

## DRC Newsletter

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April 2019



Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

Even though the end of the month is already here, the April edition of the DRC newsletter has yet managed to land in your mailbox!

In addition to providing many opportunities for cross-border cooperation and dialogue, this time we bring you great news: the **Call for Nominations for the Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019** has been prolonged! Promising young scientist dealing with a cross-border issue with relevance to the Danube Region can apply until **31st May 2019**.

Furthermore, the Call for Applications for the **16th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation** taking place in Zagreb, Croatia, is still open. And if you are interested to get a sound knowledge and university education about Balkan region from experts from the field you should apply for the two-year university course "**Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies**" offered by the Danube University Krems.

Enjoy the reading!

Remember, feedback and comments are always [welcome](#)!

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## 1. PROLONGED: Call for Nominations: Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019

Due to the large number of last-minute applications and requests we are receiving, the Call for Nominations for the **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019** has been **PROLONGED** until **31st May 2019**!



**Call for Nominations:**  
**Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019**

**APPLY NOW!**  
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 Education, Science  
 and Research

 **Institute for the**  
 Danube Region  
 and Central Europe

The **Danubius Young Scientist Award** will be granted to **14 young scientists - one in each country that is part of the EUSDR**. The award seeks to encourage young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of problems and questions specifically related to the Danube and to stimulate the scientific community in the Danube region. The award will be endowed with 1.200,- Euros for each winner of the Danubius Young Scientist Award. Moreover, thanks to the ongoing kind support by the JRC, the awardees will be invited by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to visit the JRC in Ispra, Italy in 2020.

**The candidate has to be nominated by his/her hosting scientific organisation (university, academy of sciences, etc.) meaning that the candidate himself/herself cannot apply for the award.**

Every university, academy of sciences or research organization etc. can nominate up to a maximum of three candidates in total; however the three candidates have to come from different faculties or departments, institutes or research groups within the organization.

Rectors' Conference) that will be responsible for assessing all incoming nominations and for drawing up a final ranking. The most highly ranked candidate from each of the countries of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will be recommended for the award.

**The award ceremony is expected to take place in Bucharest in November 2019.**

- Nominations will be accepted in electronic format and in English only.
- Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to:  
[d.martinek@idm.at](mailto:d.martinek@idm.at)
- The deadline for submitting nominations is on **31st May 2019 at 23:59**.

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) to honor persons with extraordinary scientific achievements and output in relation to the Danube Region. Within a rotation system in one year achievements in the fields of humanities, social and cultural studies are awarded, in the following year achievements in the fields of life sciences.

2019 it is envisaged to complement this award for the sixth time with a specific price for young scientists – the so-called „Danubius Young Scientist Award“.

You can find award criteria and further information on the [website of the Danubius Young Scientist Award](#).

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## **2. Call for Applications: 16th DRC Summer School 2019**

The 16th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation will be held from **June 30 to July 7, 2019** at the [University of Zagreb](#), Croatia.

You can find more information and the draft programme on the [DRC Summer School website](#).



## 16<sup>TH</sup> DANUBE RECTORS' CONFERENCE (DRC) SUMMER SCHOOL ON REGIONAL COOPERATION

„FALLING WALLS - MOVING BORDERS - COMMON HOUSE EUROPE?“

AN INTENSIVE ONE WEEK PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

30 JUNE - 7 JULY 2019

Each year, the DRC Summer School is hosted by a different university and therefore offers a variety of settings. We are looking for young BA, MA and Phd level scientists from Social, Human and Political Sciences, who are interested in the region, have scientific records or intend to have deeper knowledge about the Danube Region.

After the end of the Summer School your contribution will be officially published as an article in the scientific journal „Der Donauraum“.



Application deadline:  
May 31, 2019



Registration fee:  
200 EUR



Language of instruction:  
English

*Room and full board as well as a city tour in Zagreb and an excursion will be covered by the organisers. Some travel grants are available.*

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AND MAKE LASTING COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIPS.

**Workshop topics**

1. Collective security or a new cold war?
2. The common European currency – constant crisis management?
3. From “Big Bang” to “Brexit”
4. From homo sovieticus to homo digitalis – successful transformation of the civil society in CEE?



