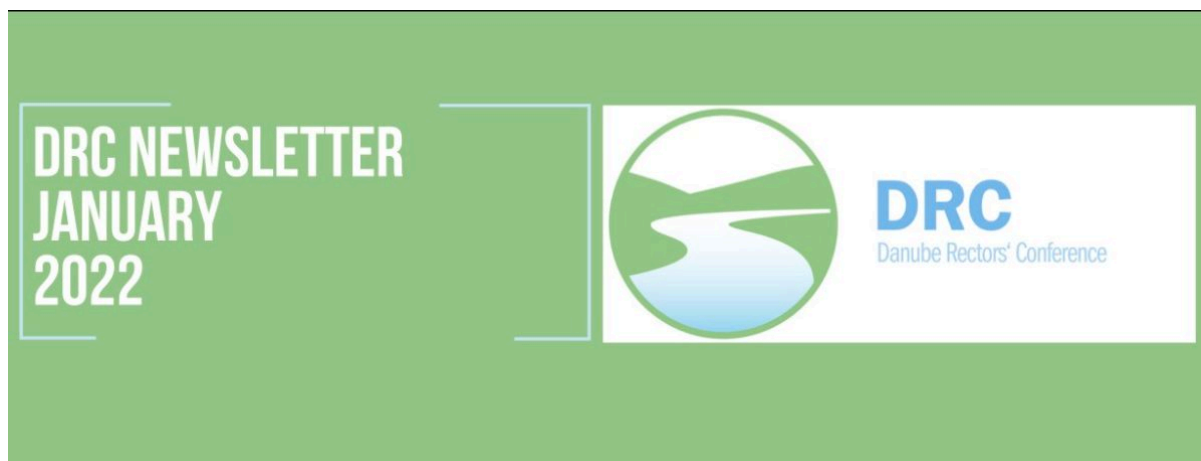


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Dear subscribers of the DRC Newsletter,

As we leave the holiday season behind, we hope that the joy of Christmas will remain with us throughout the year. Moreover, we sincerely wish that this year is the last one we welcome in these exceptional circumstances. However, there are many things to look forward to, as we continue our work to keep the spirit of regional cooperation alive.

In this sense, we are excited to announce the **launch of one of the two fantastic projects we can share with you: the Call for Applications for the Strategic Foresight is now open!**

Furthermore, there are some interesting opportunities for students. The first one is the call for applications for this year's OeAD Summer Universities in Vienna, taking place from July to August, which is now open. The second one is the Call for papers for the Conference in Chisinau for Ph.D. students, interested in sustainable agriculture in the context of climate change and digitalization.

Finally, the final conference of the Erasmus+ App, which explores the possibilities for international mobility, taking place in March is an event we recommend for international relations officers at higher education institutions, actively working with the Erasmus+ individual mobility programme.

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

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1. DRC Strategic Foresight: The Future of Research and Education in a Globalized World: a View for and from the Danube Region



We are thrilled to announce that the **Call for Applications** for the **DRC Strategic Foresight Project** is **now open!**

The Danube Rectors' Conference is looking for **20 talented participants** to provide strategic foresight concerning the **future of higher education in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe** by developing **multiple future scenarios** within **four thematic areas**, namely:

1. University Autonomy and Governance

2. Science and Learning in the Digital Era
3. Scientific Research for European Decision-making
4. Employability of Students and early-stage Researchers

Through this initiative, the DRC intends to involve **students, early-stage researchers and young scientists** in the debate revolving around the future of higher education and academia. The project will be implemented in a **hybrid format**, which includes both virtual and in-presence meetings in Vienna, Uzhorod and Maribor.

The project is financed by the DRC and coordinated and implemented by the **Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)**. **Participation in the project is entirely free of charge**, as travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the DRC. For more detailed information on the Project please consult the [Call](#) available on the DRC Website!

We are looking forward to all the applications coming from your Universities!

2. DRC Initiative Fund

We would also like to remind you about another upcoming project funded by the **Danube Rectors' Conference** and coordinated by the **University of Maribor**: the **DRC Initiative Fund**!

The Danube Rectors' Conference is glad to offer **students of doctoral study programmes at DRC member universities** the possibility to obtain **financial means for developing applicants' projects, solutions, prototypes**.

