

DRC Newsletter[View this email in your browser](#)**January/February 2019**

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter!

The new year brings again new opportunities! Within this first edition in 2019 we would like to provide you with some possibilities of cross-border scientific cooperation and - if you are a young, promising scientist - how to gain recognition of your scientific work.

However, this time the focus is more on summer schools and other opportunities how to spend hot summer months in the company of like-minded people. Such a little promise of summer in these cold days, so keep on reading!

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

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1. SAVE THE DATE: 16th DRC Summer School 2019

We are happy to announce you that the date for the next DRC Summer School has been fixed! The 16th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation will be held from **June 30 to July 7 2019** at the [University of Zagreb](https://www.unizg.hr/), Croatia.



16TH 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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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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2. Call for Nominations: Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019

We would like to announce you that the Call for Nominations for the **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019** is **NOW OPEN!**

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**“.

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.

An international expert jury will be established (including members of the Danube 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
- **The deadline** for submitting nominations is on **26th April 2019 at 23:59.**

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

3. 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](#).

→ **Green. Building. Solutions.**

Summer University Vienna
July 20 - August 11, 2019

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



→ 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



4. Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems. Summer University Vienna 2019

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ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SYSTEMS

THE ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE

→ Summer University Vienna

Vienna, July 24 - August 9, 2019



AEMS

Is a world dominated by profit and competition a good place to be? This summer program focuses on ways to restructure economic systems to embody sustainable use of resources and a more collaborative society overall. At AEMS you learn about:

- The variety of alternative economic and monetary systems that are already in practice worldwide.
- Ecologic sustainability, population growth and the long-term management of natural resources and energy.
- Business ethics, consumerism, solidarity and the common good: The need for a new philosophy.

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!

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5. 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 [Eurograduate Survey](#)**, which will lay foundations for European-wide comparable data on graduates, their transitions to the labour market, their mobility across Europe and 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.



6. ELTE Intercultural Training

The Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) is pleased to inform you that the registration for the upcoming **Intercultural Training 2019**, organized by the Erasmus+ and International Programmes Department and the Institute of Intercultural Psychology and Education (IIPE), Faculty of Education and Psychology **IS NOW OPEN**.

The training will be held **from 20th to 24th May 2019** and targeted mainly to **staff members of higher education institutions who work with international students and staff** on the day-to-day basis and have at least one-year work experience in this area.

The training program aims to promote intercultural communicational skills and competence especially for those who engage in intercultural encounters in their everyday work, who have a lot of experience but feel that they need to further develop their skills to be more successful.

Participants who participate actively at the full course will receive a Certificate of attendance at the end of the training.

The participation fee is **150 EUR**, which includes welcome package, work materials, cultural programs, coffee breaks and farewell dinner.

The registration deadline is **15th February 2019**.

For more information and registration please visit the homepage
<https://www.elte.hu/en/incoming-staff-for-training/european-partners>

If you need further information, do not hesitate to send an email to erasmus@elte.hu
(Subject: Intercultural training 2019)

7. 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

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

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

Where: Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

Language: English and Hungarian

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

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

E-mail: 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



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 **9-14 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 official language of the course is English.

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/>



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](#).

11. JRC interactive software tool Story Map



For the 7th 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

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.*"

12. 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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13. CASEE Newsletter January 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 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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