**Join our DRC Summer School and receive up-to-date knowledge about the political, economic and social challenges of the Danube Region!**

Do you have research results about the Danube region that you would like to share? Do you want to discuss the most up-to-date issues of the Danube region and Central and Eastern Europe with leading experts in the field? Do you want to broaden your horizon and knowledge? Do you want to meet new people from all around Europe and develop yourself academically? Then the DRC Summer School is just right for you!

**Enjoy the gorgeous city of Zagreb, social programs and have a memorable international experience while networking with like-minded people.**

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Read the call for application
2. Fill out the Application Form online (See link or QR-code below)
3. Send your CV and an abstract of max. 1 pages of the paper that shall be presented
4. Wait for the decision of the board
5. In case of a positive response: transfer the registration fee to the account

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[DRC-DANUBE.ORG/DRC-SUMMER-SCHOOL/APPLICATION/](http://DRC-DANUBE.ORG/DRC-SUMMER-SCHOOL/APPLICATION/)

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**3. SAVE THE DATE: DRC Annual Meeting 2019**

We kindly ask you to save the date for our next **Annual Meeting** to be held at the **University Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania** on **6th - 8th of November 2019**.





A detailed programme as well as further information will be published on the DRC website in the upcoming months closer to the date of our Annual Meeting. We will also send out the draft agenda for the Presidency Meeting, the Permanent Committee Meeting as well as the General Assembly in September.

We are looking forward to see you in Bucharest!

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#### 4. Online consultation on the revision of the EUSDR Action Plan



The [EU Strategy For The Danube Region](#) (EUSDR) is a [Macro-Regional Strategy](#) adopted by the European Commission, which covers 14 countries, stretches from the Black Forest (Germany) to the Black Sea (Romania-Bulgaria-Moldova-Ukraine) and is home to 115 million inhabitants.

##### Context and aim of the consultation

[Romanian EUSDR Presidency](#) and [Danbe Strategy Point](#) (DSP) launched today an online consultation through EUSDR platforms for better involving civil society representatives and general public in process of updating the actions and projects of strategic impact for the Danube Region included in the EUSDR Action Plan from December 2010.

In preparing [the new programming period for cohesion 2020+](#) the EU Strategy For The Danube Region is revising its [Action Plan](#). All [actors of EUSDR](#), National Coordinators, Priority Coordinators and Steering Groups, Stakeholders and experts from our countries and the European Commission Services are currently involved in drafting their inputs for the new Action Plan of the Danube Strategy.

Until end of May 2019 the first draft proposal of the new Action Plan will be finished.

In June 2019 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of EUSDR in Bucharest, the Romanian

consolidated inputs by all actors of the Strategy, the European Commission will use the consolidated proposal to draft the New Action Plan which prospectively will be endorsed by the Ministers of the Danube Region in October 2019.

As the Strategy is a bottom-up process, Civil Society of the Danube Macro Region has the opportunity to bring in their proposals for the new Action Plan. Therefore, everybody who would like to participate in the revision process is invited to present in his/her ideas for new strategic projects and actions as a valuable input for the Strategy.

### Target group of the public consultation

The target group of this consultation are interested individuals and Civil society organisations / representatives. Please also feel free to add other relevant topics or suggest improved approaches.

Your contributions will be most useful to us in developing an updated Action Plan of the EU Macro-Regional Strategy which addresses the main priorities of the Danube Region.

This questionnaire can be filled in **before the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. Please add your e-mail address in order to offer the opportunity for inviting you to the **Public Hearing** which will take place on **27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Bucharest** and inform you about the results of the consultations.

The online consultation can be found [here](#).

Thank you very much for your contributions!

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### 5. Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies - MA university course

The Danube University Krems in Cooperation with the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) offers two-year university course "Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies".



The "Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies" course offers a well-founded, practical and up-to-date interdisciplinary education with the aim of gaining a comprehensive

in Southeastern Europe.

