainable finance.

The **deadline** for papers submission is on **30 April 2022**. **Papers in the broader field of sustainable finance, including sustainability reporting and climate risk, are welcome for presentation.**

Registrations to the Summer School are also open, and here is the [link](#) to register.

For more information on the Call for Papers as well as the Summer School's application process visit the [JRC's website!](#)

10. Call for Submissions: Good Practices in Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) from and for the Western Balkans

The [Responsible Research and Innovation \(RRI\) project](#) is funded by the EU

Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon 2020 that aims to embed Responsible Research and Innovation in Western Balkan Countries and enhance self-sustaining R&I ecosystems.

The RRI team is seeking good practices in responsible research and innovation from and for the Western Balkans. The aim of the project is to engage numerous stakeholders in research and innovation to highlight the existing initiatives, and good practices and facilitate networking and peer learning to **improve the regional research and innovation ecosystem.**

The Call targets **stakeholders implementing Responsible Research and Innovation activities in and for the Western Balkans** who can apply sharing their good practice by filling out the [application form](#).

For more information on the project and the application process, as well as for downloading the Call, visit the [RRI website!](#)

11. OeAD Summer Universities - Call for Applications

The **OeAD Student Housing Call for Applications for Summer University 2022 is now open!**

Every year, the OeAD organizes two academic summer universities dealing with the topic of **sustainability** - both in the construction and building sector, as well as at the level of our economic and financial system.

Both programs will be held in an in-person format in Vienna, the working language is English.

The deadline for applications is June 30th, 2022.



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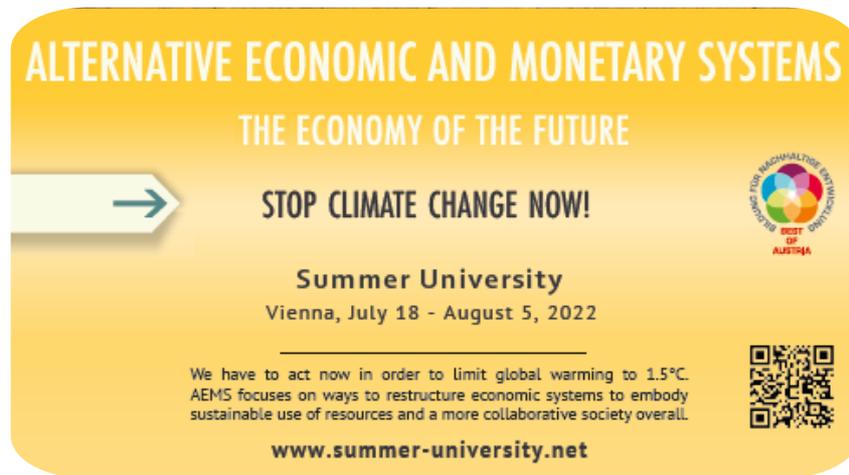
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Green Building Solutions (GBS) Summer University:

- Vienna - July 18th to August 7, 2022;
- The GBS Summer School aims at increasing knowledge of and raising awareness for sustainability in the field of building, construction and urban planning;
- It targets **international students and professionals in the field of architecture, building design, urban planning, engineering sciences, construction, property development, energy management;**
- To find out more about what you will learn at the GBS, check out the [Program](#);
- [Apply](#) until June 30th, 2022;



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Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS) Summer University:

- Vienna - from July 18th to August 5th, 2022;
- The AEMS is an interdisciplinary summer school focusing on alternatives to the economic; status quo providing innovative insights to tackle climate change at its core, finding new approaches for our economic and social systems;
- AEMS is open to students and professionals from all fields;
- To find out more about what you will learn at the GBS, check the [Program](#);

12. 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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13. 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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