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FOREWORD BY VORWORT VON JOHANNES HAHN



Europe is at a crossroads. The crisis has sharpened our minds. We must think more deeply on how best we use public finances to re-establish and to promote sustainable growth and jobs. The macro-regional approach is a boost, by maximising the impact of existing funds and ensuring, above all, 'joined-up' thinking between different sectors.

We need to find solutions to common problems. The EU Strategy for the Danube Region has promoted projects and networks in the fields of business, innovation, security and much more.

The Annual Forum is the opportunity to take stock of the work done and think ahead. We need to see together how the Strategy can help build a more competitive Europe. We need to establish the Strategy's links with the future period 2014-2020, to make sure our new EU budget and programmes can make it succeed.

Building the future of the Danube Region is our common challenge.

Be part of it. Make use of this opportunity to be actively involved in how the Danube future is shaped!

JOHANNES HAHN

Member of the European Commission
in charge of Regional Policy

Europa steht am Scheideweg. Die Krise hat unser Bewusstsein geschärft. Wir müssen gründlicher darüber nachdenken, wie wir öffentliche Mittel am besten für die Wiederbelebung und Förderung von nachhaltigem Wachstum und Beschäftigung einsetzen können. Der makroregionale Ansatz schafft Auftrieb, da er die Wirkung der verfügbaren Finanzmittel maximiert und vor allem ein „vernetztes“ Denken zwischen den unterschiedlichen Bereichen gewährleistet.

Wir müssen Lösungen für gemeinsame Probleme finden. Die EU-Strategie für den Donaauraum fördert Projekte und Netzwerke in den Bereichen Unternehmen, Innovation und Sicherheit, um nur einige zu nennen.

Das Jahresforum bietet Gelegenheit, über die geleistete Arbeit Bilanz zu ziehen und vorauszudenken. Wir müssen gemeinsam prüfen, wie die Strategie dazu beitragen kann, Europa wettbewerbsfähiger zu machen. Wir müssen die Verbindungen der Strategie mit dem zukünftigen Finanzierungszeitraum 2014-2020 aufbauen, um sicherzustellen, dass der neue EU-Haushalt und die neuen Programme der Strategie zum Erfolg verhelfen können.

Die Zukunft des Donaauraums zu gestalten, ist eine Herausforderung für uns alle.

Seien auch Sie ein Teil davon. Ergreifen Sie diese Gelegenheit, sich aktiv an der Gestaltung der Zukunft der Donau zu beteiligen!

JOHANNES HAHN

Mitglied der Europäischen Kommission,
zuständig für Regionalpolitik

FOREWORD BY VORWORT VON EMILIA MÜLLER



The Danube connects Bavaria with a number of European countries to an area that has been shaped by centuries of shared history and culture. The Danube region has the potential to act as an important stimulus in a united Europe, in areas such as economy, science and culture, environment, education and security. As Bavarian Minister for European Affairs, I have welcomed the development of a European Strategy for the Danube region from the beginning.

For the convergence of this region, it is important that representatives from the whole Danube region covering different fields and backgrounds come together to develop a common vision and practical ways for achieving its realization.

It is therefore my pleasure to welcome you all here at the First Annual Forum of the EU Danube Strategy in Regensburg, a city beautifully situated on the Danube. Together with the Mayor of Regensburg, whom I would like to thank very much for his hospitality, I wish you all an interesting and constructive conference.

EMILIA MÜLLER
State Minister for European Affairs,
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Die Donau verbindet Bayern mit einer Reihe weiterer europäischer Länder zu einem Raum, den eine jahrhundertelange gemeinsame Geschichte und Kultur prägen. Dieser Raum hat das Potenzial wichtige Impulse im vereinten Europa zu setzen; etwa in den Bereichen Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft und Kultur, Umwelt, Bildung und Sicherheit. Als Bayerische Europaministerin habe ich die Entwicklung einer Europäischen Strategie für den Donaauraum von Anfang an begrüßt.

