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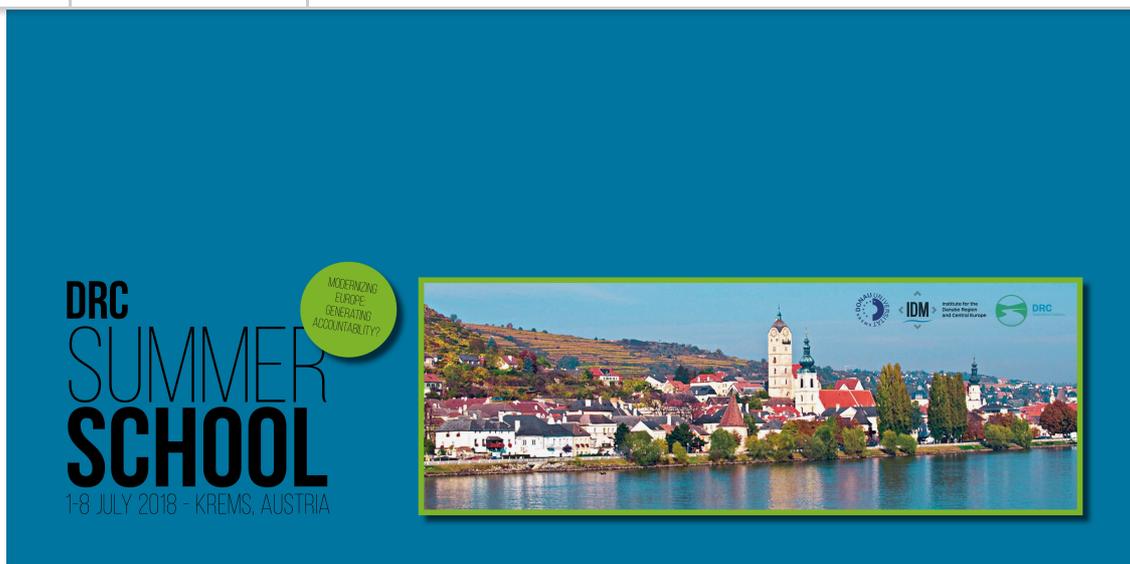
Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! After the winter break we are pleased to present you our newsletter for January and February 2018! With the beginning of the new year many new opportunities for cooperation arise.

Above all, we would like to draw attention to our DRC Summer School, which will be held in Krems, Austria from 1-8 July 2018. This edition marks the 15th year of mutual co-operation among young scientists in the Danube region.

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1. 15th DRC Summer School

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**15th DRC Summer School on Regional Co-operation
 “Modernizing Europe: Generating Accountability”
 1-8 July 2018 Danube University Krems**

- 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 your approaches and ideas for future scenarios of the Danube region and compare them with the contributions of other participants
- Take opportunity to discuss your views with decision-makers during the Austrian EU Council presidency
- Broaden your horizon and knowledge
- Meet new people from all around Europe and develop yourself academically
- Get a chance to attend the DRC Annual Meeting in Bratislava in November

Experience an unforgettable week in the beautiful city of Krems, Austria, situated in the Danube Valley and surrounded by vineyards, and make lasting cooperation and friendships with an international scientist body.

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

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 scientist 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.

Workshop topics:

1. Rise and fall of empires: integration and re-nationalisation
2. Towards a European federation: achieving EU integration through democratisation?

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Application deadline: June 03, 2018

Registration fee: 200 EUR

Language of instruction: English

Apply [here!](#)

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

2. 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 an associated partner of the project.

You can find information on the latest developments in their [newsletter](#)

3. DRC presents network at conference in Chernivtsi



The international conference on **"The Role and Opportunities for Universities in the European Strategy for the Danube Region"** was organised in Chernivtsi, Ukraine on December 8-9th 2017, in the frameworks of Ukrainian participation in EUSDR and with the object of building better communication and exchange experience between universities.

Objectives of the conference were: to discuss the ways and possibilities of scientific-research activity and universities collaboration among EUSDR countries; to synchronize the HEIs activity with the needs of regional development and to present various models of effective cooperation of universities for enhancing the regional development.

Sebastian Schäffer, Manager of the DRC Secretariat, presented our activities to the representatives from Ukrainian universities.

4. JRC open access

Joint Research Centre is glad to announce that the a new series of calls for open access to JRC scientific laboratories and facilities in the non-nuclear and nuclear areas has been opened:

- Non-nuclear: Nanobiotechnology Laboratory (Call closing 13 April 2018)
- Nuclear: European research infrastructure for nuclear reaction, radioactivity, radiation and technology studies in science and applications (EUFRAT) – 4 Laboratories: GELINA, HADES, MONNET, RADMET (Call closing 7 March

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The calls are addressed to external users from academia and research organisations, industry, SMEs, and more in general from the private and public sectors.

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

Conditions and criteria for access

The JRC will offer access to its **non-nuclear facilities** to researchers and scientists from EU Member States, candidate countries and countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon 2020. For **nuclear facilities**, the JRC will open to EU Member States, candidate countries (on the conditions established in the relevant agreement or decision) and countries associated to the Euratom Research Programme.

