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**WE STAND WITH UKRAINE**



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The DRC Presidency stands with Ukraine.

Russia's aggression is not just a completely unjustified attack on Ukraine. It is an attack on all of us. While we fear for the safety of our friends and partners at the universities across Ukraine, particularly our members Uzhhorod National University and Odessa National I. I. Mechnikov University, we ask our network for any support in these dark times.

We will continue our efforts and engagement with Ukraine throughout our several formats like the Danubius Awards, the DRC Summer School and the EUSDR.

Dear subscribers of the DRC Newsletter,

The **July edition** of our newsletter is finally out to keep you updated about the current activities of our organisation. This time, we also have numerous opportunities for you to get engaged in different fields of research and projects! We hope that those will inspire you!

Let's start this newsletter with a series of success stories. **From 10th to 16th July, we hosted the 17th edition of our annual DRC Summer School in Vienna!** Thanks to our

participants' dedication to the future of academia in the Danube Region, it has been an equally intense as also inspiring week. Scroll down to discover and find out more about the **FIFUDEM Final Conference**, as well as the **DRC Strategic Foresight meeting!**

As already announced in the previous, before you now leave for a well-deserved vacation, we would like to highlight the **Call for Membership at the Global Young Academy** and the **Call for Access to the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)**. In this July version is also the very **last call for the Danube Youth Council** within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.

We first wish you a pleasant dive into the newsletter and then (hopefully) into the sea, or, almost as good, the Danube!

Lastly, as you well know, we always [welcome](#) your **feedback and comments on our newsletter**. Only in this way we are able to gather the best opportunities for you and to make the content match your interests!

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## 1. DRC Summer School 2022



We are more than happy to announce that after a two-year-break due to Covid, we finally brought together young scientists, university students and early-stage researchers from all over Europe for our annual DRC Summer School.

The [17th DRC Summer School](#) on “**Shaping Tomorrow’s Research: What Future for Academia in the Danube Region?**” took place in Vienna from 10th to 16th July 2022.

Unfortunately, due to the senseless and unjustified Russian attack on Ukraine, the Summer School could not, as originally planned, take place at the Uzhhorod National University in Ukraine. However, we were able to include first-hand experiences of Ukrainian students about **learning, volunteering, and mobility in the shadow of the war** as one of the focus topics in our Summer School. Other issues touched upon during the last week were the **role of research in policymaking, knowledge sharing** as well as **university autonomy and academic freedom**. We are particularly honoured to have welcomed [Shalini Randeria](#), President and Rector of the CEU, as our keynote speaker.

Alongside the lectures, the participants attended the **FIFUDEM Final Conference**, went on a field trip to the picturesque Wachau valley and ended two days with an amazing dinner at the typical Austrian *Heuriger*. Additionally, they connected with the participants of the [DRC Strategic Foresight Project](#).

In light of the very successful previous week, presentations and wonderful



discussions (academic as not academic), we would like to thank our sponsors for their support, all the participants for being a such an amazing group and for their active participation! Furthermore, many thanks to our highly esteemed visiting lecturers for their inputs, and the IDM team for implementing the project! Without your engagement and active support the last week would have not been the same, we hope to be able to gather all of you sometime soon again and to stay in touch!

**In that vein: We are already very much looking forward to the 18th DRC Summer School 2023!**



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## 2. FIFUDEM Final Conference

We are delighted to share that the **FIFUDEM Final Conference "Functioning democracy in the making"**, which took place on 13th of July 2022 at Springer

**Palace in Vienna**, has been a great success!

The Conference marked the closing of the Jean Monnet Erasmus+ project [\*"From Fictional to Functioning Democracy: Developing Concepts and Strategies for an Inclusive and Participatory Europe \(FIFUDEM\)"\*](#), which was implemented by the Institute for the Danube Region ([IDM](#)) in cooperation with the DRC since 2019.

