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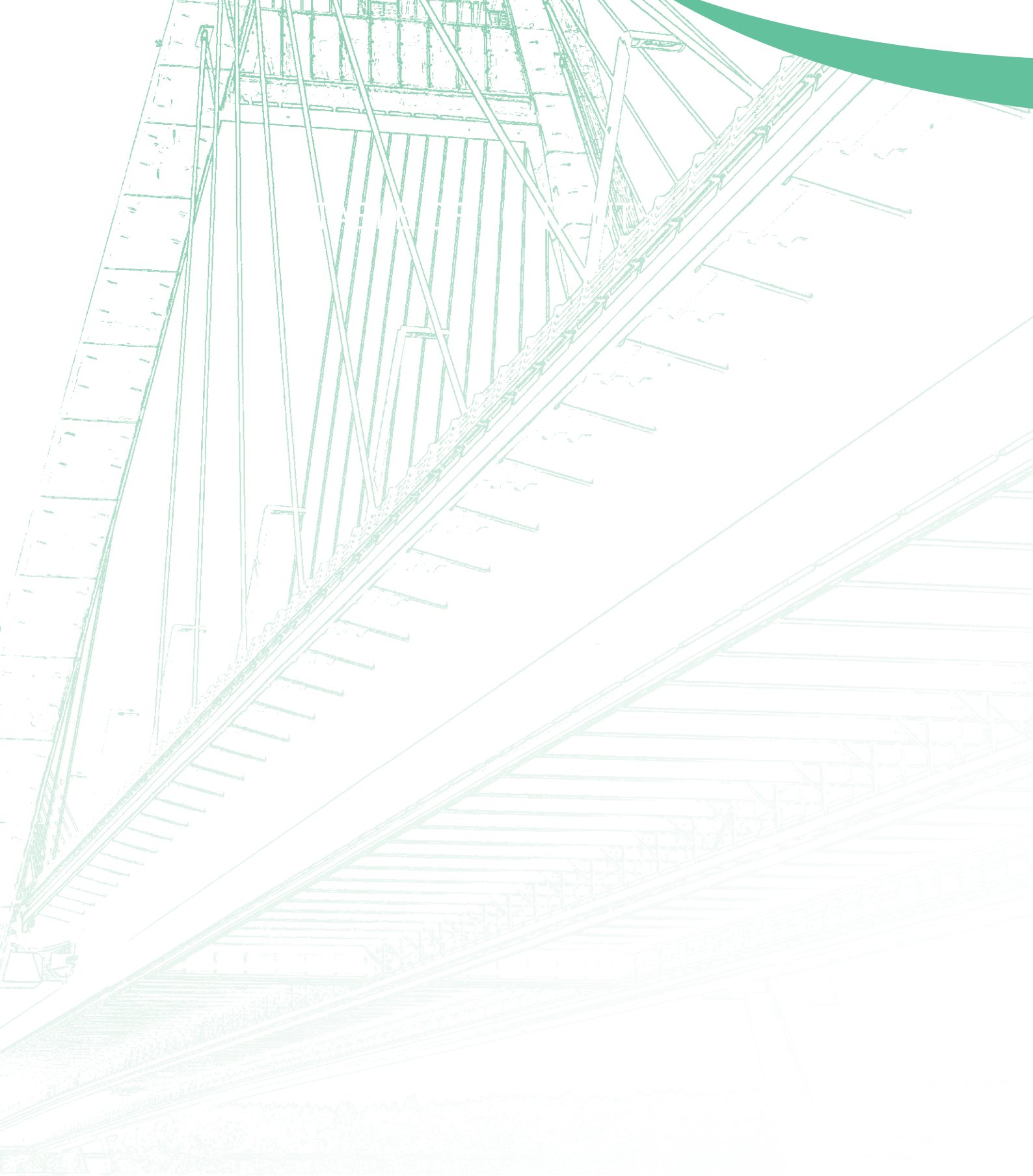


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FOREWORD BY CUVÂNT-ÎNAINTE AL JOHANNES HAHN



Many events this last year have shown the need for joint action and common strategic planning.

These include the flooding that has afflicted some of the Danube states so badly, barges stranded because of lack of maintenance of the river, the rapidly rising numbers of cruise ships on the Danube, the increased impact of the financial crisis on brain drain and youth unemployment, all this alongside the constant need for better links between academia, research and business, and for improved competitiveness in the region.

The measures already in place under the Strategy strengthen our capacity to work together, and give us a framework to do more in the next financial period. Our key challenge is to ensure that a significant part of the next generation of programmes for 2014-2020 will be devoted to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.

The Annual Forum gives us the opportunity, a year after the first Forum in Regensburg, to come together and take stock of the work done and the way ahead. What are the main macro-regional actions and initiatives that we should prioritise in the next financial period in the fields covered by the Strategy? How can we obtain better results through a region-wide approach? How can we improve our working methods?

