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Danube Rectors' Conference

Dear subscribers to the DRC Newsletter,

although our summer plans remain uncertain, the DRC newsletter has in store a bunch of activities to bright up your summer, and for this reason, we want to bring to your attention some interesting offers to make the most of your holidays.

This newest issue proposes you a variety of activities that will take place using the virtual tools acknowledged during the Covid-19 crisis which will enable you to **access to some exciting lectures in the top Universities around Europe**, regardless of your geographical location. Moreover, we would like to remind you about the **call for nominations for the Danubius Young Scientist Award 2021** for all the aspiring young scientists who are willing and ready to take up a challenge and join the competition.

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

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1. Danubius Young Scientist Award 2021 | Call for nominations

Call for nominations

Danubius Young Scientist Award 2021

APPLY NOW!

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 Federal Ministry
Republic of Austria
Education, Science
and Research

In 2021, for the eighth time, the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) are honouring young researchers with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region with the

Danubius Young Scientist Award 2021

This award will be granted to **14 young scientists** - one from each country (citizenship is crucial) that is part of the **EU Strategy for the Danube Region** (Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania and Ukraine).

The award will be **endowed with 1.350 EUR for each winner** of the Danubius Young Scientist Award.

It is expected that the award ceremony will take place **in October/November 2021**. The details will be announced in due time.

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 2022.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, 30th April 2021 at 23:59**.

More information on the award criteria, submission of documents as well as selection process can be found on the [IDM website](#).

2. OeAD Scholarship | 11th Green Building Solutions Summer University



The **GBS Summer University** is back online **from July 17 to August 08, 2021**, for its 11th edition! Here is an opportunity to get first-hand **ecological knowledge** and **engineering expertise** in a three-week program, hosted online from the capital of energy-efficient building, Vienna.

Participants will earn 7 ECTS university credits while learning about **sustainable**

buildings in an intercultural environment. They will also benefit from the insight of experts from various background who will share the latest developments from research and practice in ecological building. Especially during these challenging times, we must develop knowledge on sustainable buildings, passive houses and renewable energies to an ever expanding international audience of students and professionals.

This year, the program includes:

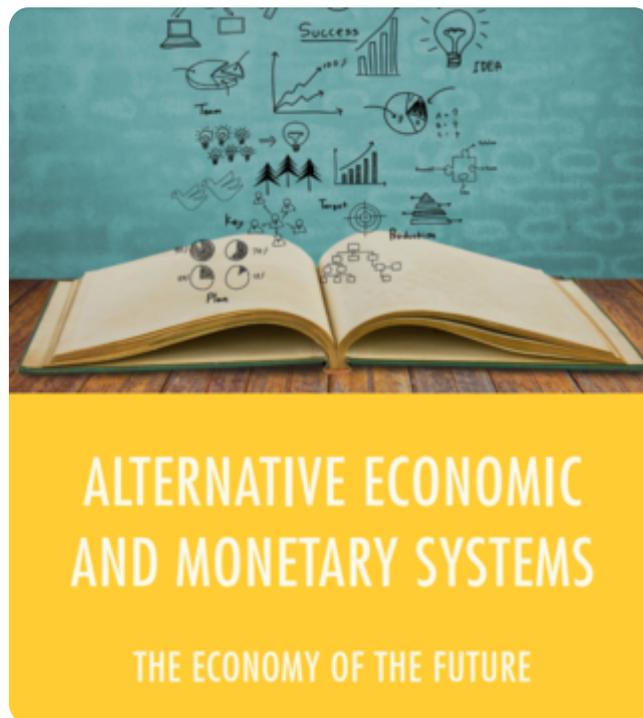
- **Inspiring talks** about sustainable architecture, ecological building alternatives, passive house technologies, renewable energy production and integrated urban planning
- **Virtual onsite tours** demonstrating Vienna's best practices in low energy housing
- **Engaging building simulation** workshops
- **Interdisciplinary real life case study** project work in international groups with dedicated tutorship
- **Certificate showing 7 ECTS** and the modules of the curriculum after a successful completion

This summer university is carried out by the **OeAD student housing**, the **BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences**, and **TU Vienna**.

