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Dear subscribers of the **DRC Newsletter**,

As we approached the sunny days and embraced the spring, we are also excited to provide you with the **new issue** of the Newsletter where we keep you up-to-date with the current **developments** and many upcoming **events**.

One of the unforgettable and exciting experiences that await us is the **DRC Summer School 2023** which can be of interest to many institutions and students. We would also like to draw attention to the Call for nominations for **Danubius Young Scientist Award 2023** as well as Save the Date for the **DRC Annual Conference 2023**.

We hope that you will find this new issue interesting and that you're looking forward to new activities as much as we are. We are open to all **suggestions and comments** and we wish you a pleasant dive into the newsletter!

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1. DRC Summer School 2023



18th Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) Summer School on Regional Cooperation

Transformation of post-war Europe: Challenging Universities and Research in the Danube Region

An intensive one-week programme for students and researchers | 16–22 July 2023, Cluj-Napoca

We are looking for BA, MA and PhD level scientists, who are interested in the developments of the countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, have a scientific record and intend to have deeper knowledge about the Danube Region. The participants will have the chance to share their specific scientific results related to the topics of the Danube Region and European integration. After the end of the Summer School, the contributions will be included as an article in the scientific journal “**Der Donauraum**” (“**Danube Region**”) published regularly by the Institute

for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM).

Date: 16–22 July 2023

Application deadline: 31 May 2023

Target group: BA, MA, and PhD level students and scientists

Registration fee: none

Accommodation: provided and covered by the organisers

Board: provided and covered by the organisers

Travel: covered by the organisers up to 200 €

Language of instruction: English

Course location: Cluj-Napoca

Organisers: Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC), Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Babeş-Bolyai University, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca

Experience an unforgettable week in the beautiful city of **Cluj-Napoca** in the heart of the Transylvania region and make lasting cooperation and friendships during lectures, workshops and social activities. Acquire a memorable international experience while networking with like-minded people. Join our DRC Summer School and receive up-to-date knowledge about the political, economic and social challenges of the Danube Region!

Topics explored during the summer school

- Democratic Recovery in Wartime Europe
- Inclusion and Diversity in Times of War
- Digital is taking over – Threat or Opportunity?
- Towards European Strategic Autonomy

Apply for the 18th DRC Summer School on Regional Cooperation below:

APPLY HERE

2. Call for nominations: Danubius Young Scientist Award 2023



The Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) created the **Danubius Award** in 2011, with the intention to honour persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region.

To complement this award with a specific prize for young scientists – the so-called **"Danubius Young Scientist Award"** competition is now **open** for nominations!

14 young scientists will be granted this award – one for each country that is part of the **EU Strategy for the Danube Region** [Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania and Ukraine]*.

The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhance the visibility of the scientific community in the region: Moreover, the award encourages young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of the multifaceted issues and questions specifically related to the Danube region.

The award will endow **1,350 Euro for each winner** of the Danubius Young Scientist Award.

An award ceremony is planned for **October 2023**, the details of which will be announced in due time.

Moreover, thanks to the ongoing kind support by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre the JCR will invite the awardees to visit one of their facilities in Ispra, Italy, in 2024.

For more information, visit our **"Danubius Young Scientist Award"** page.

Danubius Young Scientist Award

3. Save the Date: DRC Annual Conference 2023



Date: 19-20 October 2023

Venue: West University of Timisoara,
Timisoara, Romania

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Danube Rectors' Conference takes place at the West University of Timisoara, Romania, on **19–20 October 2023**. This year's topic is **"Forty Years of Overcoming Academic Divisions: Importance of Higher Education for Democracy and Culture"**.

On the occasions of the 40th anniversary since the founding of the Danube Rectors' Conference and the designation of the city of Timisoara as the European Capital of Culture for 2023, beyond representing the beginning of Romanian democracy, the representatives of DRC member universities gather at the West University of Timisoara to not only celebrate the network's anniversary but also to discuss current burning issues related to the roles of higher education and research concerning democracy and culture.

Building on the last four decades of inter-institutional cooperation and joint activities and projects, representatives of the four founding universities look back on the history of the DRC, evaluate its position in the current European higher education

structures and map out the future role of the network.

In addition, the conference explores the consequences of the Russian invasion on Ukrainian university facilities, their functioning in times of war, as well as war-induced academic migration.

Finally, the DRC Initiative Fund project will be presented and its participants – doctoral students from DRC member universities – will meet with the winners of the Danubius Awards 2023, who will be officially introduced during the award ceremony.

For more information and to register, visit our "DRC Annual Conference 2023" page.

DRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

4. Call for applications for the “Sharing Future” Artist in residence scholarship 2023

Announcement for the

“Sharing Future”

Artist in residence scholarship 2023

of the International Elias Canetti Society

Funded by the Danube Rectors’ Conference

The Canetti Artist Scholarship is aimed at artists from all over Europe. The fact that it is also advertised to artists from neighbouring countries – from the Western Balkans and Turkey, should, in particular, provide opportunities for international, artistic exchange. Various different forms of art should be fostered by the scholarship: **painters, photographers, writers, performance artists, translators, and musicians** can apply for it.

The slogan of the scholarship **“Sharing Future”** aims at a collaborative creation and cooperation for a joint Europe and a common future.

The funding period of the scholarship is **one month**.

