

DRC Newsletter November 2018

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**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

The month of November was highly important for us as the DRC Annual Meeting was held in Bratislava, where at the same time also the Danubius Awards Ceremony took place. Within this edition we would like to share the experiences from this two significant events with you.

Moreover, there are some interesting information we would like to draw attention to, so keep on reading!

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

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



On November 7-9 the DRC Annual Meeting with the title  
**"Universities as the Centres of Regional Development"**  
was held at the Comenius University in Bratislava.

During the three-day busy schedule we celebrated the 35th anniversary of DRC and the 15th anniversary of DRC Summer Schools. An anniversary publication was made in connection with this jubilee. Furthermore, during the General Assembly the new DRC Presidency was elected.

You can find more information about the programme and pictures on our website:  
[www.drc-danube.org](http://www.drc-danube.org)

Minutes and all related documents as well as the presentations held can be found in our [intranet](#).

We would like to express our gratitude to the organizers at the Comenius University Bratislava for the excellent running of the conference.

We would like also to thank all representatives of the DRC member universities who attended the Annual Meeting in Bratislava for their participation and for their valuable inputs during discussions.

We are looking forward to meet you again next year in Bukarest!

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## 2. Election of the new DRC Presidency

- DRC President – Rector Ivanka Popovic, Rector of the University of Belgrade
- DRC Vice-President – Rector Friedrich Faulhammer, Rector of the Danube University Krems
- DRC Vice-President – Rector Dietmar Meyer, Rector of Andrassy University in Budapest

Miroslav Veskovic has already been elected as the next Honorary President during the General Assembly 2017.



### 3. Video message of Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission, for the DRC Annual Conference 2018

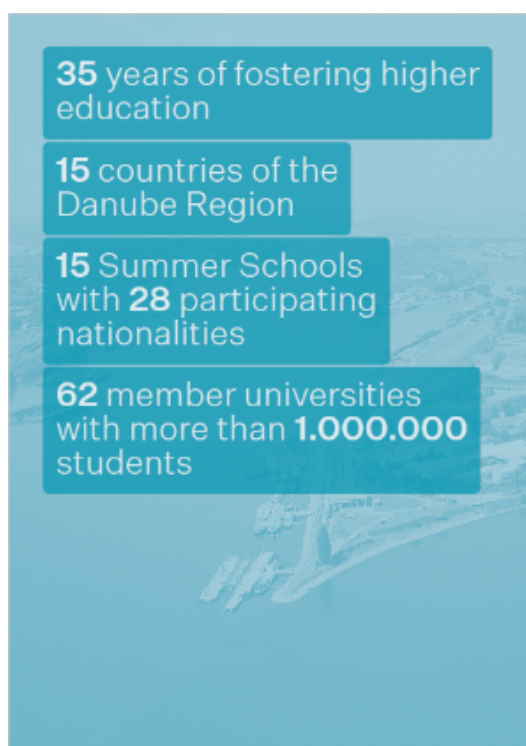


Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission

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#### 4. 35th Anniversary publication

As already mentioned above, this year we celebrate the **35th anniversary of DRC** and the **15th anniversary of DRC Summer Schools**. For this important jubilee the Anniversary publication was produced. The pdf version can be downloaded on our [website](#).



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#### 5. Danubius Awards



with the Danubius Awards. The Danubius Awards were created in 2011 by the [Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research \(BMBWF\)](#) and the [Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe \(IDM\)](#). The price is divided into three categories: the Danubius Award, the Danubius Mid-Career Award and the Danubius Young Scientist Award.

The winner of the Danubius Award 2018 is Hungarian political scientist **Professor Béla Greskovits** for his outstanding scientific achievements in the field of humanities, cultural and social sciences. Professor Greskovits deals with the issues of economic and democratic transformation in Eastern Europe and is considered an expert in the field of political economics of Eastern and Central Europe.

The Danubius Mid-Career Award 2018, which was awarded for the first time, went to **Dr. Ana Hofman** for her scientific work on the musical-cultural heritage of post-Yugoslavia in the field of ethnicity and gender identity.

The Danubius Young Scientist Award was granted to 12 young scientists for their talent and scientific work related with issues and questions regarding the Danube Region.

Bosnia and Hercegovina	Maja Arslanagić-Kalajdžić, PhD
Bulgaria	Tzvetelin Gueorguiev, PhD
Germany	Janka Vogel, M.A.
Croatia	Kristijan Kotarski, Ph.D.
Moldova	Ph.D. Vasile Iarmulschi
Austria	Dr. Raimund Haindorfer
Romania	Dr. Habil. Radu Tudor Ionescu
Serbia	Jelena Vladić PhD
Slovenia	Kaja Prislan, PhD
Czechia	Mag. Daniel Martínek
Ukraine	Mag. Halyna Palamarchuk
Hungary	Dr. Péter Borza

**We congratulate all winners!**

A press release (in German) can be found [here](#).





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## 6. JRC interactive software tool Story Map

For the 7<sup>th</sup> EUSDR Annual Forum in Sofia, JRC prepared an interactive software tool **Story Map** on tourism in the Danube region.

EU-funded projects on tourism, cultural heritage and arts, bike routes and wellness resorts are among the highlights of an interactive Story Map on tourism in the Danube region (<http://arcg.is/b49eC>), launched by the JRC at the 7th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) on 18th October 2018 in Sofia.

It is an innovative way of displaying various datasets linked to various policy issues in an accessible and attractive way. It takes the viewer on a journey along the Danube river and the countries it borders and flows through.

The Story Map gives a snapshot of the rich heritage of the Danube region and the potential of its tourism economy. It also allows users to learn about the cultural heritage initiatives supported by the EU in the region and the links between cultural and natural heritage.

As said by Commissioner Tibor Navracsics in his speech, the Story Map "*showcases our beautiful Danube region and also gives an overview of some of the main challenges facing it.*"

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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;

- **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 economic developments resulting from technological innovation, future careers and future “new jobs” opportunities.

**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.**

## 8. Call for contributions for 2019 EUA Annual Conference



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

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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## 9. 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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## 10. Interreg 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.



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

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## 11. 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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