Only two years after its launch, the Danube Strategy is demonstrating that we can have a far greater impact together than if we try to tackle problems in isolation. But, to get the best results we need everyone to play an active role – and take their own responsibilities for driving the process forward. Let's concentrate in the coming year on delivering results that every inhabitant of the Danube Region can see.

JOHANNES HAHN

Member of the European Commission
in charge of Regional and Urban Policy

Multe evenimente din acest an au evidențiat necesitatea unor acțiuni comune și a unei planificări strategice comune.

Printre acestea se numără inundațiile care au afectat extrem de puternic unele state dunărene, barjele eșuate din cauza lipsei lucrărilor de întreținere la nivelul fluviului, numărul tot mai mare de nave de croazieră de pe Dunăre, impactul crescut al crizei financiare asupra exodului de creiere și a șomajului în rândul tinerilor, alături de necesitatea constantă a stabilirii unor legături mai strânse între mediul academic, mediul de cercetare și mediul de afaceri, precum și a unui nivel mai ridicat de competitivitate în regiune.

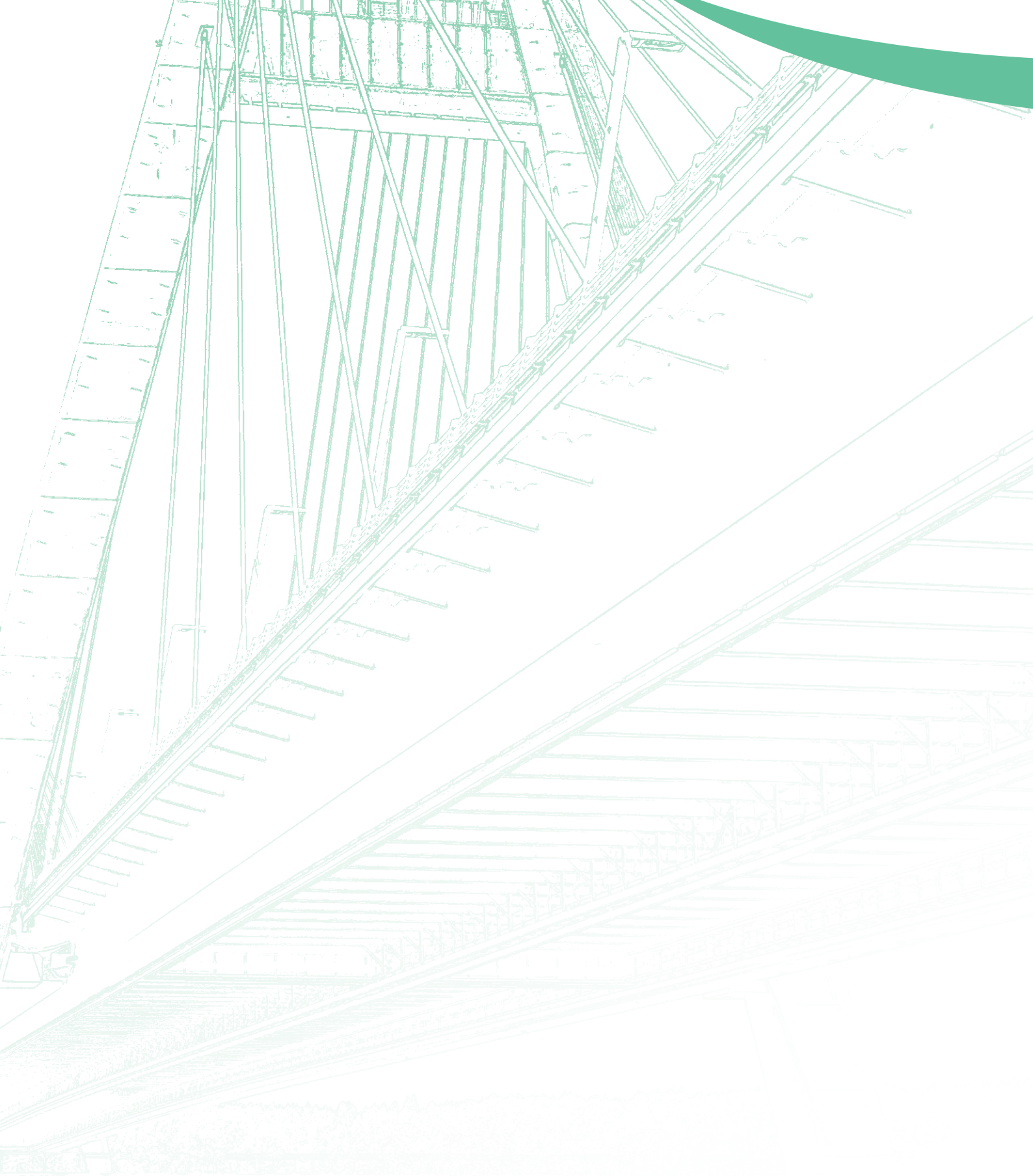
Măsurile instituite deja în cadrul Strategiei ne consolidează capacitatea de colaborare și ne asigură un cadru propice pentru a derula acțiuni suplimentare în următoarea perioadă financiară. Principala noastră provocare este aceea de a asigura că o mare parte din următoarea generație de programe pentru 2014-2020 va fi destinată strategiei pentru regiunea Dunării.

