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Dear subscribers of the DRC Newsletter,

The **June edition** of our newsletter is here and provides the latest news on a variety of activities to brighten up your summer! We hope that those events and opportunities will be a great way for you to connect with like-minded people from all over Europe!

But before you leave for a well-deserved vacation, we would like to highlight some topics for you. Save the date for the **FIFUDEM Final Conference** taking place in **Vienna** on **13th**

**of July 2022.** You still have the opportunity to apply for the **Danube Youth Council** within the framework of the EUSDR and to contribute to the future of the Danube Region.

We also would like to bring your attention to the winner of the **Sharing Future – Artist in residence scholarship 2022** of the **International Elias Canetti Society**.

**Scroll down to discover more about those topics discussed.** We first wish you a pleasant dive into the newsletter and then (hopefully) into the sea!

And as you well know, we always welcome your feedback and comments, as in this way we grow!

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## **1. DRC Summer School 2022**



First, we would like to thank your Universities for spreading the word and all applicants for taking the time and effort to apply for this year's DRC Summer School! We are overwhelmed by the great number of valuable applications we received for our **17th edition** of the **DRC Summer School "Shaping Tomorrow's Research: What Future for Academia in the Danube Region?"**, which will be held in **Vienna** from **10th to 16th of July 2022**.

The [17th DRC Summer School](#) touches upon the following **four thematic areas**:

1. Youth in academia – passive listeners or drivers for change?
2. University autonomy and academic freedom – Regional perspective
3. Education for a brighter future – the role of research in policy-making
4. Learning and mobility in the shadow of the war – considerations and challenges

In that regard, we are pleased to announce that our programme includes **several highlights** such as a **keynote lecture** by [Professor Shalini Randeria](#) (President and Rector of the Central European University, CEU), **first-hand insights** from [Ukrainian teachers and students](#) as well as **input** from our [DRC Strategic Foresight experts](#).

We, therefore, cannot wait to discuss the **Future of Academia in the Danube Region** with our selected university students, early-stage researchers and young scientists as well as all our highly esteemed guests!

The project is financed by the DRC and coordinated and implemented by the **Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)**.

## 2. Save the Date: FIFUDEM Final Conference

We are thrilled to invite our network to save the date for the **FIFUDEM Final Conference "Functioning democracy in the making"**, taking place on **13th of July 2022** in **Vienna**!

The Conference will mark the closing of the Jean Monnet project *"From Fictional to Functioning Democracy: Developing Concepts and Strategies for an Inclusive and Participatory Europe (FIFUDEM)"*. The project is financed by the Erasmus+-Programme and implemented by the Institute for the Danube Region ([IDM](#)) in cooperation with the DRC.

After a keynote lecture and the presentation of the FIFUDEM project results, practitioners from the field of civic education, policy advice and capacity building will discuss about **anger management** and **actions for the making of functioning democracies**. This **Democracy Talk** aims to channel people's frustrations with politics and democratic decision-making processes into constructive proposals for an inclusive and participatory Europe.

We warmly invite you to join the debate in the premises of the **Springer Palace** (Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna) on the **13th of July 2022 from 14:00 to 17:00 CEST**! Please register via [idm@idm.at](mailto:idm@idm.at). It is possible to also follow the Webinar [online](#).

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## 3. Research stay in Vienna - First Ukrainian scholarship holders arrived

The **Permanent Secretariat of the Danube Rectors' Conference**, operated by the **Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe ([IDM](#))**, is happy to announce that the first two young students, who have been granted the **"Scholarship for students from Ukraine for a research stay in Vienna"** arrived at IDM.

**Welcome Olga Kyrychenko and Anastasiya Lendel!**

My name is **Olga Kyrychenko**. I'm from warm and sunny city Odessa, the Ukrainian "Pearl by the sea". I am happily married and have a little lovely





My name is **Anastasiya Lendel** and I am a Ukrainian student of **Uzhhorod National University**, who also started studying abroad at the **University of Ljubljana**.

I have always had a proactive position in the society and with the beginning of war I understood, that it is my responsibility to stand with my country. During the 17th DRC Summer School, I will talk about **volunteering** and specific activities of Ukrainian students inside and outside the country. I hope that my involvement will **increase awareness about the brutal war** in Ukraine, encourages us to stay united and lets the peace prevail.

son. I was working at the **Odessa Mechnikov National University** as a laboratory assistant, then decided to become a young scientist. So, I passed exams and now I'm a first year PhD student of Odessa Mechnikov National University. My specialisation is **international economic relations** and my **dissertation** is about "**The impact of international tourism on the socio-economic development of the EU**".



The scholarship offers university students the possibility to **complete research** on his/her master's or doctoral thesis. The scholarship holders also have the opportunity to **gain insights** into the work of IDM as **a non-university research institute**. Therefore, IDM provides a workplace and invites the students to participate in all activities of the Institute as well as to contribute to the work of its team members. Accommodation as well as living expenses are covered as well.

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#### 4. Danube Salon Europa-Forum Wachau 2022



On **24th of June 2022**, the **Danube Salon** on "**International and Regional Cooperation as an Instrument of Peacekeeping**" within the [Europa-Forum Wachau](#) "**Safeguarding Europe's Future**" took place!

Bringing together various institutions and experts, the topic of international cooperation and its contribution to peace as well as current geopolitical issues were addressed. Focus has also been put on the contributions of regions in times of crisis.

On behalf of the Danube Rectors' Conference, **Professor Dr. Ivanka Popović**, Vice-President, and **Mr. Mag. Sebastian Schäffer**, Secretary General, have been on the panel as speaker respectively moderator.

Check out the Statements and Round-Table-Talks on [Youtube](#)!

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#### 5. Elias Canetti Scholarship - Announcement of the winner



The **Artist in Residence** grant "**Sharing Future**" of the [International Elias Canetti Society](#), sponsored by the Danube Rectors' Conference, already entered its 4th round this year!

We are delighted to announce that we received 29 applications from artists and artist duos and after a difficult selection process granted the price to the Polish visual artist [Ziemowit Fincek](#). **Congratulations!** He will be staying in Ruse for a month to continue working on his artistic project "Negentropy".

The decision on the winner of the scholarship was made by a five-member Board of Trustees with **Mr. Mag. Sebastian Schäffer** (Secretary General of the DRC, sponsor) amongst them.

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## 6. Danube Youth Council - Call for Applications

We encourage you to be part of the very first **Danube Youth Council** (DYC) within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). The [Call for Applications for the DYC 2022](#) is still open **until August 15th, 2022!**

The DYC aims at **improving capacity building, communication and cooperation for young people** in the Danube Region and advises high-level politicians from EUSDR states and regions on topics such as environmental protection, mobility or education.





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### You can apply for the Danube Youth Council if you...

- Are between 18 and 28 years old;
- Are a permanent resident of one of the 14 participating states/regions of the EUSDR;
- Are ready to commit yourself for a one-year mandate starting September 2022;
- Have a good command of English.

To find out more about the role of the DYC, check out the [Flyer](#) and [apply](#) until August 15th, 2022. All selected candidates will be contacted by August 25th, 2022.

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## 7. 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





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## 8. 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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