

DRC Newsletter December 2018

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**DRC**  
Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

Christmas time and the end of the year are slowly approaching and we are here for the last time this year with our regular dose of information.

Still full of enthusiasm after the Annual conference and 35th anniversary celebrations of the DRC in early November, we are ready and very much looking forward to working with the new presidency, as well as with two new members of the DRC network. Of course, we will also continue to cooperate with all other DRC members and strive to deepen our cooperation even more in 2019.

With this December edition, we would like to thank all members and friends of the DRC for their interest and favor this year and wish you all happy holidays and a good start in 2019!

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

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## 1. DRC Annual Meeting 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](#).

### Election of the new DRC Presidency

During the General Assembly, a new presidency was elected. From January 2019 it will have the following composition:

- DRC President – Rector Ivanka Popovic, Rector of the University of Belgrade

- DRC Vice-President – Rector Dietmar Meyer, Rector of Andrassy University in Budapest

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

### 35th Anniversary publication

For the **35th anniversary of DRC** and the **15th anniversary of DRC Summer Schools** the Anniversary publication was produced. The pdf version can be downloaded on our [website](#).

### Danubius Awards

During the Annual Meeting in Bratislava, scientists with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region were awarded with the Danubius Awards.

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.

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

## 2. New members of the DRC network



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During the General Assembly the admission of two applicant universities was approved, so the DRC network has two new members:

**University of Applied Sciences Ulm**

and

**Technical University of Cluj-Napoca**

**We warmly welcomes the new members to our network and look forward to future cooperation!**

An overview of all DRC members can be found [here](#).

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### **3. Public online consultation on new EUSDR Priority Area 7 Actions**

Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

On behalf of the Priority Area 7 “Knowledge Society” of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, you are invited to participate in a public online consultation related to the EUSDR Action plan revision. By participating in this consultation process, you can contribute to creating new PA7 actions and therefore suggest relevant topics in the areas of research, education and ICT.

The online consultation survey is accessible [here](#).

This questionnaire contains altogether 5 questions (none of them compulsory) and its completion takes approximately 15 minutes.

**Feel free to distribute the survey to any relevant stakeholders.**

We will appreciate receiving your feedback **before January 4th, 2019.**

Thank you in advance for your time and contribution!

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#### 4. Eurograduate survey



# eurograduate.eu

## pilot survey

Over three decades of co-operation in higher education through the Erasmus programme and the Bologna process, universities in Europe are co-operating more than ever to offer a positive student experience and equip them for the future.

But after university, how are our graduates doing? It is with this in mind that the European Commission is delighted to announce the **launch of the pilot**

their role in society overall.

This overview is essential for understanding the interactions between education and employment, and for ensuring high quality and relevant higher education is offered to students across Europe. While graduate tracking measures exist in many different forms across Europe, this marks the first attempt to paint an EU-wide picture of the post-graduation landscape.

### Who can participate in the Eurograduate Survey?

Graduates who graduated from a Bachelor or Master programme either in 2017 or 2013 in either Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Malta or Norway, will receive an invitation to participate in their inbox or by mail. The survey is open until the end of the year.

### Help us spread the word!

Please share the information about the survey in your newsletters, websites and social media. If you are based in one of these countries and willing to help us reach more people, feel free to use of our promotional toolkit to publicise the survey.

### Background

As part of [EU's policy on higher education](#), the Commission proposed and the Council adopted a [Recommendation on tracking graduates](#) in November 2017, with the objectives of encouraging Member States to develop comprehensive tracking systems for tertiary and VET graduates at national level and to improve the availability of comparable data at EU level to allow more in-depth comparative analyses of graduate outcomes.



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## 5. 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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## 6. proESOF Call for Proposals

The logo for ESOF 2020 Trieste features the text 'ESOF 2020' in blue and green, with a stylized globe icon. Below it, 'EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM' is written in blue, and 'TRIESTE' is written in green.

# ESOF 2020

## EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM

### TRIESTE

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 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.



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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## 7. 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 **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. Presentation of the EDU-LAB project in Sofia



**Zaklada Znanje na djelu** participated in the presentation of the EDU-LAB project at the 7th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The main theme was tourism and heritage. The Forum held on October 18–19 in Sofia was organized by Bulgaria, which this year holds the rotating Presidency of the EU Danube Strategy, and the European Commission. The event gathered around 600 participants from across the region.



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## 9. Green. Building. Solutions. Summer University Vienna 2019

In 2019 the DRC is again funding two scholarships for students of DRC member universities to attend the [Green. Building. Solutions. Summer University Vienna 2019](#).

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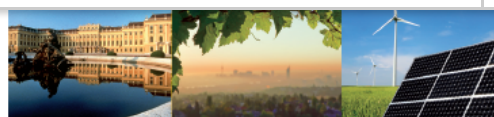

**Green. Building. Solutions.**

→ **Summer University Vienna**  
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First-hand ecological knowledge and engineering expertise bundled in a three-week program in the capital of energy-efficient building, Vienna. Think sustainable, take care of your future - now!

[www.summer-university.net](http://www.summer-university.net)

Logos of participating institutions: AIT, OTH Regensburg, Uppsala University, CEMUS, SLU, Nordische Universität, OPUL, Universität Wien, DRC, IDM, 東京大学, FH Technikum Wien, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, FH Campus Wien, Ryerson University, Faculty of Engineering & Architectural Science.



#### → Benefits

Earn 7 ECTS university credits while learning about the cutting edge in sustainable buildings within an interdisciplinary and cultural exchange. Theory is combined with practical exercises and a hands-on approach.

#### → Learn from the best

International experts from universities, research institutions, and companies share latest developments from research and practice.

#### → Best practice at hand

Buildings in Vienna showing the application of sustainable theories are presented as part of the course.

#### → Try it yourself

Enjoy Vienna while living in a passive house.

#### → Organizers

The **OeAD-Housing Office**, winner of the 2013 Austrian Climate Protection Award, offers passive houses for active students and accommodates 2,500 international guests annually in innovative and energy-efficient student dormitories.

The **BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna** teaches sustainable use of natural resources by connecting natural, engineering and economic sciences.

The **TU Vienna** focuses on the relationship of energy to the environment in architecture, urban planning, as well as natural and engineering sciences.

[www.summer-university.net](http://www.summer-university.net)



## 10. Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems. Summer University Vienna 2019

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## ORGANIZERS

The BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences contributes to a sustainable use of natural resources by connecting natural sciences, engineering and economic sciences.

Economy for the Common Good offers an answer to current ecological, social and economic problems. As of 2018, more than 2.100 companies have committed themselves to the initiative.

Each year, the OeAD-Housing Office accommodates over 2,500 students in energy-efficient dormitories. It also won the 2013 Austrian Climate Protection Award.

## APPLY NOW!

[www.summer-university.net](http://www.summer-university.net)



## 11. 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 our DRC page in this [link](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna.

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## 12. CASEE Newsletter October/November 2018

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 strengthen 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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## 13. 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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