Für das Zusammenwachsen eines solchen Raums ist es wichtig, dass sich Vertreter aus den verschiedensten Bereichen und Regionen zusammenfinden und gemeinsam Visionen sowie praktische Wege zu deren Verwirklichung entwickeln.

Es ist uns daher ein Vergnügen Sie alle hier beim ersten Jahresforum der EU-Donauraumstrategie in Regensburg begrüßen zu dürfen. Gemeinsam mit dem Oberbürgermeister der wunderschönen an der Donau gelegenen Stadt Regensburg, dem ich für die Gastfreundschaft ganz herzlich danke, wünsche ich uns allen eine interessante und konstruktive Veranstaltung.

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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012

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| 11:00 | Opening of the registration desk → Main venue*, Romanische Küche |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch and networking activities → Main venue, Südlicher-Stalltrakt |
| 14:00-14:30 | Opening of the conference → Main venue, Reithalle room • Mr Hans Schaidinger, Mayor of Regensburg • Ms Emilia Müller, State Minister for European Affairs, Government of Bavaria • Mr Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy |
| 14:30-16:00 | PLENARY SESSION 1 'Building the future of the Danube Region: The Global Perspective' → Main venue, Reithalle room • Mr Titus Corlăţean, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Romania • Mr János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Hungary • Mr Michael Häupl, Mayor and Governor of Vienna • Ms Mercedes Bresso, First Vice-President, Committee of the Regions • Mr Stefano Sannino, Director-General for Enlargement, European Commission (tbc) • Ms Riikka Manner, Member of the REGI Committee, European Parliament (tbc) • Mr Wilhelm Molterer, Vice-President, European Investment Bank |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee-break |
| 16:30-18:00 | PLENARY SESSION 2 'The Danube Strategy in Action: From Ideas to Results' → Main venue, Reithalle room • Ms Liliyana Pavlova, Minister for Regional Development and Public Works, Government of Bulgaria • Mr Gordan Maras, Minister for Entrepreneurship and Crafts, Government of Croatia • Mr Peter Friedrich, Minister of European Affairs, Government of Baden-Württemberg • Mr Joachim Hermann, Minister of Interior, Government of Bavaria • Mr Vladimír Šucha, Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission • Ms Silvia Adriana Țicău, Member of the European Parliament |
| 19:30-22:00 | Boat trip along the Danube with official dinner → Embankment near the Eisernen Bridge, Werftstraße |

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2012

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| 09:00-11:45 | PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS 1. Improved and Greener Mobility – Which Ways Forward? → Salzstadel venue, 2nd floor, Krancher-Saal room 2. Energy for a Modern Danube Region → Regional Administration venue, ground floor, Refektorium room 3. A Sustainable River Basin – Environmental and Touristic Assets → Salzstadel venue, 1st floor, Bruck-Saal room 4. Innovative Action for Successful Danube Enterprises → Main venue, Ground floor, Refektorium room 5. Promoting Empowerment, Smart Skills and Inclusive Growth → Regional Administration venue, 1st Floor, Mittlerer Sitzungsraum 6. Modern Danube Governance – How to Make the Region Work? → Main venue, Reithalle room |
| 11:45-12:00 | Return to Main Venue |
| 12:00-13:30 | Lunch and networking activities → Main venue, Südlicher-Stalltrakt |
| 13:30-14:00 | Reflection on the State of the Danube Region → Main venue, Reithalle room Mr Rumen Dobrinsky, Senior Research Associate – Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies |
| 14:00-14:30 | Key note address → Main venue, Reithalle room Welcome and introduction by: • Mr Horst Seehofer, Minister-President, Government of Bavaria • Mr Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy Key note speech by: • Ms Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany (tbc) |
| 14:30-15:15 | Panel discussion and debate with the audience → Main venue, Reithalle room |
| 15:15-15:30 | Break |
| 15:30-16:00 | Wrap-up and Closing remarks → Main venue, Reithalle room • Mr Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy • Ms Emilia Müller, State Minister for European Affairs, Government of Bavaria |

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PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1 IMPROVED AND GREENER MOBILITY – WHICH WAYS FORWARD?