We are prepared to support outstanding students and young scholars' projects which can have a positive impact in the region, in line with the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), by financing the following activities:

- Material costs
- Cost of use of research equipment at other DRC member institutions
- Service costs
- Travel costs and costs of stay for the students and their family members

The Call for Applications will be soon published on the [DRC website](#)

[STAY TUNED!](#)

3. OeAD Summer Universities Call for Applications

The **OeAD Student Housing** Call for Applications for Summer University 2022 is now open!

Every year, the OeAD organizes two academic summer universities dealing with the topic of **sustainability** - both in the construction and building sector, as well as at the level of our economic and financial system.

Both programs will be held in an in-person format in Vienna, the working language is English.

The deadline for applications is June 30th, 2022.



Green Building Solutions (GBS) Summer University:

- Vienna - July 18th to August 7, 2022;
- The GBS Summer School aims at **increasing knowledge of and raising awareness for sustainability in the field of building, construction and urban planning**;
- It targets **international students and professionals in the field of architecture, building design, urban planning, engineering sciences, construction, property development, energy management**
- To find out more about what you will learn at the GBS, check out the [Program](#)

- [Apply](#) until June 30th, 2022



Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS) Summer University:

- Vienna - from July 18th to August 5th, 2022;
- The AEMS is an interdisciplinary summer school focusing on alternatives to the economic status quo providing innovative insights to tackle climate change at its core, finding new approaches for our economic and social systems.
- AEMS is open to students and professionals from all fields
- To find out more about what you will learn at the GBS, check the [Program](#)

4. 12th CASEE Conference in Chisinau - Call for Abstracts



The [CASEE Board](#) and the [State Agrarian University of Moldova](#) warmly invite and highly encourage all **staff members and PhD students from CASEE universities** to **submit an abstract for an oral/poster presentation for the 12th CASEE Conference** taking place from **22 to 24 June 2022** at the State Agrarian University of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova.

This year, the Conference will be held under the main theme "[Sustainable agriculture](#)"

in the context of climate change and digitalization".

The abstracts are to be submitted into these **subtopics**:

- Sustainable agriculture and forestry
- Current issues of agricultural economy, rural development and landscape planning
- Global trends and challenges in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine
- Climate-smart agriculture and food security
- Digital agriculture and engineering
- Environment in the context of climate change

Abstracts can be submitted only **online** on the CASEE [website](#).

The extended **deadline** for submission is **January 31, 2022, at 23:59 CET**.

5. EURASHE 31st Annual Conference - Call for Contributions



[EURASHE](#) has launched a **call for contributions** for its **31st Annual Conference**, "Next Generation PHE: Skill relevance, Inclusion, Digitalisation, Innovation". The Conference is taking place the **23-24 May 2022** in **Brussels** at the EPHEC campus, with the possibility to follow the event **online**.

Universities of applied sciences' leaders, the entire community of professional higher education, European businesses, public institutions and European students' representatives are warmly invited to attend the Annual Conference to **share their experience and learn about trends, models and inspiring practices**.

The contributions have to be focused on the four main topics tackled in the Conference: **Skill relevance, inclusion, digitalisation and innovation**. The **PHE Start award** will be given to the contributions that proved to be more impactful within their communities and regions - in each of the four themes. The Award Ceremony will take place during the EURASHE 2022 Annual Conference.

More detailed information on the **contents and type of contributions** to submit are available on the [EURASHE dedicated page](#).

The **extended deadline for submission** is **31st January 2022**.

6. 2022 EUA Annual Conference

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2022 EUA Annual Conference

University values: what, why and how?

🕒 28-29 April 2022

📍 Budapest, Hungary

The [European University Association](#) is pleased to invite the higher education Community to the **2022 EUA Annual Conference "University values: what, why and how?"** at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics in Hungary on **28-29 April 2022**.