Forumul anual ne oferă șansa ca la un an de la prima sa ediție, desfășurată la Regensburg, să ne reunim și să trecem în revistă acțiunile noastre și planurile pentru viitor. Care sunt principalele acțiuni și inițiative macroregionale cărora ar trebui să le acordăm prioritate în cadrul următoarei perioade financiare în domeniile vizate de strategie? Cum putem obține rezultate mai bune printr-o abordare la nivelul întregii regiuni? Cum ne putem îmbunătăți metodele de lucru?

La doar doi ani de la lansare, Strategia privind regiunea Dunării dovedește că împreună putem avea un impact mult mai puternic decât dacă am încerca să soluționăm problemele pe cont propriu. Însă pentru a obține rezultate maxime, este necesar ca toate părțile implicate să se angajeze activ și să își asume responsabilitatea avansării procesului. Să ne concentrăm ca în următorul an să obținem rezultate vizibile pentru toți locuitorii regiunii Dunării.

JOHANNES HAHN

Membru al Comisiei Europene
Responsabil cu Politica Regională și Urbană



FOREWORD BY CUVÂNT-ÎNAINTE AL TITUS CORLATEAN



The Danube has linked the West to the East through centuries, even behind all sorts of “Iron Curtains” that used to divide Europe.

The Danube Strategy is a new way to overcome 20th century division and conflicts in the Region. If we want the EUSDR to be a success, we need to protect the environment while developing modern industries that can make transportation on the Danube safer to the people and to the environment.

In a time when the European project is being questioned, solidarity is the answer to all the challenges, from the Euro crisis, to anti-European nationalism. We need solidarity within the EU, and solidarity with our friends in the Eastern Partnership, especially with the Republic of Moldova, and in the Western Balkans, who are working to come closer to the EU, in the framework of EUSDR.

Putting EUSDR into practice will be the proof that we have the political will to work together for the common good of our citizens. Beyond differences between us, regional cooperation is the key to reducing gaps between West and East, inherited from the past.

TITUS CORLATEAN

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

Dunărea a legat vestul și estul Europei, în ciuda a tot felul de „Cortine de Fier” care au divizat continentul de-a lungul istoriei.

Strategia UE pentru regiunea Dunării reprezintă o nouă modalitate de a depăși diviziunile și conflictele din regiune, care au marcat secolul trecut.

Dacă dorim ca această Strategie să devină un succes, este necesar să protejăm mediul, dezvoltând, în același timp, industrii moderne care pot face ca transportul pe Dunăre să fie mai sigur atât pentru cetățeni, cât și pentru natură.

Într-un moment în care proiectul european este pus la încercare, solidaritatea reprezintă soluția la provocările pe care le întâmpinăm, de la criza monedei unice, la naționalismul anti-european. Avem nevoie de solidaritate între membrii UE, dar și de solidaritate cu prietenii noștri din Parteneriatul Estic, în special cu cei din Republica Moldova, precum și cu cei din zona Balcanilor de Vest, care, în cadrul creat de Strategia Dunării, își intensifică eforturile pentru a se apropia de UE.

Implementarea Strategiei Dunării va dovedi că avem voința politică de a coopera pentru bunăstarea cetățenilor noștri. Dincolo de diferențele dintre noi, cooperarea regională este cheia reducerii decalajelor dintre vest și est, moștenite din trecut.

TITUS CORLATEAN

Ministerul Afacerilor Externe din România

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	Sunday 27 Oct.	Monday 28 Oct.	Tuesday 29 Oct.	Wednesday 30 Oct.	Thursday 31 Oct.	Location
EUSDR Forum						
Registration desk open		12.00-18.00	08.00-16.00			
Lunch		12.30-14.00				
Opening session		14.00-15.00				
Plenary Session 1: “Stronger in the world. The Danube Strategy as driver for growth, jobs and global impact”		15.00-16.00				
Coffee break		16.00-16.30				
Plenary Session 2: “Stronger together. The Danube Strategy balancing economy and ecology”		16.30-18.00				
Gala event		19.00-22.00				
Keynote speech on the State of the Danube Region & Introduction to the thematic workshops			09.00-09.30			International Conference Centre (ICC)*
Parallel Thematic Workshops						
1. Connected Danube Region Nicolae Iorga room						
2. Green Danube Region Spiru Haret room						
3. Smart and inclusive Danube Region - Nicolae Balcescu room			09.45-12.15			
4. Effective, attractive and safe Danube Region Human rights room						
Continuous coffee			all morning			
Lunch			12.15-13.30			
Workshops wrap-up			13.30-14.00			
Plenary Session 3: “Financing the Danube Region”			14.00-15.00			
Closing session			15.00-15.45			
Side events**						
Welcome reception of the Council of Danube Regions and Cities	19:30-21:30					Haus der Donau
7th European Conference of Danube Cities and Regions		09:00-12:00				ICC, National Museum of Contemporary Art
Workshop on the Danube Innovation Partnership			16.30-19.00			ICC, Balcescu Hall