The conference kicked off with a fantastic **keynote lecture by Dr. Daniela Ingruber** (University of Continuing Education Krems) on "Democracy Dies in Darkness - does it?". In this context, one quote in particular lingered in our thoughts:

***'We have to abandon the paradigm that democracy is a self-maintaining institution. Democracy needs to be nurtured and cared for in order for it to serve its functions for our society as making government inclusive, fair and progressive.'***

Next, Sebastian Schäffer (IDM/DRC) presented the FIFUDEM project and the broad range of activities realised within this framework. Amongst others, these activities included:

- ["Democracy is \(No!\) Fiction"](#) (ed. 4/2020) of the IDM scientific journal 'Der Donauraum'
- ["Spielregeln der Macht. Rechtsstaatlichkeit im Donauraum"](#), (ed. 2/2020) and ["Ausgebrannt? Rettungspläne für die Demokratie"](#), (ed. 2/2021) of the print magazine 'Info Europa'
- [7th Young Scholars Forum 2020](#) on Central and South East Europe under the topic of "European narratives – in search for common diversity"

The *Democracy Talks* series was another cornerstone of the FIFUDEM project. We are therefore more than happy that we were able to close **FIFUDEM Final Conference** with the vibrant **Democracy Talk #5: Let's talk about anger management!**





Panelists of the Democracy Talk #5 Daniel Martínek, Melanie Jaindl, Dobrena Petrova and Thomas Prorok, together with DRC Secretary General Sebastian Schäffer.

**Melanie Jaindl** (IDM Assistant Editor) welcomed **Daniel Martínek** (DRC Permanent Secretariat), **Dobrena Petrova** (Research & Project Assistant at Sofia Platform) and **Thomas Prorok** (Managing Director of KDZ Centre for Public Administration Research) on the panel. Together, they discussed recent **examples of democracy shortcomings in the Danube region**, presented their **action plan for respectful dialogue**, reflected on **participatory elements** and, furthermore, stressed **cross-border cooperation as a new impetus for democracy**.

In the end, we had no choice other but to agree with Mr. Prorok that ***"Cross-border cooperation is not just about creating documents together. Cross-border cooperation means doing things together, gathering experiences and actively share commons."***

If we now sparked your interest, check out the final conference on the [IDM YouTube channel](#)!

### 3. DRC Strategic Foresight Project: meeting within the framework of the 17th

## DRC Summer School in Vienna

As the DRC-team, we are happy to announce that the **participants of our Strategic Foresight Project** were able to **come together** as planned during the third week of July **at the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)** in Vienna.

By **integrating them into** the organisation of the **DRC's 17th Summer School** "*Shaping Tomorrow's Research: What Future for Academia in the Danube Region?*" we successfully created **exchange** between the participants of the Summer School and the Strategic Foresight Project participants. Thereby, **new perspectives und inspirations** on issues dealt within the framework of the project were gathered. Besides getting new inspirations from our Summer School, the participants of the Strategic Foresight Project received **personal feedback** on their current writings by **Enora Bennetot Pruvot**.

We are **delighted about the current outcome of the Strategic Foresights** that the participants presented as a part of our Summer School and are eagerly awaiting further developments of the Project!

Furthermore, we wish to highlight and **thank our participants of the 17th DRC Summer School** which were very actively taking part in the feedback sessions on the Strategic Foresights and engaging in vibrant discussions on the project's topics of *the University Autonomy and Governance, Science and Learning in Digital Era, Scientific Research for European Decision-Making* and *employability of students/early-stage researchers*.



We wish all **participants of the Strategic Foresight Project successful months to come** and are happily awaiting the next stage of the project!

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#### 4. Call for Application: Membership at the Global Young Academy



We would like to raise your attention for the possibility to **apply for the 2023 Membership at the Global Young Academy (GYA). The application process is open until 15 September 2022, 18.00 UTC!**

The vision of the GYA is ***science for all; science for the future***, and its mission is to give a voice to young scientists and researchers around the world. The **GYA** is an **independent science academy** of 200 outstanding early- to mid-career researchers from six continents who are selected from **across disciplines** based on their **academic excellence and commitment to engage with society**. GYA members serve **five-year terms**, and the GYA presently counts members and alumni from 100 countries. The GYA administrative Office is **publicly funded and hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina**.

**Each GYA member** is expected to participate in the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**; the 2023 AGM will be held **from 5th to 9th June 2023 in Rwanda** and to **actively contribute to** one or more of the organisation's programmes. This includes participation, e.g., in **policy development, promotion of the National Young Academies**, or **promoting science and education at the international level**.