The scholarship holder can

- pursue his/ her artistic work undisturbed in the spring/summer of 2023 in Ruse
- use the historic [Canetti house](#) as a workplace with various possibilities for artistic expression using the space
- get to know the local cultural scene in Ruse and Bulgaria and use the resulting synergies and artistic realization
- live in an apartment provided by the IECS
- receive 1200 € for contribution and 300 for € travel expenses or 1500 € for both combined. **Project-related expenses are to be covered within this amount.**

The application with all documents should be sent to eliascanetti@eliascanetti.org no later than **30.4.2023**.

The decision on the winner of the scholarship is made by a three-member Board of Trustees of the Elias Canetti Society and the Danube Rectors' Conference. The exact composition of the Board of Trustees will be announced on our website.

The winner will be announced at the end of May 2023. Legal recourse is excluded.

For more information regarding the application check out the Internationale Elias Canetti Gesellschaft page.

Internationale Elias Canetti Gesellschaft

5. Call for application: Summer Universities in Vienna 2023

Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems (5 ECTS; 17 July to 4 August) attracts students & professionals from all fields to discuss alternative approaches for a more sustainable economy. We are awarding two full scholarships! Indicate DRC at Scholarship Reference in the application form.

Application for scholarships until **30 April!**

[Apply here!](#)

Green.Building.Solutions. (15 July to 6 August) invites students of architecture, construction and similar fields to deepen their knowledge of sustainable architecture & ecological design. We are awarding two full scholarships! Indicate DRC at Scholarship Reference in the application form.

Application for scholarships AND 7 ECTS until **3 April!**

[Apply here!](#)

General application deadline: 30 June

Link: www.summer-university.net

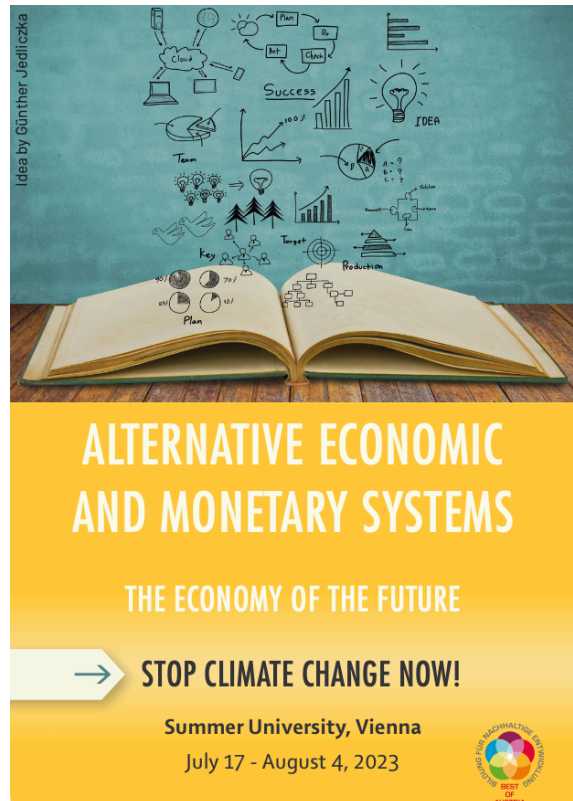


Green. Building. Solutions.

Summer University, Vienna
July 15 - August 6, 2023

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

www.summer-university.net



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Summer University, Vienna
July 17 - August 4, 2023

6. Save the date: Conference “Towards Knowledge-driven Society and Professions of the Future”



Slovenian Presidency
of the EU Strategy
for the Danube Region

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia is organising a **two-day international conference** titled “Towards Knowledge-driven Society and Professions of the Future”, on the occasion of the **2023 Slovenian Presidency of the EUSDR**.

The conference will take place at the **Congress Centre Brdo** in Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia, on **17 and 18 May 2023** in a **hybrid format** (in person and online), with the aim of addressing the expected transformation of the knowledge-driven society, the implications for the current and future needs of the labour market, and the effect

of digital transformation. Thanks to the presence of experts, institutions, youth and policymakers from all over Europe, it will provide a platform to share and identify emerging trends and foster international collaboration.

Registration will be open in the upcoming weeks, with more information about the agenda on the EUSDR website www.danube-region.eu. In the meantime, we kindly ask you to save the date.

7. CASEE Newsletter



The “**ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe**” (**CASEE**) is a network of Central and South Eastern European Higher Education Institutions linking Life Science disciplines in the region ranging from natural resources, environment, food, agriculture, biotechnology and natural resources.

The objectives of the network are:

- to support the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube region
- to strengthen research, education and University Development in this region
- to develop joint research, educational and other projects (e.g. joint curricula, joint continuous educational offers, structural development, human resource development, QA, know-how-transfer, e.g. via an e-platform)

Besides fascinating updates and opportunities in the newsletter, CASEE prepared a COVID-19 corner informing about challenges at educational institutions related to the current pandemic situation.

Check CASEE's Newsletter [here](#)!

8. 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



9. EUA Affiliate Status and EUA Newsletter

We are continuously strengthening and expanding our network. Since November 2015, the DRC is an affiliate member of the [European University Association](#).

EUA ensures that **the independent voice of European universities** is heard, representing more than 850 universities and national rectors' conferences in 49 European countries. The role of the EUA in **the Bologna Process** and in **influencing EU policies** on higher education, research, and innovation is crucial. As the largest such organization that represents universities in Europe, it also draws attention to the importance of achieving the United Nations' **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, whereby the universities' involvement through research and education is necessary.

If you are interested in their news and activities, please follow the [link](#).



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