Another key area is the political systems of the Balkan states as well as the European Union and its relationship with the countries of Southeastern Europe. Special attention is also paid to the development of the economy and companies in the Balkans, including the role of foreign investment and investor protection. In addition, modules on the legal systems as well as the state and development of democracy, the rule of law and human rights in the Balkans belong to the priorities of the course.



**Target group:** Graduates of universities and polytechnics of any field of study, in particular from the fields of political, humanities, law, social and economic sciences as well as persons in professional life, who are primarily active in the media, interest groups, international organizations, in business, in political consulting, as interpreters or in the field of culture.

**Language:** German (some lessons can be held in English)

You can find more information and application conditions (in German) on the [website of the course](#).

## 6. Conference on Supporting Smart Specialisation Strategies and Technology Transfer in South-East Europe

The JRC - Joint Research Center and the Romanian Ministry of Research and Innovation are organizing during the [Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU](#) the conference

**"Supporting Smart Specialisation Strategies and Technology Transfer in South-East Europe"**

taking place on **18<sup>th</sup> June** at the **Politehnica University of Bucharest**, Romania.



The conference will focus on the progress, results and challenges related to the



best practices and trends from Europe and internationally.

The event is in connection to the "[Innovative Enterprise week](#)" in Bucharest on 19-21 June 2019.

The draft programme for the conference will soon be available on this [website](#).

The registration is open **until 7<sup>th</sup> June** but participants who are eligible for reimbursement need to register **before 10<sup>th</sup> May**. You can find the registration form [here](#).

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## 7. proESOF Call for Proposals



This call for proposals, launched by the [TESI Local Programme Committee](#), aims to collect ideas and to support the development of initiatives which will enhance dissemination, education, networking and training from now until ESOF 2020. In particular the call collects and evaluates three distinct groups of initiatives:

- **proESOF events 2018-2020** preferentially in the North-East of Italy and Central and Eastern European areas;
- **Science in the City Festival**, Trieste ESOF 2020 (three weeks from June 27 to July 18, 2020)
- **Draft proposals for the official call of ESOF 2020 Trieste** (Call in January 2019).

The proposals may be related to the following areas:

**Science to Science:** focused on current and future path-breaking science, it provides for keynote speeches and events, plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and debates. It encompasses social sciences and humanities as well as physical and life sciences, engineering and medicine.

**Science to Business:** a unique platform in Europe to exchange ideas and good practices on research-driven business models, public private partnerships, the

**Science to Policy:** stakeholders, governments, scientists, industry and the public in the Triveneto region and in the South East European countries, will be asked to cooperate in a joint effort to ensure reliable, evidence-based policy-making for the benefit of the society as a whole. Possible discussion subjects include the ethical use of scientific knowledge in addressing the grand challenges of humankind, integrity of science, science diplomacy to build peace and cohesion.

**Science to Citizens:** it aims to create a scientific citizenship for all and to promote the idea of science as fundamental to problem-solving. All activities and events organized in this frame will inspire passion and a collaborative attitude in people, from the very young to the elderly, in order to build a sense of identity and ownership within the field of science.

**Science to Communicators:** aimed at building a solid network of science communicators active in different fields (from journalism to events organizing, from publishing to communication corporate) across Europe, with a special focus on the Triveneto region and the South East European countries.

You can find more information on the website: [www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof](http://www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof)

**The call will stay open from February 2018 to March 2020.**

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## 8. ELTE Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture



# Eötvös Loránd University

The Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) organizes the [25th Summer University of Hungarian Language and Culture](#).

It is a four-week program offering an intensive Hungarian Language Course with many cultural components. The Summer University brings together interested individuals from diverse geographical, cultural, and academic backgrounds for an intensive course on Hungarian language and culture in Budapest. There is a possibility to take part in the first 2 or 3 weeks of the program with adjusted course fee.