→ Salzstadel venue, 2nd floor, Krancher-Saal room

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| | Moderator <i>Ms Karla Peijs</i> , TEN-T coordinator for inland waterways, European Commission |
| | Discussant <i>Ms Ivana Lazic</i> , INTERACT Point Vienna |
| 09:00-09:30 | Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Reinhard Vorderwinkler</i>, Supreme Navigation Authority, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, EUSDR PAC 1a – Inland waterways, Austria • <i>Mr Franc Žepič</i>, Ministry of Transport, International Affairs Directorate, EUSDR PAC 1b – Rail, road and air, Slovenia |
| 09:30-10:15 | Presentation of projects and good practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Newada duo: Cooperation of waterway administrations' by <i>Mr Thomas Hartl</i>, Via Donau • 'Romanian-Bulgarian co-operation in the area of inland waterway transport', by <i>Ms Nikolina Nikolova</i>, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, EUSDR National Contact Point, Bulgaria • 'The Danube Region Intermodal Strategy' by <i>Mr Miodrag Poledica</i>, Ministry of Infrastructure and energy, EUSDR PAC 1b – Rail, road and air, Serbia |
| 10:15-10:30 | Questions & Answers |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-11:45 | Panel discussion 'Improved Mobility & a sustainable River Basin: The integrative approach as key success factor' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Ralf Gallob</i>, Managing Director, Industrie-Logistik Linz, Austria • <i>Mr Antonio Stoean</i>, Director of TTS – Transport Trade Services S.A., Romania • <i>Mr Alexandre Capatu</i>, President, Pro Danube International • <i>Mr Phillip Weller</i>, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Austria • <i>Mr Andreas Beckmann</i>, Managing Director, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme Office, Austria • <i>Mr Ivan Mitrovic</i>, Project Manager, Plovput, Directorate for Inland Waterways, Serbia • <i>Mr Christian Tausch</i>, Head of Department 1 – Multidisciplinary Tasks, Bavarian Environment Agency, Germany |

WORKSHOP 2 ENERGY FOR A MODERN DANUBE REGION

→ Regional Administration venue, ground floor, Refektorium room

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| | Moderator <i>Ms Anita Orban</i> , Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR PAC 2 – Energy, Hungary |
| | Discussant <i>Erik Kiesow</i> , Prime Minister's Office, Secretariat for European Affairs, EUSBSR NCP, Sweden |
| 09:00-09:15 | Welcome and introduction: 'Lessons learnt from the first year's implementation. The way ahead' by <i>Ms Anita Orbán</i> , Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR PAC 2 – Energy, Hungary |
| 09:15-10:15 | PART I. Gas Market Integration in the Danube Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Danube Region Gas Market Model' by <i>Mr Peter Kaderják</i>, Director of the Regional Center for Energy Policy Research Panel discussion and debate with the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Monika Zsigri</i>, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission • <i>Mr Dirk Buschle</i>, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat |
| 10:15-10:30 | Questions & Answers |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-11:45 | PART II. Smart Grids in the Danube Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the macro regions to meet the EU 2020 objectives – Keynote speech by <i>Mr Evžen Tošenovský</i> (tbc), vice chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, European Parliament; • Renewable Investment in the Danube Region – what are the implications for grid infrastructure: the case study of 4 countries in Central and Eastern Europe by <i>Ms Sandrine Dixson-DeCleve</i>, Director of the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership Panel discussion and debate with the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Gerhard Weber</i>, Mayor of Regensburg (tbc) • <i>Mr Bernhard Bauer</i>, SIEMENS, AG, Strategy & Business Development Europe Strategy & Business Development Europe |

