



INVITATION

Conference

Working Community of the Danube Regions - the voice of regions in the danube area

26th June 2019, 10:00h – 13:00h
(local time)

**Human Rights Hall, Parliament Palace, Bucharest,
Romania**

Please note:

Registration for the 8. EUSDR Annual Forum is also needed to participate at the conference of the Working Community of the Danube Regions

The Office of the Lower Austrian Provincial Government (Austria) as the Chair of the Working Community of the Danube Regions in 2018/2019, is happy to invite you to this **conference as a side event for the 8th Annual Forum on the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in Bucharest.**

The conference aims to show the work within the Working Community, its added value for danubian regions and its connection to the European Strategy for the Danube Region. In addition to keynote inputs and discussions with experts, best practice projects from the Danube Region will be presented.

For more details see the programme attached.



PROGRAMME

09:30	Registration
10:00	<p>Opening and welcome notes</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Hajnalka Triteos Meidlik, Office of the Lower Austrian Federal Government, Austria</p>
10:15	<p>Working Community of the Danube Regions - introduction</p> <p><i>Teresa Stummer</i>, Office of the Lower Austrian Federal Government -Working Community of the Danube Regions, Austria</p>
10:30	<p>Meet transnational and cross-border best practice projects from the member regions of the Working Community of the Danube Regions</p> <p>DBS Gateway Region – Regional and Transport Development in the Danube Black Sea (DBS) Region towards a Transnational Multiport Gateway Region <i>Christina Narval</i>, Verracon GmbH, Austria <i>Ovidiu Costea</i>, Municipality of Galati, Romania</p> <p>Soil protection on regional and local level represented by European Land and Soil Alliance SONDAR - Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region <i>Christian Steiner</i>, Agricultural District Authority, Austria <i>Erwin Szlezak</i>, Agricultural District Authority, Austria</p> <p>Summer School in the Danube Region: Exploring Landscapes, Biodiversity and Soils while Educating Environmental Ambassadors <i>Meinhard Breiling</i>, Technical University Vienna, Austria <i>Marius Wolka</i>, Ion Mincu University Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>Energy Future Tour E5- European Energy Award <i>Tino Blondiau</i>, Energy and Environment Agency of Lower Austria</p>



	Touring exhibition DANUBEcarts European Capitals of Culture – City-Region-cooperations <i>Katka Krejčová, Office of the Lower Austrian Federal Government, Department of Art and Culture, Austria, N.N., partner region of Working Community of the Danube Regions</i>
12:15	Panel discussion with representatives of the European Strategy of Danube Regions, the Working Community of Danube Regions and representatives of projects
13:00	Closing of the conference

Working Language is English. Translation into Romanian will be available.

REGISTRATION:

The registration to the Conference of the Working Community of the Danube Regions is **open until 11th June 2019**.

For registering, please follow two steps:

1. Please fill in the [registration form](#) and send it back by e-mail to post.lad4@noel.gv.at or by fax to +43 2742 9005 13610.
For further information contact post.lad4@noel.gv.at or +43 2742 9005 13779.
2. Please [register on the page of the 8. EUSDR Annual Forum](#) to get the accreditation confirmation and additional information about the release of entry badges to the Parliament Palace. (click [here](#))

Programme might be subject to change.

The Working Community of the Danube Regions is grateful for the support by the Romanian Presidency of the EUSDR in course of organisation of this conference.