Applications for the scholarships possible until May 1, 2021.

Registration to the summer university can be done [here](#).

3. OeAD Scholarship | Alternative Economic Monetary System Summer School



The OEAD is also hosting a unique online summer school on the economy of the future, the **Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems** summer school, **from July 19, 2021 to August 6, 2021**.

Do you want to explore different approaches and new ideas with regards to the current growth-based economy and unstable financial system? The AEMS will be back in an upgraded online version in 2021 to discuss alternative approaches! AEMS focuses on **ways to restructure economic systems to embody sustainable use of resources and a more collaborative society overall**.

At AEMS you learn about:

- **Ecological sustainability**, population growth and the long-term management of natural resources and energy.

- The **variety of alternative economic and monetary systems** that are already in practice worldwide.
- **Business ethics**, consumerism, solidarity and the common good: The need for a new philosophy.

This year, the AEMS 2021 program will include exciting lectures and exchanges on:

- Financial markets serving the broader interests of society
- The solutions to the financial crisis triggered by COVID-19
- The alternatives to the current economic and monetary system
- The role of economic and financial systems in the global climate crisis

With this summer school, you can get an official certificate worth **5 ECTS from BOKU University** upon completion of the program. The summer school is organised by the **BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Economy for the Common Good**, and **OeAD student housing**.

Applications for the scholarships possible until May 1, 2021.

Registration can be done [here](#).

4. 4th ELTE Budapest Summer University



**ELTE Summer University
Programme
4th Edition
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest**

ELTE is the top higher education institution in Hungary and alma mater of leading figures in **technology, business, politics and public policy, and culture**. As the leading research university in Hungary, they are committed to develop wide-ranging study programs for Hungarian and international students, facilitating the international involvement and networking.

The **4th Edition of the ELTE Budapest Summer University** is taking place online and, if possible, in person in Budapest, Hungary from the **2nd to the 15th of August 2021**. The program brings together interested individuals from diverse geographical, cultural, and academic backgrounds for different fields of study courses in Budapest. **The multicultural and cross-age composition of the courses provides applicants with a stimulating environment full of inspiring and enriching dialogues.**

The courses offered this year:

- Central Europe as a distinct historical region in Europe: a political and legal introduction
- The Rise and Fall of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy: Central European Identity, Cosmopolitan Cities & Trianon
- Qualitative Psychology Summer Course
- Hungary and the modern Olympic Games
- Social Issues and Dilemmas of Today's Hungarian Society
- Psychoanalysis, Art, Society and Culture in Hungary – The Budapest School of Psychoanalysis
- Supporting play of preschool-aged children regarding the development of emotional, social and cognitive skills
- Mathematical Thinking and Problem Solving

For more information about the program and costs, visit the [website](#) or send an email to budapestsummer@elte.hu.

Early bird discount: until 31 May 2021

5. 2021 EUA General Assembly



As anticipated, the **23rd Annual EUA General Assembly** (GA) will take place online on **Friday 30 April, 10:00-12:15 CEST**.

During the meeting the election of the EUA board will be conducted. Among the candidates are the DRC Vice-President **Rector Ivanka Popović**, Rector of the University of Belgrade, nominated by the Slovenian national rectors' conference and Universities Austria (UNIKO) as well as **Rector Damir Boras**, Rector of the University of Zagreb, nominated by the Croatian national rectors' conference. Full list of the candidates is available on the [EUA official website](#).

The **EUA** unveiled the detailed programme of the event as follows:

- Welcome by the EUA President
- Approval of the agenda, rules of procedure and minutes of the 22nd EUA General Assembly
- Presentation of candidates for EUA Board
- Election of three Board members for the period 2021-2025 using Digital Meeting Technology
- Approval of the 2020 financial report and accounts and 2021 budget (with a preview of the 2022 budget)
- Appointment of the auditors for the 2021 accounts
- Approval of 2022 EUA membership fees
- 2020 and priorities for 2021
- Discussion: 'Covid-19 one year on: what will be the pandemic's long-term impact on the university sector?'
- Announcement of results of EUA Board election
- AOB

We kindly inform you that the result of the GA will be published, and that the EUA achievements of the 2020 and priorities for the 2021 are contained in the recently published document which will be shared during the meeting.

