

Danubius Award and Danubius Young Scientist Award Ceremony (only for guests of the JRC Annual Event on the "Scientific Support to the Danube Strategy")

Institution	Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy in cooperation with the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Date	27.10.2015
Time	7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Location	Maritim Hotel, Basteistraße 40, 89073 Ulm

About the event
The Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) created the Danubius Award in 2011 to honour persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region. The "Danubius Young Scientist Award" is a specific prize for young scientists and will be awarded for the second time in 2015. The award will be granted to 14 young scientists - one from each country that is part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The award highlights the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhances 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.

JRC Annual Event on the "Scientific Support to the Danube Strategy"

Institution	European Commission - Joint Research Centre (DG JRC)
Date	27.10.2015 - 28.10.2015
Time	27.10.2015 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. 28.10.2015 9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Location	Maritim Hotel, Basteistraße 40, 89073 Ulm
Website	https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/conference/jrc-annual-event-scientific-support-danube-strategy

About the event
As the European Commission's in-house science service, the Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) supports the Commission's priority policy areas with scientific and technical advice. The support to individual regions and to macro-regional strategies in order to boost smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth and job creation forms a constituent part of EU policy and underpins the Europe 2020 strategy. The Annual JRC event 2015 in Ulm will take stock of the continuing JRC activities for the Danube region and will focus on the JRC expertise that supports the Commission priorities of boosting jobs and growth, building a European Energy Union and supporting the digital single market through smart specialisation in the Danube Region.

2nd Participation Day

Institution	IIEU e.V.
Date	28.10.2015
Time	8.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Location	Haus der Begegnung, Grüner Hof 7, 89073 Ulm
Website	http://iieu.net/projekte-2/2-participation-day-am-28-oktober-2015-in-uhl/

About the event
The 2nd Participation Day 2015 aims to contribute to a stronger involvement of civil society and local actors of the 14 EUSDR countries in the implementation of the EUSDR. It provides a platform for debate, opinion building, exchange and cooperation for the representatives from civil society organisations and local actors in the Danube Region. The organiser is the Institut für virtuelles und reales Lernen in der Erwachsenenbildung an der Universität Ulm (IIEU) e.V. (Institute for virtual and face-to-face learning in adult education at Ulm University) in close cooperation with a Steering Committee consisting of representatives of the Danube Civil Society Forum (DCSF) of the EUSDR, the Priority Area 10 Institutional Capacity and Cooperation of the EUSDR and Agapedia gGmbH.

Meeting of ESF Managing Authorities in the Danube Region (by invitation only)

Institution	Managing Authorities for the European Social Fund for Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria, Germany
Date	28.10.2015
Time	1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Location	Industrie- und Handelskammer Ulm (IHK Ulm), Olgastraße 95-101, 89073 Ulm, Room 95/2
Website	www.esf-bw.de

About the event
The managing authorities for the European Social Fund (ESF) for Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria invite their colleagues from the ESF managing authorities in the Member States of the Danube Region to discuss the possibilities and options for cooperation. This addresses, for instance, the set-up of joint coaching activities for beneficiaries, especially organisations intending to take part in ESF-funded programmes, in order to strengthen their capacities to set up and run ESF projects as well as the cooperation in specific ESF topics. This will contribute to a more efficient use of the ESF instruments in these countries.

Working Groups of the Working community of Danube Regions (by invitation only)

Institution	ARGE Donauländer/Working Community of Danube Regions, Lower Austria
Date	28.10.2015
Time	3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Working Group Sustainable, Energy and Environment- Großer Sitzungssaal 1.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Working Group Economy, Tourism and Transport – Kleiner Sitzungssaal
Location	Rathaus Ulm, Marktplatz 1, 89073 Ulm
Website	www.argedonau.at www.unserboden.at

About the event
On the Occasion of the Annual Forum, the Working Groups "Sustainability, Energy and Environment" and "Economy, Tourism and Transport" of Danube Regions and Council of Danube Cities and Regions will meet.

8th European Conference of Danube Cities and Regions

Institution	Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR), Germany/Austria
Date	29.10.2015
Time	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Location	Sparkasse Ulm, Hans-und-Sophie-Scholl-Platz 2, 89073 Ulm
Website	www.danubecities.eu

About the event
The Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR) was founded in 2009 in Budapest as an organisational framework to the local and regional cooperation network along the Danube. The EU Strategy for the Danube Region stresses the special significance of the cities and regions in establishing institutional capacity and cooperation and requires the active participation of the CoDCR as a strategic partner in communicating joint projects in the fields of environment, renewable energies, culture and tourism, economic development and civil society. This function as a networking organisation for the Danube Region will be consolidated and further developed through the creation of binding legal structures and due to the close cooperation with the EUSDR-PA 10 "Institutional Capacity" and the Working Group of Danube Regions (ARGE Donauländer). Currently about eighty cities in the Danube Region take part in the CoDCR.