WORKSHOP 3 A SUSTAINABLE RIVER BASIN – ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOURISTIC ASSETS

→ Salzstadel venue, 1st floor, Bruck-Saal room

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| | <p>Moderator Mr Medgyesy Balázs, Government Commissioner for the Danube Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR National Contact Point, Hungary</p> |
| | <p>Discussant tbc</p> |
| 09:00-09:50 | <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Emanuel Cernat, Diplomatic Counsellor, Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism, EUSDR PAC 3 – Culture and Tourism, Romania • Mr Laszlo Perger, Ministry of Rural Development, EUSDR PAC 4 – Water quality, Hungary • Ms Olimpia Negru, Ministry of Environment and Forests, EUSDR PAC 5 – Environmental Risks, Romania • Mr Florian Ballnus, Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health, EUSDR PAC 6 – Biodiversity, Germany |
| 09:50-10:10 | <p>Presentation of the project ‘Sturgeon 2020 strategy’ by Ms Cristina Sandu, Institute of Biology, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> |
| 10:10-10:30 | <p>Questions & Answers</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | <p>Break</p> |
| 10:45-11:45 | <p>Presentations of project examples of PA 3 – Culture and Tourism, PA 4 – Water quality and PA 5 – Environmental Risks with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Evgueni Spassov, Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, EUSDR PAC 3, Bulgaria • Mr Radoslav Bujnovsky, Water Research Institute, EUSDR PAC 4, Slovakia • Mr Bakonyi Péter, ‘VITUKI’ Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute, EUSDR PAC 5, Hungary <p>Or possibility to join the Panel discussion in Workshop 1: ‘Improved Mobility and a Sustainable River Basin: The integrative approach as a key success factor’</p> |

WORKSHOP 4 INNOVATIVE ACTION FOR SUCCESSFUL DANUBE ENTERPRISES

→ Main venue, Ground floor, Refektorium room

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| | <p>Moderator Ms Brandusa Predescu, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSDR NCP, Romania</p> |
| | <p>Discussant Mr Anton Schrag, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p> |
| 09:00-09:30 | <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hans-Peter Herdlitschka, Ministry of Finance and Economics, EUSDR PAC 8 – Competitiveness, Baden-Württemberg • Ms Dragica Karaic, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts, EUSDR PAC 8 – Competitiveness, Croatia • Mr Miroslav Veskovic, Rector of the University of Novi Sad, EUSDR PAC 7 – Knowledge Society, Serbia |
| 09:30-10:00 | <p>Presentation of projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Heinz Träsch, Former president of the Steinbeis Foundation: ‘Steinbeis Foundation – a model for innovation/ technology transfer between academia and business’ • Mr Norbert Hoepfner, Director Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum and Commissioner of the Minister for Economics Baden-Württemberg: ‘Danube Innovation Transfer Centers – joint pilot project with Danube Steinbeis Center’ • Mr Miroslav Veskovic, Rector of the University of Novi Sad, EUSDR PAC 7 – Knowledge Society, Serbia: ‘The Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund’ |
| 10:00-10:30 | <p>Questions & Answers</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | <p>Break</p> |
| 10:45-11:40 | <p>Panel discussion and debate with the audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Christian Weinberger, Directorate General for Enterprise, European Commission • Mr Sven Gunnar Edlund, Priority Area Coordinator for Research and Innovation in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region • Ms Marion Volk, Founder and chair of the Business and Professional Women’s Foundation – Danube Net • Ms Aleksandra Gjoreska, Coordinator of the South-Eastern Cooperative Initiative • Mr Tilman Seibert, Director European Investment Bank, Coordinator for the Danube Strategy |
| 11:40-11:45 | <p>Concluding words</p> |

