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COMMITTEE „SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT“

Dear members of the Working Group!

On the occasion of the last meeting of the Working Group „Sustainability, Energy and Environment“ on March 25 and 26, 2015 at the University of Life Sciences in Tulln (report of the 22. meeting http://www.unserboden.at/691-0-DLT_2015.htm?&qoback=51) we have informed all participants about recent developments and especially about the thematic extension of our Working Group concerning the topics of energy and environment.

This letter addresses those people who have been nominated by the Danube regions or have not received any information until now.

The Working Community of the Danube Regions and the Council of Danube Cities and Regions have established the Working Group „Sustainability, Energy and Environment“ as one out of four common Working Groups. Both organisations agree to organize and to conduct two meetings of the Working Group per year. To use other fixed dates at the best, we aim to organize one meeting of our Working Group from now on as a so called side-event in connection with the Annual Forum of the European Strategy of the Danube Region (EUSDR). At this half-day event our agenda will focus on different reports, on the coordination of dates and on agreements of next steps.

The second meeting targets to deepen specific topics of our Working Group. For example the experts dealing with „sustainable land use and soil protection“ and their external partners conduct an annual meeting in spring at the University of Life Sciences in Tulln since several years.

The energy sector will concentrate on the topics of „electro-mobility“ and „energy efficiency in buildings“, and it will initiate a program for an exchange of students from Danube regions.

These and other focus events will be conducted again in the future.

This is the schedule of the next dates:

- 18. September 2015: Meeting for the preparation of the Conference of Heads of Governments of the Working Community of the Danube Regions
- **28. Oktober 2015: Working Group „Sustainability, Energy and Environment“, Ulm**
- 29./30. Oktober 2015: EU Strategy of the Danube Region, Annual Forum, Ulm
- 30. Oktober 2015: Conference of Heads of Governments of the Working Community of the Danube Regions, Ulm
- 3. Dezember 2015: World Soil Day at Lower Austrian Museum, St. Pölten
- Spring 2016: Working Group „Sustainability, Energy and Environment“, Tulln or Bratislava/SK

We kindly ask you to answer the following questions **until July 17th, 2015 the latest:**

- Do you intend to participate at the meeting of the Working Group on October 28th, 2015 in Ulm?
- If yes, could you propose concrete examples from your experience concerning the mentioned topics of „sustainable land use and soil protection“, „electro-mobility“ and „energy efficiency in buildings“?
- Do you know further contact persons from Danube regions or other important stake-holders, who should be included in the address list necessarily?

For additional information about the last meeting of the Working Group „Sustainability, Energy and Environment“ on March 25 and 26, 2015 at the University of Life Sciences in Tulln follow the links www.argedonau.at and www.unserboden.at.

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We look forward meeting you again or for the first time at the next meeting of our Working Group at Ulm an der Donau. Thank you in advance for your interest!

Best regards

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