**When:** 29 July – 23 August 2019

**Participants:** International students and adults, who want to learn Hungarian language

**Application period:** from 15 January to 10 July 2019

**Apply now here:** [www.elte.hu/en/hungariansummer19](http://www.elte.hu/en/hungariansummer19)

**Course fee:** 720 EUR (for discounts, please, check the website [“Course fee”](#))

**E-mail:** [hungariansummer@elte.hu](mailto:hungariansummer@elte.hu)

Have a look at the program here and check all the practical information including discounts, application procedure, accommodation, and location of the courses clicking on the subheadings' photos: [www.elte.hu/en/hungarian-language-and-culture](http://www.elte.hu/en/hungarian-language-and-culture)

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## 9. USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School



The Faculty of Management, Economic Engineering in Agriculture and Rural Development, University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest and its partners are honoured to inform you that the registrations for the fourth **USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School** have started!

The fourth USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School will take place at USAMVB from **9th-14th of September 2019**. Because of the high number of applications on this topic in the past, the six-day event will again focus on “Policy Evaluation in Agriculture”. The course will start with the normative foundations of policy evaluation, will cover methodological tasks and finally dive into a case study. Students are going to work on the concept for policy evaluation themselves and have the opportunity to participate in numerous excursions that illustrate the everyday business of policy evaluation, but also the wealth of Romanian rural culture.

The target group that the event addresses includes:

- Postgraduate students (Masters or PhD students) in the field of agricultural economics and policy
- Young researchers with an educational background in economics, management, marketing or other social sciences disciplines applied to agriculture
- Young professionals from governmental institutions (ministries, authorities and agencies), non-governmental organizations related to agriculture who need a refresher course.

You can find more information on the Summer School on the website <http://course.enhance-project.ro/>

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## 10. JRC Training and Capacity Building Calls for the Nanobiotechnology Laboratories

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission has opened a Call to access JRC Research Infrastructures for Training and Capacity Building **for Enlargement and Integration Countries** to the:

Nanobiotechnology laboratory (NanoBiotech): [2019-1-TCB-NanoBiotech](#)  
**Call closing 03 June 2019**



The call is addressed to JRC external users from **universities, research or public institutions, or from Small-Medium-Enterprises (SME)**.

Training is free of charges and travel/subsistence costs are covered by the JRC.

### Conditions and criteria for access

The JRC offers access to its **non-nuclear facilities** to researchers from Lead User Institution and User Institutions ([see definitions in the Framework](#)) only from [countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon 2020](#). The Lead User Institution must be from a university, research or public institution, or from a Small-Medium-Enterprise (SME).

- Nanomaterials sizing using dynamic light scattering, disk centrifuge sedimentation, asymmetric and sedimentation field flow fractionation with different detectors and analytical ultra-centrifuge.
- In vitro assays for studying nanomaterial-cell interactions and highlighting pitfalls occurring during assay development due to the specific nature of nanomaterial (in vitro dosimetry, interaction of nanomaterial with cell reagents).
- Biomolecular interaction studies using surface plasmon resonance and quartz microbalance techniques.
- Raman spectroscopy, ellipsometry, electron microscopy and an introduction to surface chemistry analysis using XPS and/or ToF-SIMS.
- ICP-MS including single particle detection.

You can find all relevant information at <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-facility/open-access/training>.

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## 11. 8th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region



As a key event of the 2019 EUSDR Presidency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, the DG Regio/European Commission and the Danube Transnational Programme, with the technical support of the Danube Strategy Point, are organizing the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum. The event will be held on the **27th – 28th June 2019** in **Bucharest**, Romania, under the motto: ***“Building cohesion for a shared prosperity in the Danube Region”***.

You can find **more information** on the Annual Forum and the **registration form** [here](#).

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## 12. EDU-LAB Newsletter





EDU-LAB is a project funded by the European Union aiming to improve the professional chances of young people in the Danube region.

The DRC is a associated partner of the project.

You can find information on the latest developments in their [newsletter](#).

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### 13. CASEE Newsletter March 2019

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. 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 Strategy for the Danube Region to strenghten research, education and University Development in this region and to develop joint research, educational and other projects. To open the latest newsletter, click [here](#).

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### 14. DRC Facebook Page



We are recently trying to improve the circulation of information within our network. As you are a member of the DRC, we kindly ask you to also connect with us via Facebook and please follow or DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.

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## 15. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).

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