Do you feel like being a member of this organisation might be something that interests you? **Apply until the 15th of September 2022 for membership!**





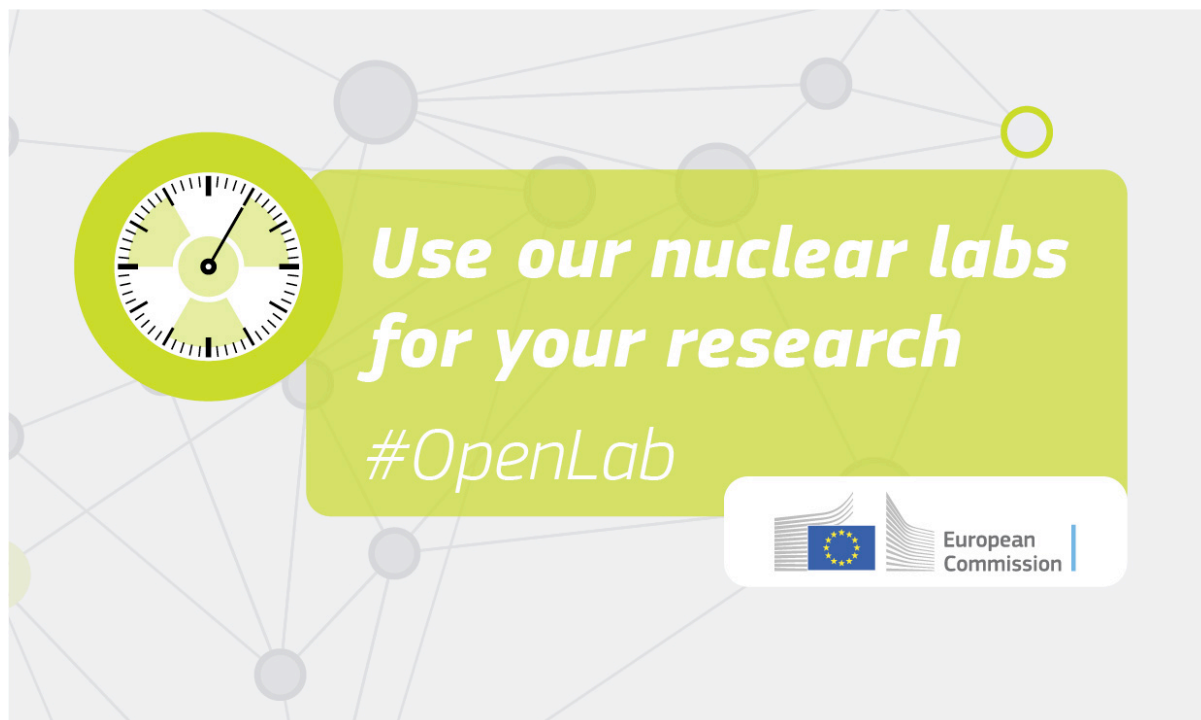
Currently, **applications are actively sought from young, independent scholars** who combine the highest level of research excellence with a demonstrated passion for delivering impact.

The GYA is a global organisation that places a high value on its **diversity** and thus encourage applications from all qualified candidates. Especially women and applicants from different minority groups, and from diverse disciplines including the natural, physical and social sciences as well as the arts and humanities and people working in government, industry, and non-governmental sectors are encouraged to apply.

You can find **specific information on how to apply, as well as the GYA's online application form [here](#).**

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## 5. Call for Proposal: Access the JRC nuclear laboratories EMMA and EUFRAT