WORKSHOP 5 PROMOTING EMPOWERMENT, SMART SKILLS AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

→ Regional Administration venue, 1st Floor, Mittlerer Sitzungsaal room

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| | <p>Moderator <i>Mr Ognjen Mirić</i>, Deputy Director SEIO, EUSDR National Contact Point, Serbia</p> |
| | <p>Discussant <i>Mr Mauro Novello</i>, INTERACT Point Vienna</p> |
| | <p>Rapporteur <i>Mr Predrag Lažetić</i>, Director, Center of Education Policy, Interim Secretariat of the Education Reform Initiative of SEE in Belgrade, Serbia</p> |
| 09:00-09:30 | <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Ognjen Mirić</i>, Deputy Director SEIO, EUSDR National Contact Point, Serbia • <i>Mr Roland Hanak</i>, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, EUSDR PAC 9- People and skills, Austria • <i>Mr Jürgen Schick</i>, Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture, EUSDR PAC 9, Austria • <i>Mr Ion Gumene</i>, State Chancellery, EUSDR PAC 9, Republic of Moldova |
| 09:30-10:00 | <p>Key note addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Responding to Europe's skills challenge' by <i>Ms Eleonora Schmid</i>, Assistant to the Director, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) • 'Skills for the future – The view of a global player' by <i>Mr Walter Huber</i>, Corporate Human Resources, Siemens |
| 10:00-10:15 | <p>Questions & Answers</p> |
| 10:00-10:30 | <p>Presentation of projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Pilot project Empowering Young People – Connecting Europe', by <i>Ms Monika Mott</i>, KulturKontakt, Austria • 'Austrian-Moldovan and Serbian-Croatian VET Cooperation Projects', by <i>Mr Walter Reiter</i>, L&R Institute for Social Research, Austria |
| 10:30-11:45 | <p>Panel discussion and debate with the audience</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Karl Holmeier</i>, Member of the German Bundestag • <i>Mr Stelian Fedorca</i>, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Romania • <i>Ms Zornitsa Roussinova</i>, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria • <i>Ms Katarina Ivanković Knežević</i>, Ministry of Labour and Pension System, Croatia • <i>Ms Ulrike Damyanovic</i>, Head of the Western Balkans and Turkey Unit, European Training Foundation • <i>Mr Johann-Jakob Wulf</i>, Chairman, Young Citizens Danube Network |

WORKSHOP 6 MODERN DANUBE GOVERNANCE-HOW TO MAKE THE REGION WORK? THE CROSS-CUTTING APPROACH

→ Main venue, Reithalle room

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| | <p>Moderator <i>Mr Erich Unterwurzacher</i>, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission (tbc)</p> |
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| 09:30-10:15 | <p>Presentation of projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Capacity building projects' by <i>Mr Peter Langer</i>, Coordinator of the Council of the Danube Cities and Regions • 'Project FemCities' by <i>Ms Martina K. Sommer</i>, Network coordinator • 'Financial needs and its answers' by <i>Ms Marlene Hahn</i>, Project Manager at Metis GmbH |
| 10:45-10:45 | <p>Panel discussion and debate with the audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Strahil Karapchanski</i>, Vice-Mayor of Ruse, Bulgaria • <i>Mr Midhat Džemić</i>, Directorate for European Integration, Bosnia and Herzegovina • <i>Ms Snezana Filipovic</i>, Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PA 10 Steering Group Member Serbia • <i>Ms Daniela Urschitz</i>, PA 10 – Institutional Capacity, City of Vienna • <i>Mr Helmut Habersack</i>, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna |

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Innovative action for successful Danube Enterprises

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Modern Danube Governance-How to Make the Region Work?

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Promoting Empowerment, Smart Skills and Inclusive Growth

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Workshop 2
Energy for a Modern Danube Region

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Regierung der Oberpfalz
Ägidienplatz 2
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Improved and Greener Mobility – Which Ways Forward?

Workshop 3
A Sustainable River Basin – Environmental and Touristic Assets

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