There will be two types of access to JRC research infrastructures:

- The first (**relevance-driven**) is based on the scientific and socio-economic relevance of the proposed project and involves a peer-review selection process following a call for proposals. This type of access is mainly targeted at universities, research institution and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in areas linked to the strategic priorities of the JRC and EU priorities linked to standardisation, integration and cohesion, sustainable growth and competitiveness. Under this type of access, users are only required to cover any additional costs sustained by the JRC, while access to nuclear research facilities can be provided "free of charge".
- The second type of access (**market-driven**) is mainly targeted at industry and for-profit institutions, and foresees the payment of the full costs of access.

5. Workshop on "Life Science Universities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals"

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in co-operation with Global Challenges University Alliance (GCUA) are pleased to invite you to Workshop on "**Life Science Universities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals**" taking place in Vienna on 16-18th April 2018.

The workshop offers opportunities for sharing best practice examples in addressing the SDGs in political and societal action, in teaching and in research, for discussing the specific role of life science Universities for contributing to reaching the SDGs by their integration of socio-economic, ecological and technical aspects of land use and food chains and for sketching a way forward in fulfilling the claims of society.

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fulfilling the SDGs, (2) developing an agenda for research, teaching and management.

Workshop topics

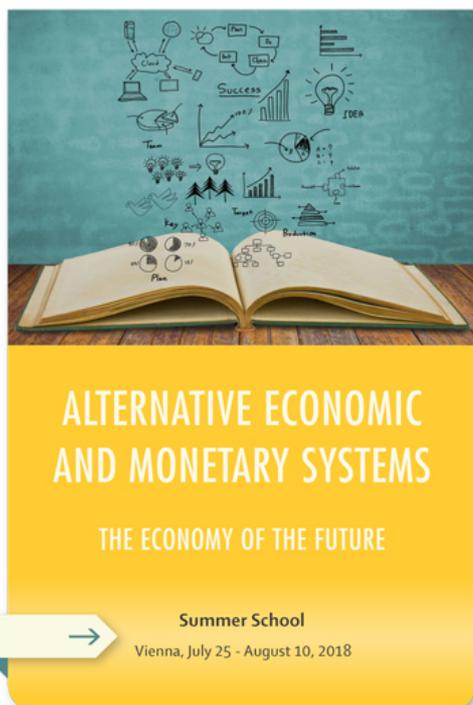
- SDGs as societal and political mission for Universities
- SDGs as mission for Universities in education for sustainable development in the future
- SDGs as mission in research – address contradictions, identify knowledge gaps and pathways to sustainability

Online registration will be open from Mid January to March 1st, 2018 at <https://www.slu.se/en/collaboration/international/global-challenges-university-alliance/> - in case of problems, please send an e-mail to gcu2018@boku.ac.at

More information at <https://www.slu.se/en/collaboration/international/global-challenges-university-alliance/workshops/?submenu=open>

Looking forward to future communications and hopefully meeting your representatives in Vienna!

6. Report on OeAD Summer Schools and Call for Applications

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The DRC has provided together with the OeAD-WohnraumverwaltungsGmbH in total four scholarships (two for each summer school) to enable participants from DRC member universities to attend **Green.Building.Solutions (GBS)** and **Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS)**. A report can be found here:

<http://summer-university.net/summer-schools-2017/>

The call for applications for 2018 is open until April 23, 2018 and can be found [here](#).

7. Intercultural Training at ELTE

The Erasmus+ and International Programmes Department and the Institute of Intercultural Psychology and Education (IPE), Faculty of Education and Psychology are pleased to invite you on **Intercultural Training 2018** of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.

The training will be held **from 11th to 15th June 2018** and targeted mainly to staff members of higher education institutions who work with international students and staff on the day-to-day basis.

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For more information and registration please visit homepage

<https://www.elte.hu/en/incoming-staff-for-training>.

If you need further information, do not hesitate to send an email to erasmus@elte.hu
(Subject: Intercultural training 2018)

8. Conference on "Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth"

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre, under the auspices of the Bulgaria Presidency of the Council of the EU, is pleased to invite you to the conference on "**Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth**" taking place in Sofia, Bulgaria, on **3-4th May 2018**.

This high level conference will bring together policymakers, scientists, businesses, regional authorities and universities to consider the opportunities and challenges for Europe, notably South-east Europe and including the Western Balkans, in research, development, education, employment and innovation and in particular, the process of skills creation, knowledge and technology.

For more information, including the outline programme, visit the event site at <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/conference/smart-specialisation-technology-transfer-and-digital-economy>.

9. Out of the Box Summer School

University of Maribor invites students from the Danube region to the International Interdisciplinary Out of the Box Summer School on Solution Design titled "**The value of waste!**" and taking place in Maribor from **June 17th to 30th, 2018**. You may obtain all information on the topic and programme on the website <http://summer.outofthebox.um.si/>.

The organizers are at disposal for your queries under contacts stated on the website. You may also contact Mr. Mladen Kraljić under mladen.kraljic@um.si or via telephone +38631564000.

10. DRC Facebook Page

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A better connection with the member universities through social media could further increase the reach of the dissemination of information throughout the DRC network. We therefore reiterate the importance of cross-connectivity and further encourage the social media departments of our members (and beyond) to connect with the DRC:

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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](#).

12. CASEE Newsletter January and February 2018

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. It aims to support the development of the EU Strategie for the Danube Region to strenghten research, education and University Development inthis region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the newsletter of January, click [here](#). To see the February edition, click [here](#).



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