*For event location, please see the venue map on page 37

**The list of side events is made up with the information received from their respective organisers. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, and that publication in this booklet does not imply that they are affiliated with the EUSDR programme or endorsed by the European Commission or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

	Sunday 27 Oct.	Monday 28 Oct.	Tuesday 29 Oct.	Wednesday 30 Oct.	Thursday 31 Oct.	Location
Presentation of the UNAOC Regional Initiative: "Building Bridges between Central Asia and Central Europe through Intercultural Dialogue"			16:30-17:30			Hotel Ibis Bucuresti*
International Conference on horizontal approaches in education and culture in the context of European macro-regional strategies				09.00-17.30		Titu Maiorescu University
3rd Danube Financing Dialogue				13.30-17.45	09.00-12.30	National Bank of Romania
Back-to-back meetings (by invitation only)						
Meeting of the Committee and Executive Office of the Council of Danube Regions and Cities	17:30-19:00					Haus der Donau
Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 8 'Competitiveness'		09.00-12.30				Haus der Donau
Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Danube Region		11.00-13.00				Radisson Blu Hotel*
Meeting of the Commissioner for Regional Policy with the National Contact Points and Priority Area Coordinators of the EUSDR		18.00-19.00				ICC, Human Rights room
Meeting of the Ministers for Regional Development of the Danube Region			10.00-12.00			Howard Johnson* Hotel
Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 9 'People & Skills'			17.00-19.00	09.00-15.30		Ministry of National Education
Steering Group Meeting of Priority Area 3 'Culture & Tourism'				09.00-17.00		Haus der Donau

Venue addresses

• Haus der Donau Bucharest	1-3 Nicolae Iorga Street, District 1, Bucharest - 010431
• Howard Johnson Hotel*	Calea Dorobantilor 5-7, Sector 1, Bucharest - 010551
• International Conference Centre (ICC) / Palace of the Parliament*	Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest - 050563
• Ministry of National Education	General Berthelot 28-30, Sector 1, Bucharest
• National Bank of Romania	Lipscani 25, Bucharest 030031 / Entrance: Doamnei 8, Bucharest - 023589
• Radisson Blu Hotel*	Calea Victoriei 63-81, Bucharest - 010065
• Titu Maiorescu University	Calea Vacaresti 189, sector 4, Corp M, 2nd floor, Aula Magna, Bucharest
• Hotel Ibis Bucuresti	Strada Izvor 82-84, Bucharest - 050563

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PROGRAMME

DANUBE REGION STRONGER TOGETHER, STRONGER IN THE WORLD

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2013

12:00	Opening of the registration desk
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00-15:00	<p>Opening session Introduction by the conference moderator: <i>Verner Kristiansen</i>, Communications Adviser</p> <p>Welcome and keynote addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Valeriu Zgonea</i>, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania • <i>Victor Ponta</i>, Prime Minister, Romania • <i>Johannes Hahn</i>, Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy • <i>Liviu Nicolae Dragnea</i>, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania <p>Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Danube countries. Results and outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Titus Corlăţean</i>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania • <i>Michael Spindelegger</i>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Austria <p>Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC), National Museum of Contemporary Art - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563</p>
15.00-16:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1 “Stronger in the world. The Danube Strategy as driver for growth, jobs and global impact”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kristian Vigenin</i>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria • <i>Peter Friedrich</i>, Minister for Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (Germany) • <i>Enikő Győri</i>, Minister of State for EU Affairs, Hungary • <i>George Catalin Costache</i>, CEO, Siemens Romania • <i>Igor Grosu</i>, Vice-minister of Education, Republic of Moldova • <i>Mercedes Bresso</i>, First Vice-President, Committee of the Regions <p>Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC), National Museum of Contemporary Art - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2 “Stronger together. The Danube Strategy balancing economy and ecology”</p> <p>Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rovana Plumb</i>, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Romania • <i>Vladimír Šucha</i>, Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Péter Kovács</i>, Head of the Hungarian Delegation to the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and State Secretary for Water, Hungary • <i>Tudor Constantinescu</i>, Principal Adviser to the Director-General, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission • <i>Madlen Serban</i>, Director, European Training Foundation • <i>Doru Pamfil</i>, Vice-President of the Danube Rectors Conference <p>Q&A session</p> <p>Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC), National Museum of Contemporary Art - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563</p>
19:00-22:00	Gala event at the Palace of Parliament