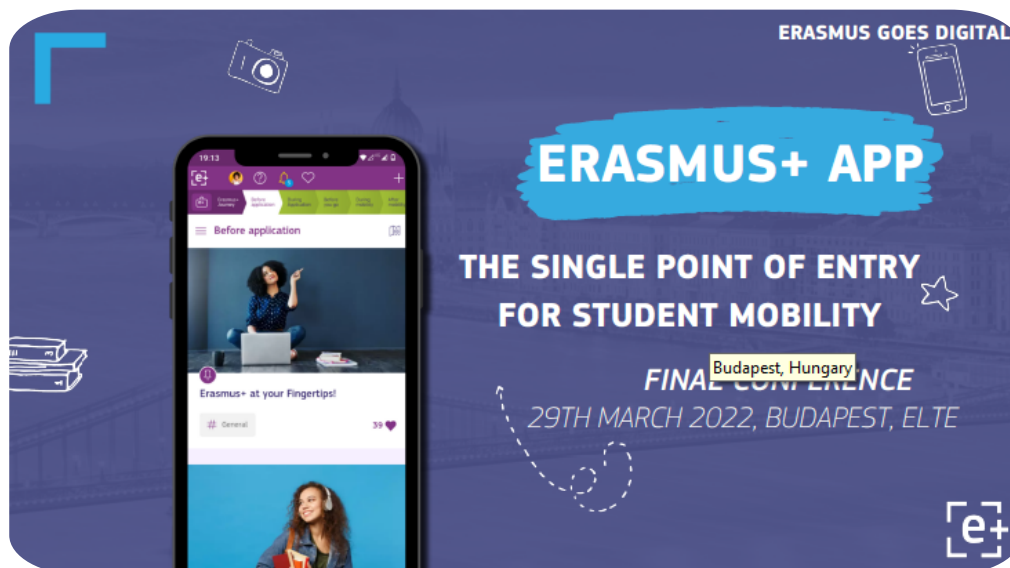
The 2022 EUA Conference will provide **a platform to discuss which values shape the missions and strategic objectives of Europe's universities** and how these values help to guide their activities. Through **plenary and breakout sessions** of various formats, including audience participation, the conference will also provide **insights into the measures universities can take to ensure that their values are understood and lived individually and collectively**.

The **early registration deadline** is **15 March 2022**.

The **overall deadline** for registration is **13 April 2022**.

For more detailed information on the program, as well as on the registration, accommodation and Covid-19 rules in place, check the [dedicated page on the EUA Website](#).

7. Erasmus+ App Final Conference



It is our pleasure to invite you to the [Final conference of the Erasmus+ App](#) – the single point of entry for student mobility. The Conference will take place in Budapest on **29th March 2022 from 10:00 to 16:00** and it will be **streamed online**.

The **one-day event** aims to **present what the Erasmus+ App offers to the European Higher Education community**, with a special focus on how the use of this tool contributes to the **qualitative and quantitative improvement of international mobility**.

The **event is open to any stakeholders of the Erasmus+ program**. The main target group of the conference is **international relations officers** who are actively working with the Erasmus+ individual mobility programme at higher education institutions.

Save the date of the event and stay tuned for the registration details!

8. Upcoming EUA peer learning opportunities

The European University Association invites all EUA member institutions to the **2022 Thematic Peer Groups**. Intended for senior leadership and staff with strategic and

institutional-level responsibility for learning and teaching, this programme provides an opportunity for peer learning and the exchange of experiences. This year's themes are:

- Digitally competent teachers in designing quality learning environments
- Collaborative teaching practice
- Needs and wellbeing of student and staff

The deadline for applications is **28 January 2022**, and the results of the call will be announced in mid-February 2022. The full call is available on this [link](#).

The EUA kindly invites registrations for the following events. **European Learning and Teaching Forum**, a platform for discussion on how universities enhance learning and teaching through digital means (registration link [here](#)) and two new members for the **EUA Learning&Teaching Steering Committee**, which oversees EUA's Learning&Teaching activities (registration link [here](#))

For updates on EUA's Learning & Teaching activities, look for [#EUALearnTeach](#) on Twitter and/or join the LinkedIn group [Learning & Teaching in European Higher Education](#).

9. DRC Facebook Page



We are trying to improve the circulation of information within our network.
We kindly ask you to also connect with us via [Facebook](#) and visit the [DRC webpage](#).

Thank you very much and best regards from Vienna



10. 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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