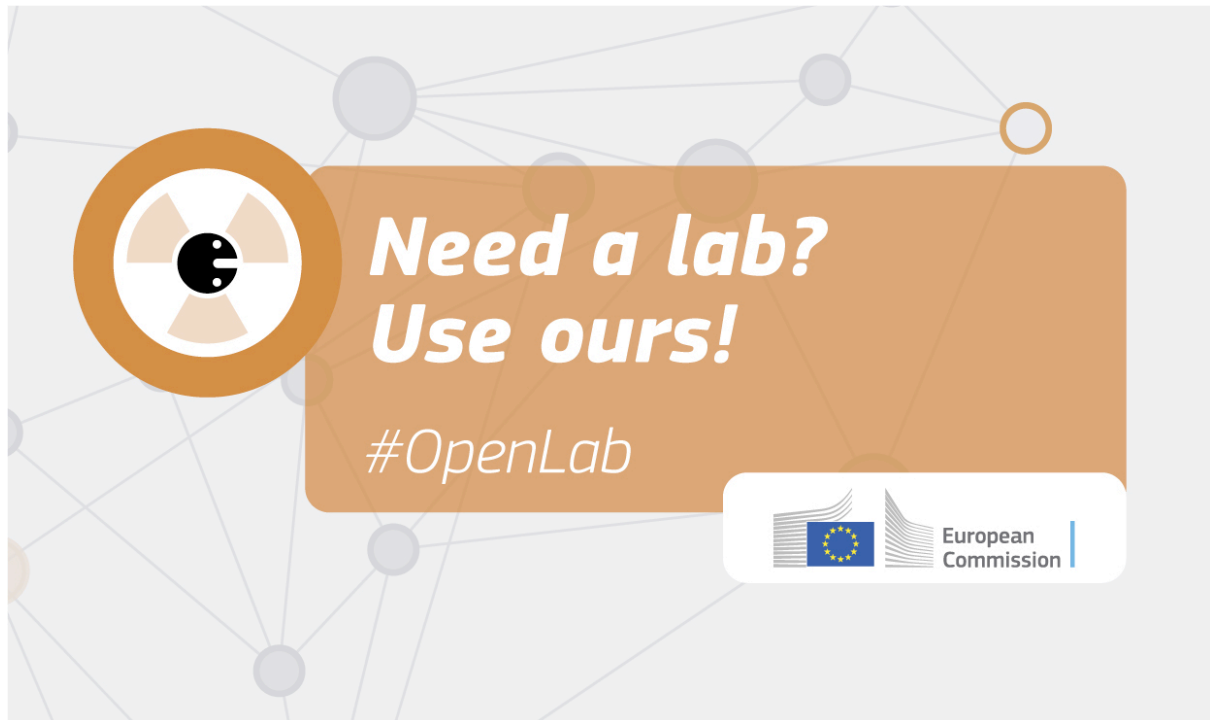


In the same vein as with the previous announcement, we are happy to inform you that also the **European facilities for nuclear reaction and decay data measurements** in **Geel** (Belgium) and the **Laboratory for environmental & mechanical materials assessment** in **Petten** (the Netherlands) opened **calls to access their research infrastructures!**

The **European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)** has launched **five calls to access its nuclear research infrastructures.**

We encourage you to apply for one of the following **opportunities:**

1. [EUFRAT GELINA](#)
2. [EUFRAT RADMET](#)
3. [EUFRAT MONNET](#)
4. [EUFRAT HADES](#)
5. [EMMA AMALIA](#)



**Applications** to access to the European facilities for nuclear reaction and decay data measurements in Geel and to the Laboratory for environmental & mechanical materials assessment in Petten for all **EUFRA**T possibilities **can be submitted until 31 August 2022, 23:45 (CEST)** and for the **EMMA** project up until **15 September 2022, 23:45 (CEST)**.

The **DRC** wishes you good luck and lots of success with your applications!

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## 6. Last Call for Application: Danube Youth Council

As in our previous newsletter, we still wish to highlight the current chance for you to become a 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.

## 7. Save-the-Date: Crossroads in Academic Continuing Education 2022

# SAVE THE DATE

## December 1st, 2022

For more information go to: [www.cacebb.com](http://www.cacebb.com)



**Crossroads in  
Academic  
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An international platform on the future of  
continuing education at universities.  
Connecting ideas, exchanging strategies,  
facilitating innovation, and exploring limits.

**Mark your calendar!** On 1st December 2022, the University for Continuing Education Krems is hosting the digital event **CACE - Crossroads in Academic Continuing Education 2022**. By participating, you can engage in lively discussions on the future of academic continuing education. The event will be held online in English language.

Find out more information about CACE and register [here](#).

## 8. 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.

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

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

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## 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



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## 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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