

DRC Newsletter October 2018

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**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

The October edition brings you once again useful up-to-date information about the DRC activities and much more.

The [registration](#) for our Annual Meeting at the Comenius University Bratislava is still open! We also would like to remind all Permanent Committee members to attend the meeting on November 7th as well as ask all members to come to the General Assembly on November 9th!

Feedback and comments are always [welcome](#)!

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## 1. REMINDER: DRC Annual Meeting 7-9 November 2018



Our next **DRC Annual Meeting** will be held at the Comenius University Bratislava on November 7th-9th, 2018.

**During the General Assembly, we will elect a new presidency.**

The online registration is still available on the website of the Comenius University Bratislava: <https://uniba.sk/en/drc2018>

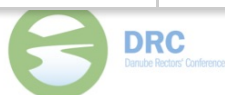
You can also find useful information as well as the programme on our website: [www.drc-danube.org](http://www.drc-danube.org)

We are looking forward to see you soon in Bratislava!

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## 2. Convocation of the General Assembly

According to Article V.2 of the statute of the DRC, the president calls for the General Assembly to be held at the Comenius University Bratislava on 9th November 2018.



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**DRC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2018; 09.00**  
**COMENIUS UNIVERSITY BRATISLAVA**  
**RECTORS HALL**

**Draft Agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2018**

1. Opening
2. Approval of the Agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2018
3. Approval of the minutes of the DRC General Assembly 2017
4. Annual Report on DRC Activities 2018
5. Annual Report of the DRC Secretariat
6. Report on the DRC Summer School 2018 in Krems
7. Danube:Future – Lessons learned and mid-term future suggestions
8. Report on the DRC financial situation in 2018
9. DRC Membership issues
10. Election of the new DRC Presidency
11. DRC Action Plan for 2019
12. DRC Financial Budget for 2019
13. Any other business
14. Closing

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### **3. Call for a meeting of the Permanent Committee**

According to Article VI.2 the president of the DRC calls for a Permanent Committee meeting to be held at the Comenius University Bratislava on 7th November 2018. The Agenda will include the points mentioned for the General Assembly under point 2. of this newsletter.

**We still need appointments from the following countries:**

Information about the Permanent Committee is available on our [website](#).



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**DRC PRESIDENCY MEETING AND PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2018; 16.00  
COMENIUS UNIVERSITY BRATISLAVA  
RECTORS MEETING ROOM**

1. Opening
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Agenda of the DRC General Assembly 2018
4. Appointing of the Treasurer
5. Annual report on DRC activities 2018
6. DRC Membership issues
7. Annual report of the DRC Secretariat
8. Report on the DRC Summer School 2018 in Krems
9. Preparation of the election of the new DRC Presidency
10. DRC Financial Budget for 2019
11. DRC Annual Meeting 2019 at University Politehnica of Bucharest
12. Any other business
13. Closing

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#### **4. The 2nd Danube Conference for Higher Education Management**

The 2nd Danube Conference for Higher Education Management on the topic "**In search of excellence in higher education**", jointly organized by Corvinus

The main focus of the conference is to identify and present good management and policy practices which could be interesting for other countries and institutions. The cultural proximity of the Danube countries could provide an opportunity for the successful adaptation of such good practices.

### **Call for Papers**

The call invites papers dedicated to the higher education sector in the Danube and Central and Eastern European region, but relevant contributions from other regions are also welcome, including comparative studies. The intended audience of the conference is practitioners. Therefore, we expect empirical papers and analysis of good practices. Theoretical and conceptual papers are also considered if they fit into the theme of the conference.

Papers should be submitted in one of the following tracks:

- 1) Management
- 2) Funding and governance
- 3) Teaching and learning
- 4) Research and development

Abstracts (one page, 3 000 characters with spaces) can be submitted at the conference website or via the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/vyiOvG4Q7z0qBSDR2>

**The submission of abstracts ends on 21st October 2018!**

For more information and the registration visit the [website of the conference](#).

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## **5. 15th DRC Summer School 2018**



A short summary capturing the 15th DRC Summer School is now available

### 15th Danube Rectors' Conference Summer School on Regional Cooperation "Modernizing Europe: Generating Accountability"

This year's DRC Summer School was held in **Krems, Austria**, from July 1st to July 8th 2018. This edition was opened with the presence of **Friedrich Faulhammer**, Rector of the Danube University Krems and DRC president, **Sebastian Schäffer**, Secretary General of DRC and research associate at Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe and **Ulrike Guérot**, Professor for European Policy and the Study of Democracy. She shared her insights on "Why Europe must become a Republic" giving rise to a fruitful discussion with all of the participants.

We were also honored by the presence of various experts from different fields such as political sciences, economics, foreign policies and history. Having this wide spectrum of approaches allowed the participants to deepen their knowledge on the current issues regarding regional cooperation within the Danube Region.

After all of the lectures our participants took part in a workshop session where they developed two potential future scenarios for the Danube Region. One group proposed a pessimistic scenario, while the other came up with an optimistic one. Both of them were later presented to **Rudolf Schicker**, Coordinator of the Priority Area 10 of the EUSDR, during the discussion at IDM in Vienna.

**We would like to thank all participants, lecturers and sponsors who made this a great success!**

You can find more information about the programme and pictures on our website



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## 6. Questionnaire "Europe's future and its democracy"

Prof. Ulrike Guérot, who held a keynote at 15th DRC Summer School on "**Why Europe must become a Republic**" kindly ask you to participate in the following survey:

We would like to ask your support by answering and distributing the following questionnaire from **Donau-Universität Krems, Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy** (Prof. Ulrike Guérot) and **Westfälischen Wilhelms Universität Münster, Germanist Institute** (Prof. Christine Dimorph).

By participating, you are providing support for our continuing research into Europe's future and its democracy. This questionnaire specifically addresses the idea 'republic' and should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Your participation is strictly **ANONYMOUS**. Your answers will only be compared with the responses of other participants. Please attempt to answer the questions spontaneously, without too much deliberation. The questionnaire has no 'right' or 'wrong' answers; we are interested in your personal opinion.

Here is the link: <https://www.soscisurvey.de/europeanrepublic2018/>

Thank you very much!





European University Association is pleased to invite you to participate in the call for contributions for the 2019 Annual Conference on “**Driving innovation in Europe’s universities**”. The event will take place at Sorbonne University in Paris, France on **11-12 April 2019**.

The EUA Annual Conference will explore university strategies in shaping today’s innovation, as well as that of the future. Through plenary and breakout sessions of various formats, including audience participation, the conference will provide insight into policies and practices that empower universities to be places where innovation and entrepreneurship thrive.

EUA is accepting proposals for presentations and interactive workshop sessions. The deadline is **8 January 2019**.

The [call for contributions](#) includes further instructions on how to prepare a proposal as well as access to the online submission tool.

On the [event webpage](#) you can also find more information about the event, including the preliminary programme.

For further information, please write to: [annual-conference@eua.eu](mailto:annual-conference@eua.eu).

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## 8. 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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## 9. 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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