6. Antall József Summer School 2021 | Call for Applications



Are you interested in the Visegrad countries and their cooperation? Then take a look at the [Antall József Summer School!](#)

This summer school is a **one-week international educational programme** focusing on one of the most important regional partnerships in Europe, the **Visegrad Cooperation**. This year the programme will be dedicated to the **30th anniversary of the establishment of the cooperation** and its **relations towards the Western Balkan region**. Questions regarding the post-pandemic recovery, vaccine diplomacy and the history of the V4 will be also analysed.

The programme will be organised between **21-26 June 2021 in Budapest** (if possible) **and online**.

This summer school is a forum for talented young experts interested in Central European Studies and International Politics. Through lectures, talks and seminars, as well as cultural programmes and field visits, workshops, debates, roundtable discussions, and short trainings, the annually organised event series provides **a profound analysis of the Visegrad Cooperation's history, economy, foreign and security policy, and the newest trends that shape societies in this region**. The programme allows young scholars to meet decision makers and outstanding experts

conducting research in the topics at hand.

Are you an MA or PhD student, or a young professional between the ages of 23-35? Are you keen to develop your knowledge about the V4 and the Western Balkan region? Would like to spend a week learning more about current and future geopolitical challenges facing Central Europe and its wider neighbourhood? If yes, get familiar with the [application requirements](#).

Deadline for submitting the applications: May 2, 2021

7. EURASHE 30th Annual Conference on Higher Education and Sustainable Development

Five Pillars of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:



 PEOPLE  PLANET

 PROSPERITY  PARTNERSHIP  PEACE

EURASHE 30th Annual Conference
**Professional Higher Education and sustainable development:
creating a change that endures**
20-21 May 2021 | Online #EURASHE30

EURASHE is organising the 30th Annual Conference held fully online about "**Professional Higher Education for Sustainable Development: Creating a Change that Endures**" on **20-21 May 2021** together with its members the Portuguese Polytechnics Coordinating Council (CCISP), the Polytechnic Institute of Porto and with the support of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

All universities of applied sciences' leaders, the entire community of professional higher education, European businesses and public institutions and European students' representatives to attend the Annual Conference to share their experience and learn about trends, models and inspiring practices. The conference will be structured along the five pillars of Agenda 2030: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships.

It is amply acknowledged that **the achievement of the SDGs will not be possible without education, and not the latest Professional Higher education** (hereafter – PHE), significant involvement in the cause. Thus, five years after the setting out of Agenda 2030, it is important to analyse the experience accumulated and to draw the way forward. For this reason, **the purpose of the conference is to build up a set of Specific Recommendations and discuss a potential Action Plan for their implementation by professional higher education and its stakeholders over the next years.**

Registration are open until **May, 14th 2021**, access by clicking the button below.

Register

8. PASIFIC Fellowship Programme



The **PASIFIC Fellowship Programme** is a unique opportunity for researchers who want to pursue a research programme in a dynamic environment. It will enable scholars of all nationalities and across all scientific disciplines to establish their **scientific independence** and conduct **ground-breaking research**.

The 2-years-long fellowship will take place at the **Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS)**, which is one of the most prestigious research institutions in Poland. The selected participants will have the **freedom to choose their research area**, research supervisor, host institute as well as secondment organisations best suited for their research and career development.

The programme consist of a **monthly allowance of approx. €2,500 net**. Those, who decide to come to Poland together with their families, may be entitled to an additional family allowance. In addition, they will be granted a **research budget of up to €93,000 per project**.

Only 50 outstanding candidates will be selected for this years' edition. The **first call**, in which 35 PASIFIC fellows will be recruited, **will be open from the 15th of March 2021 to the 30th of June 30th 2021**. Selected researchers will be informed about evaluation results after approx. six months. **They will be expected to come to Poland between January 2022 and March 2022**.

For further information regarding the conditions of participation and the selection criteria, check out the **Polish Academy of Sciences' [official website](#)**.

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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