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013

9:00-9:20	<p>Keynote speech on the State of the Danube Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Markus Kappler</i>, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany
9:20-9:30	<p>Introduction to the thematic workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mauro Novello</i>, Coordinator, INTERACT Point Vienna
9:45-12:15	<p>PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connected Danube Region - Nicolae Iorga room 2. Green Danube Region - Spiru Haret room 3. Smart and inclusive Danube Region - Nicolae Balcescu room 4. Effective, attractive and safe Danube Region - Human rights room
12:15-13.30	<p>Lunch</p>
13:30-14:00	<p>Workshops wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Colin Wolfe</i>, Head of Competence Centre, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
14:00-15:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3 “Financing the Danube Region” Panel discussion moderated by <i>José Palma Andrés</i>, Director, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Liviu Nicolae Dragnea</i>, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania • <i>Desislava Terzieva</i>, Minister of Regional Development, Bulgaria • <i>Frantisek Palko</i>, State Secretary, Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia • <i>Branko Ružić</i>, Minister without portfolio responsible for European integration, Serbia • <i>Mihai Tănăsescu</i>, Vice-President, European Investment Bank <p>Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC), National Museum of Contemporary Art. - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563</p>
15:00-15:45	<p>Closing session: The way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dacian Cioloş</i>, Member of the European Commission responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development • <i>Sorin Oprescu</i>, Mayor of Bucharest • <i>Michael Häupl</i>, Mayor and Governor, City of Vienna, Austria • <i>Titus Corlăţean</i>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania <p>Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC), National Museum of Contemporary Art. - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563</p>

PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1: CONNECTED DANUBE REGION

Nicolae Iorga room

The workshop will address the impacts of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region on connecting the Danube Region, in particular in the fields of mobility and energy. Concrete projects and long-term initiatives have been started in the framework of the Strategy during the past two years and show the need of even closer cooperation. We will present them and discuss their effects. We will discuss the future possibilities within the Danube Strategy and the potential of using the funding sources available.

- What are the impacts of two years of cooperation for the connectivity of the Danube Region in the fields of transport and energy efficiency? Looking back, what has changed?
- What is the benefit of a macro-regional approach? What are their effects?
- How can Danube-wide projects be promoted, across different countries, programmes and funds?
- How to collaborate with partners in the Danube region (other programmes, funds, countries)?
- What are the key main funding sources? How to access them?
- What opportunities will the new programming period of EU funds 2014-2020 bring?

9:45-10:00

Introduction

10:00-11:00

PART I : Danube Faces

Priority Area 1a | Mobility - Waterways

- *Reinhard Vorderwinkler*, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria
- *Monica Patrichi*, Ministry of Transport of Romania, Romania

Priority Area 1b | Mobility Rail-Road-Air

- *Franc Žepič*, Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial planning, Slovenia
- *Miodrag Poledica*, Ministry of Transport, Serbia

Priority Area 2 | Energy

- *István Joó*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

PART II : Danube Highlights

a) Initiatives and Policies

- *Alexandru Capatu*, Pro Danube International, Romania
 - *Nenad Nikolić*, General Manager, South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO)
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11:00-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-12:15

PART II : Danube Highlights (Continuation)

b) Inspiring Projects and Actions

- *Susanne Belihart*, SETA –South East Transport Axis project, Germany
- *Victor Parlicov*, Director General, National Energy Regulatory Agency (ANRE), Republic of Moldova

PART III : Danube financing

Initiatives and Policies

- *Anton Schrag*, Deputy Head of Unit E2 Romania, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
 - *Helmut Adelsberger*, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
 - *Michele Amedeo*, Directorate-General for Enlargement, European Commission
 - *David Pelech*, Budapest Danube Contact Point, Hungary
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Facilitator:

Ivana Lazic, INTERACT Point Vienna

WORKSHOP 2: GREEN DANUBE REGION

Spiru Haret room

The workshop will address the impacts of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region on protecting the environment of the Danube Region. Existing projects will serve as a basis for developing next steps and potential future projects and initiatives. Some recent developments, such as the severe floods in June 2013, have underlined again the need for a coordinated response. The Danube macro-region provides a platform to tackle current and future challenges. We will discuss the possibilities within the Danube Strategy to initiate and develop concrete actions, and the potential of using the funding sources available.

- Has a region-wide approach contributed to improving the quality of water, soils, air in the larger Danube area, as a key goal of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)?
- How is the Strategy working on reducing environmental risks such as flooding?
- What are some of the best environmental projects having a macro-regional dimension?
- What are the most pressing needs to address for the next two years? What is planned for the future?
- What financing opportunities can be offered to project holders? What information do financing sources need from EUSDR actors?
- What opportunities will the new programming period of EU funds 2014-2020 bring?

