

DRC Newsletter June/July 2015

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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter! Our combined summer edition of the newsletter for June and July again has several interesting opportunities for students to get involved in the Danube Region. Furthermore we included information about the latest DRC activities as well as our partners. As always: feedback and comments are [welcome!](#)

1. 12th DRC Summer School on regional co-operation successfully organized
2. Danube:Future White Paper published
3. CfA: Danube Strategy Research Network
4. CfA: Summer School: Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems
5. CfA: Summer School: Green.Building.Solutions
6. CASEE Newsletter July 2015
7. DRC Annual Meeting Maribor 5.-7. November 2015
8. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES - Graz University of Technology, Austria



1. 12th DRC Summer School on regional co-operation successfully organized

The 12th edition of the Summer School had the main topic “**Recent political changes and their implications in the Danube Region**” and was held at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna from 5. - 12. July 2015.

The participants were selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC). We are extremely happy that this year students, lecturers and organizers came from 10 different countries (Germany, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Kosovo, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Moldova, Ukraine) ranging from its origin in Baden-Württemberg to the Danube Delta.

For more information about the DRC Summer School visit:

<http://www.drcsummerschool.eu/>



2. Danube:Future White Paper published

Danube:Future White Paper on Integrated Sustainable Development of the Danube River Basin

A research community-based White Paper on research and capacity building needs, challenges and opportunities for the development of the sustainability-oriented knowledge society of the Danube River Basin.

Find out more about Danube:Future [here](#).

3. CfA: Danube Strategy Research Network

Workshop for PhD and Master students

EU Strategy for the Danube Region Annual Forum in Ulm

Scientific side event

28 – 31 October 2015

A workshop for PhD and Master students will be organized by the Danube Region Strategy Network as a side event of the Annual Forum in Ulm in October 2015.

We aim to establish a Danube wide exchange between young academics!

Are you a PhD or Master student working on macro-regional topics?

Get involved!

About the workshop:

The workshops supports PhD and Master students to advance their empirical dissertations and Master thesis on macro-regional strategies. The project has an interdisciplinary approach with a small group of experts. It offers a platform of exchange on theory and empirical enquiry.

What we can offer:

- access to experts and policy makers of macro regional strategies
- a platform for scientific exchange particularly between young researchers
- support in conducting empirical data as part of the Annual Forum 2015 in Ulm
- joint discussions on interpretation of first results
- get to know other young academics in a small and friendly working environment

Steps of the DSRN Workshop

- **In preparation of the Annual Forum:** discussion and exchange about the envisaged data conduction
- **During the Annual Forum:** Collection of data
- **At the end of the Annual Forum:** Discussion of data conducted in a workshop

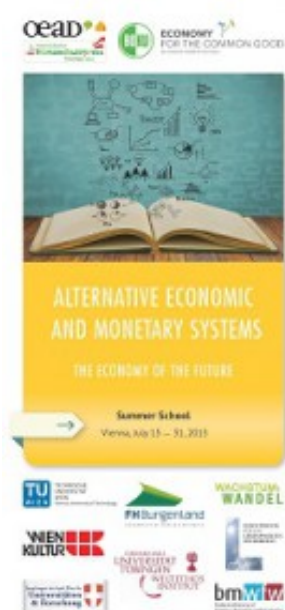
Are you interested?

Please send us a short description of your scientific project (one page) and your CV until 31 August 2015. We are looking forward to your participation. Please, do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any further questions.

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Further information about the Danube Strategy Research Network can be found [here](#).



4. Summer School: Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems

AEMS is an academic Summer School that offers a new approach: An evaluation of economic alternatives that considers natural boundaries and the human factor to be equal parts of the equation. Our goal: To help solve some of societies' problems by presenting viable alternatives to processes and developments that are putting enormous strains on economic, ecologic and social boundaries.

[Applications for this year are OPEN!](#)

5. Summer School: Green.Building.Solutions.

First hand ecological knowledge and engineering expertise from six Austrian Universities and Institutes bundled in a three-week program in the capital of energy efficient building: Vienna. Think sustainable, take care of your future - now.

[Be part of Vienna's unique and awarded](#)

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6. DRC Annual Meeting Maribor 5.-7. November 2015

We are working hard on the programme with the working title **"Harmonization of the Danube Higher Education Area"** for our next Annual Meeting to be held at the [University of Maribor](#) from 5.-7. November 2015. Details will be sent with the next newsletter and can also be found on our website once finalised.

We are looking forward to see you in Slovenia!

7. CASEE Newsletter July

See below the link to the current newsletter of our partner network CASEE. 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 strengthen research, education and University Development in this region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the newsletter, click [here](#).

8. PRESENTATION OF DRC MEMBER UNIVERSITIES - Graz University of Technology, Austria

As stated in the DRC Action Plan 2015, we want to prepare a DRC members book. A template for this information to be provided can be found in the [intranet](#)

If you haven't done so yet, please send filled out template to info@drc-danube.org

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<p>Science, passion, technology. Graz University of Technology has built up an impressive record of achievements in teaching and research over 200 years. Five Fields of Expertise go to form the unmistakable academic fingerprint of the Styrian university at the heart of Europe.</p> <p>Currently, some 12,800 students from almost 80 countries take advantage of a full range of science and engineering subjects in seven faculties and more than 100 institutes – their fingers on the pulse of the times through close networks with cutting-edge research. Around 2,000 graduates and 180 PhDs leave the University each year and find superb career opportunities on the job market. The powerful network of Graz University of Technology with industry, business and research leads to extraordinarily successful co-operations, such as NAWI Graz, BioTechMed-Graz and TU Austria. The future-oriented focus of Graz University of Technology is its carefully implemented internationalisation. With the conversion of PhD and master's programmes into English, a lot of guest professors all over the world teach at TU Graz and students are ideally equipped for the global market place. Added to this are strategic co-operations with internationally chosen leading universities.</p>	 Prof. Dr. Harald Kainz rektor@tugraz.at
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Total number of students: 12800; Total Staff: 2400 (academic staff 1500 and Non-academic staff 900); Faculties: 7 Total campus land surface: 236000 sq m

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