

AGENDA EUSDR Annual Forum

DAY 1:

29th October				
11:30 – 13:00	Registration			
12:00 – 13:00	Business Lunch			
13:15– 14:00	<p>OPENING SESSION SMART, SOCIAL, SUSTAINABLE – Innovation for the Danube Region Introduction by the conference moderator, Eckhart Stratenschulte</p> <p>Welcome speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivo Gönner, Lord Mayor, City of Ulm (Germany) <p>Keynote speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Friedrich, Minister for the Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (Germany) • Andrea Nahles MdB, Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs (Germany) • Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy 			
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Meeting of the Ministers for European Funds</p>	<p>THEMATIC SESSION 1 Reaching Out – Intertwining the strategy with civil society, parliaments and local communities</p> <p>Report from the “Participation Day”</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Igor Bečić, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Serbia) • Michael Theurer, Member of the European Parliament • Karla Peijs, European Coordinator for the Rhine-Danube Corridor • Gisela Erler, State Counsellor, Baden-Württemberg (Germany) • Ivo Gönner, President of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions <p>Session Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Directorate - General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission 	<p>PARALLEL WORK-SHOPS</p>	14:00 – 18:00 Meeting area



15:30	Press Conference with Peter Friedrich (Minister for the Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (Germany)) and Corina Crețu (European Commissioner for Regional Policy) at Hotel Lago, Parkzimmer
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS
18:00	End of Conference Day 1
18:30	Evening Reception



DAY 2:

30th October		
08:00 – 9:00	Registration	
09:00 – 9:30	<p>KEYNOTE SPEECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winfried Kretschmann, Minister President, Baden-Württemberg (Germany) • Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Romania) 	
09:30 – 11:00	<p>THEMATIC SESSION 2 Innovation connects - How to profit from macro -regional cooperation for implementing smart solutions</p> <p><i>Keynote speech</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Günther H. Oettinger, European Commissioner for Digital Economy & Society <p><i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikolina Angelkova, Minister of Tourism (Bulgaria) • Pavel Šolc, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade/Energy (Czech Republic) • Franz Untersteller, Minister of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector, Baden-Württemberg (Germany) • Thomas Hampel, Head of the Police Operations Unit Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior, for Building and Transport (Germany) • Markku Markkula, President, Committee of the Regions <p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erich Unterwurzacher, Director, Directorate - General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission 	<p>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">09:30 – 16:00 Meeting area</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

<p>11:30 -13:00</p>	<p>THEMATIC SESSION 3 From the idea to implementation – Strategic development of professional training as a key for inclusive growth</p> <p><i>Impulse</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Romania) <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romana Kanovská, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education (Slovakia) • Dijana Bezjak, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts (Croatia) • Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, Secretary of State for European Integration and NIPAC (Montenegro) • Eckhard Kreßel, Daimler AG <p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andriana Sukova-Tosheva, Director, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission 	<p>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</p>	
<p>13:00-14:00</p>	<p>Business Lunch</p>		
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>THEMATIC SESSION 4 Labour mobility and migration in the Danube Region – grasping economic and social opportunities in an era of demographic change</p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balázs Orbán, Director, Migration Research Institute, Századvég Foundation (Hungary) <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renate Held, Regional Director for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) • Alan Paic, Head of Southeast Europe Investment Compact, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) • Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Programme Department, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) • Dorin Toma, Bureau for Diaspora Relations (Republic of Moldova) <p><i>Session Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eckart Stratenschulte, Director of the European Academy Berlin 	<p>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</p>	



15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:00	CLOSING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walter Deffaa, Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission• Igor Slobodník, First Deputy Foreign Minister (Slovakia, future EUSDR chair)• Peter Friedrich, Minister for the Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (Germany)	
17:00	End of Conference	