9:45-10:00	Introduction
10:00-11:00	<p>Impulse statement: "What is the added value of the region-wide approach for the environment in the Danube Region?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Raimund Mair</i>, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) <p>PART I: Danube Faces</p> <p>Priority Area 4 Water Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Zsuzsanna Kocsis-Kupper</i>, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary • <i>Andrea Vranovská</i>, Water Research Institute, Slovakia <p>Priority Area 5 Environmental Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Péter Bakonyi</i>, Environmental Protection and Water Management Research Institute, Hungary • <i>Olimpia Negru</i>, Ministry of the Environment, Romania <p>Priority Area Coordinators 6 Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Florian Ballnus</i>, Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Public Health, Germany • <i>Ana Kobašlič</i>, Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection, Croatia <p>PART II: Danube Highlights: Inspiring projects and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Danube Sturgeon Task Force" by <i>Cristina Sandu</i>, Institute of Biology Bucharest, Romanian Academy, Romania • "The CC-Ware project" by <i>Hubert Siegel</i>, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria and <i>Marina Mader</i>, PRISMA solutions, Austria
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	<p>PART III: Danube financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jack Engwegen</i>, Head of Unit F5 Hungary, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission • <i>Dagmar Kaljarikova</i>, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission • <i>Wilfried Görmar*</i>, Member of the Task Force of the future transnational programme for the Danube region, Germany

Facilitator:

Katrin Stockhammer, INTERACT Point Vienna

WORKSHOP 3: SMART AND INCLUSIVE DANUBE REGION

Nicolae Balcescu room

The workshop will address the impacts of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region on the Region's competitiveness, prosperity, research and innovation potential and skills level. Concrete projects and long term initiatives have been started in the framework of the Strategy during the past two years. However, the current economic crisis puts special emphasis on the many challenges prevailing to make this region a truly 21st century region. We will discuss the possibilities within the Danube Strategy to initiate and develop concrete actions, and the potential of using the funding sources available.

- What are the impacts of two years of cooperation for the prosperity in the Danube Region? Looking back, what has changed?
- What are some of the best projects and initiatives in these fields? How are they followed up?
- What are the most pressing needs to address for the next two years?
- What financing opportunities can be offered to project holders? What information do financing sources need from EUSDR actors?
- What opportunities will the new programming period of EU funds 2014-2020 bring?

9:45-10:00

Introduction

10:00-11.00

PART I : Danube Faces

Priority Area 7 | Knowledge Society

- *Štefan Chudoba*, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport, Slovakia
- *Miroslav Vesković*, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

Priority Area 8 | Competitiveness

- *Hans-Peter Herdlitschka*, Ministry of Economy, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- *Dragica Karajić*, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship, Croatia

Priority Area 9 | People & Skills

- *Roland Hanak*, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria
- *Jörg Mirtl*, Kultur Kontakt, Austria
- *Ion Gumene*, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Republic of Moldova

PART II: Danube Highlights: Inspiring projects and actions

- *Viorel Vulturescu*, Directorate for European Integration and International Cooperation – National Authority for Scientific Research, Romania
- *Dragos Seuleanu*, Foundation for Democracy Culture and Liberty, Romania
- *Costin Lianu*, Ministry of Economy, Romania
- *Sigrid Winkler*, Technologie- und Marketinggesellschaft m.b.H., Austria
- *Zoica Vladut*, Deputy Director, National Centre for Technical and Vocational Education Development (TVET), Romania

11:00-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-12:15

PART III : Danube financing

- *Katja Reppel*, Deputy Head of Unit G1 Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth, Directorate -General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- *Luca Ferrarese*, Head of the Joint Technical Secretariat, Central Europe Programme'
- *Edina Csanyi*, Budapest Danube Contact Point, Hungary

Facilitator:

Mauro Novello, INTERACT Point Vienna

WORKSHOP 4: EFFECTIVE, ATTRACTIVE AND SAFE DANUBE REGION

Human Rights room

The workshop will discuss how the EU Strategy for the Danube Region can make the Danube Region more effective, attractive and safe. Concrete projects and long term initiatives have been started in the framework of the Strategy during the past two years. We will present them and discuss their effects as well as bottlenecks and possible solutions. The importance of horizontal issues like cooperation, multi-level governance and capacity building in the effective implementation of the EUSDR and its actions will also be discussed.

- What are the impacts of two years of cooperation for a more effective, a more attractive and safer Danube Region? Looking back, what has changed?
- How can stakeholders (local, regional, national, EU level) be better involved?
- How a project idea becomes bankable/ fundable?
- How can good projects be promoted, across different countries, programmes and funding sources?
- What is planned for the future?

9:45-10:00

Introduction

10:00-11.00

PART A : The experts' perspective

- *Ivo Gönner*, Mayor of Ulm, Council of Danube Cities and Regions, Germany
- *Alexander Dragovski*, International Projects Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Bulgaria
- *Tanja Dedovic*, Labor Migration and Human Development Coordinator, Regional Office for Eastern Europe, South Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Austria
- *Christopher Imbsen*, Deputy Regional Director, Regional Program for Europe, United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)
- *Stefan Lütgenau*, Foster Europe, Danube Civil Society Forum, Austria
- *Anders Bergström*, Priority Area Coordinator “Developing innovative education and youth” and Horizontal Action Leader for “Strengthening multi-level governance including involving civil society, business and academia” of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Norden Association, Sweden

PART B: The Priority Area Coordinators perspective

Priority Area 3 | Culture & Tourism

- *Emanuel Cernat*, Ministry of Regional Development and Public administration, Romania
- *Evgueni Spassov*, Ministry of Economy and Energy, Bulgaria

Priority Area 10 | Institutional capacity and cooperation

- *Kurt Puchinger*, City of Vienna, Austria
- *Irena Lukač*, Center of Excellence in Finance, Slovenia

Priority Area 11 | Security

- *Blaga Stancheva*, Ministry of Interior, Bulgaria
 - *Milena Thaller*, Ministry of Interior, Germany
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11:00-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-12:15

PART C: Projects and Initiatives

- *Kristina Kujundžić*, Programme Manager, Joint Programme of the Council of Europe and the European Commission on European Cultural Routes, Luxemburg
 - *Elise Lindner*, Technical Assistance Facility for Danube Region Projects, City of Vienna, Austria
 - *Mónika Herczeg*, Project Leader for the project “Setting up the Structure of a Danube River Forum”, Ministry of Interior, Hungary
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Facilitator:

Aleksandra Rapp, INTERACT Point Vienna

PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

Sunday 27 October

15:30-19:00

Meeting of the Committee and Executive office of the Council of Danube Regions and Cities (CoDCR)

*Back-to-back meeting
Attendance by invitation only*

Description: The CoDCR is an inter-municipal and interregional network in the Danube region, linking European, regional and local institutions to the academic, business, financing networks and other representatives of the civil society. On the occasion of the 2nd Annual Forum, a meeting will be held between its partners and all other interested stakeholders.

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19:30-21:30

Welcome Reception of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions

Side event - Open to all

Description: The Mayor General of Bucharest, Mr Sorin Oprescu, and the Lord Mayor of Ulm, Mr Ivo Göner will host a welcome reception on the day prior to the opening of the 2nd Annual Forum.

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Monday, 28 October

09:00-12:00	7th European Conference of Danube Cities and Regions	<i>Side event - Open to all</i>
	<p>Description: The conference organised by the Council of Danube Cities and Regions will discuss the development of a strong, economic and cultural connected European macro-region along the Danube, through a broad mobilisation of the economy, science, the media and civil society within the Danube region, with the local and regional level playing a central role.</p> <p>More information: www.codcr.com</p> <p>Contact: Ana Turcan, office@codcr.com, tel. +40(0)21.317.317.3 / +40 (0) 745101847 Fax number: +40 (0) 21.317.317.4</p> <p>Venue: International Conference Centre (ICC), National Museum of Contemporary Art. - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563</p>	
09:00-12:30	Steering Group meeting of PA 8 'Competitiveness'	<i>Back-to-back meeting Attendance by invitation only</i>
	<p>Description: The Steering Group of the Priority Area 8 'Competitiveness' of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region Building will meet on the margins of the Annual Forum.</p> <p>Contact: Ana Turcan tel.+40-(0)756-724505; Jürgen Raizner +49-170-3314333 and +40-(0) 744-935615</p> <p>Venue: Haus der Donau Bucharest - 1-3 Nicolae Iorga Street, District 1, Bucharest - 010431, Romania</p>	
11:00-13:30	Meeting of the Foreign Affairs Ministers of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region	<i>Back-to-back meeting Attendance by invitation only</i>
	<p>Description: For the first time, the ministers of Foreign Affairs of the countries in the Danube Region will meet on the margins of the Annual Forum with the objective of conveying political messages in terms of governance, ownership and alignment of funding for the next programming period.</p> <p>Contact: Andrada Berezintu, Andrada.Berezintu@mae.ro, tel. +40 (0)751 112595</p> <p>Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel - Calea Victoriei 63-81, Bucharest - 010065, Romania</p>	
18:00-19:00	Meeting with the National Contact Points and Priority Area Coordinators	<i>Back-to-back meeting Attendance by invitation only</i>
	<p>Description: Commissioner for Regional Policy will meet with the National Contact Points and Priority Area Coordinators of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region</p> <p>Contact: Anna Repullo anna.repullo-grau@ec.europa.eu, tel. +32 229 84662</p> <p>Venue: International Conference Centre Bucharest / Palace of the Parliament - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563 - Human Rights Room</p>	

PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 29 October

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| 10:00-13:00 | <p>Meeting of the Ministers for Regional Development for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region</p> <p>Description: The Ministers for Regional Development will meet to share views for enhancing cooperation in the Danube region through concrete actions and projects in the various priority areas of the Strategy.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Oana Cristea</i>, Oana.cristea@mdrap.ro, tel. +40 (0)744 652 642</p> <p>Venue: Howard Johnson Hotel, Calea Dorobantilor 5-7, Sector 1, Bucharest 010551</p> | <p><i>Back-to-back meeting</i>
<i>Attendance by invitation only</i></p> |
| 16:30-19:00 | <p>Workshop on the Danube Innovation Partnership</p> <p>Description: Workshop organised by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. Various actors of the Danube innovation ecosystem, such as policy makers, universities, research centres, technology transfer offices, industry, are invited to contribute to the discussion on how to support the development of technology transfer and commercialisation of research in the Danube area, as well as to the delivery of a road map of initiatives and actions to undertake.</p> <p>More information and registration: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=1410&obj_id=4620&dt_code=EVN&lang=en</p> <p>Contact: <i>Zeljka Babic</i>, zeljka.babic@ext.ec.europa.eu</p> <p>Venue: International Conference Centre Bucharest / Palace of the Parliament - Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563 / Nicolae Balcescu Hall</p> | <p><i>Side event - Open to all</i></p> |
| 17:00-19:00 | <p>Steering Group meeting of PA 9 'People and skills'</p> <p>Description: The Steering Group of the Priority Area 9 'People and skills' of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region Building will meet on the margins of the Annual Forum.</p> <p>Contact: <i>Jörg Mirtl</i>, joerg.mirtl@kulturkontakt.or.at, tel. +43 1 523 87 65-39</p> <p>Venue: Ministry of National Education- General Berthelot 28-30, Sector 1, Bucharest</p> | <p><i>Back-to-back meeting</i>
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Wednesday 30 October

09:00-15:30 **Steering Group meeting of PA 9 'People and skills' (Day 2)** *Back-to-back meeting
Attendance by invitation only*

9:00-17:00 **Steering Group meeting of PA 3 'Culture and Tourism'** *Back-to-back meeting
Invitation only*

Description: The Steering Group of the Priority Area 3 "Culture and Tourism" of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will meet on the margins of the Annual Forum.

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09:00-17:30 **International Conference on horizontal approaches in education and culture in the context of European macro-regional strategies** *Side event - Open to all*

Description: This conference will discuss the opportunities derived from harmonizing national education strategies in the different states, working on the promotion of culture and tourism, developing the knowledge society and fostering the role of strengthened cooperation among the riparian states.

More information and registration: <http://www.utm.ro/facultatea-de-stiinte-sociale-politice-si-umaniste/danube-conference>, danube.conference@utm.ro.

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10:00-13:00 **Presentation of the Regional Initiative: "Building Bridges between Central Asia and Central Europe through Intercultural Dialogue" of the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC).** *Side event - Open to all*

Description: The aim of the meeting is to present the new UNAOC Regional Initiative „Building Bridges between Central Asia and Central Europe through Intercultural Dialogue“to the representatives of EUSDR participating states and EU institutions

More information and registrations: www.vienna5unaoc.org/vienna-forum/news

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13:30-17:45 **3rd Danube Financing Dialogue** *Side event - Open to all*

Description: In the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, the Priority Area 10 'Institutional capacity and cooperation' organises the 3rd Danube Financing Dialogue. The event will offer Small and Medium Enterprises the possibility to find suitable financiers through tailored face-to-face meetings and matchmaking-sessions.

More information and registration:

<http://groupspaces.com/CapacityandCooperation/pages/3rd-danube-financing-dialogue>

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Thursday 31 October

09:00-12:30 **3rd Danube Financing Dialogue (Day 2)** *Side event - Open to all*

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A.
International Conference Centre (ICC)
Palace of the Parliament
Strada Izvor 2-4
050563 Bucharest



B.
Ibis Hotel Palace of the Parliament 3*
 Strada Izvor 82-84
 050564 Bucharest

C.
JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel 5*
 Calea 13 Septembrie 90
 050726 Bucharest

D.
Novotel 4*
 Calea Victoriei 37B
 District 1
 010061 Bucharest

E.
InterContinental Hotel 5*
 Nicolae Balcescu Boulevard 4
 Sector 1
 010051 Bucharest

F.
Radisson Blu Hotel 5*
 Calea Victoriei 63-81
 Sector 1
 10065 Bucharest

G.
Hilton Hotel 5*
 Episcopiei Strada 1-3
 District 1
 010292 Bucharest

H.
Howard Johnson Hotel 5*
 Calea Dorobantilor 5-7
 District 1
 010551 Bucharest

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