Creating value-added-chains: Non genetically modified (GMO-free) soya in the Danube Region

Institution	Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection Baden-Württemberg
Date	29.10.2015, 30.10.2015
Time	29.10.15 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. 30.10.15 from 8.00 a.m.
Location	Handwerkskammer Ulm (HWK), Olgastraße 72, 89073 Ulm, Götz-Kottmann-Saal
Website	http://mlr.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/unserservice/veranstaltungen/www.donausoja.org Mail: workshopDS.annualforum2015@mlr.bwl.de

About the event
(Excursion and bus shuttle only for registered Side Event participants)
The demand for certified sustainable GMO-free soya is rising rapidly. The Danube region offers very good possibilities for farmers, the industry, financiers, buyers and other stakeholders to establish and promote economically sustainable production of GMO-free European Soya. The workshop will focus on a fruitful exchange between producers, processors and marketers in the Danube region. It provides the opportunity for stakeholders and countries from the region to present and promote sustainable economic development in this sector. The workshop is structured around two sessions: the first session on Thursday includes a programme of panels, various lectures and presentations, while the second on Friday offers a study tour in Baden-Württemberg to production and processing sites of GMO-free soya that shows marketing possibilities of value-added chains.

Round Table "Industry meets Policy" – 2nd Danube Industry - Policy Dialogue (by invitation only)

Institution	Pro Danube International
Date	29.10.2015
Time	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
Location	Industrie- und Handelskammer Ulm (IHK Ulm), Olgastraße 95-101, 89073 Ulm, Siegfried-Weishaupt-Saal
Website	www.prodanube.eu/

About the event
The Danube could form the sustainable backbone for logistics of the entire region. High-ranking leaders of the most important companies in the Danube region will discuss with the Commissioner and her team necessary measures to unlock the potentials for industrial development in Danube ports, the requirements to increase transportation volumes on the Danube and the innovation needs in Danube navigation and intermodal transport. The feedback of the industrial leaders shall optimise the integration of the private sector in the implementation of work of PA1a and contribute to reach the defined objectives.

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Chances for SME through transnational cooperation in the Danube area - innovative ways of international cooperation by means of the Danube Transnational Programme (INTERREG B)	
Institution	Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Baden-Württemberg
Date	29.10.2015
Time	10.00 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.
Location	Industrie- und Handelskammer Ulm (IHK Ulm), Olgastraße 95-101, 89073 Ulm, Ludwig-Erhard-Saal
Website	http://mf.w.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/mensch-wirtschaft/wirtschaftsstandort/foerderpolitik-der-eu/europaeische-territoriale-zusammenarbeit/ https://www.steinbeis-europa.de/ev.ent.kooperation-donauraum.html
About the event	
Information for SME's and SME oriented organisations about the new Danube Transnational Programme (DTP) (in German)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New opportunities for SME through transnational cooperation • The innovative approach of INTERREG B • Best practice: SME experience with INTERREG B • Panel discussion 	

Black to Black - Experience Tour Landscape Park Young Danube	
Institution	Landschaftspark Junge Donau
Date	30.10. - 31.10.2015
Time	30.10.15: 05.15 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. 31.10.15: 08.00 a.m. - 04.30 p.m.
Location	Museum Biedermann, Museumsweg 1, 78166 Donaueschingen
Website	www.landschaftspark-jungedonau.de/
About the event	
A two-day guided tour to experience the origin of the Danube. Participants will get to know, the source, and starting place of the Danube in Donaueschingen on the first day. In the evening, there will be a welcome reception in the Museum Biedermann in Donaueschingen with catering, information about the Landschaftspark Junge Donau, and music of the Young Danube. On the second day, the tour continues to the Danube Submersion in Immendingen, the Medicine City, Tuttlingen, the Danube Canyon Valley with its beautiful views, the Abbey Beuron, and finally the Castle in Sigmaringen with its European History.	

DSRN Workshop for PhD and Master students (by invitation only)	
Institution	Danube Strategy Research Network (DSRN), Germany and other European countries
Date	31.10.2015
Time	9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Location	Donauschwäbisches Zentralmuseum (DZM), Schillerstraße. 1, 89077 Ulm
Website	http://donauraumstrategie.de/wp-content/uploads/Danube-Strategy-Research-Network-Mission_Statement_Stand-29-01-2014.pdf
About the event	
The project supports the interdisciplinary and transnational exchange of PhD and Master students from Europe doing empirical research on the topic EU macro-regional strategies and in particular the EUSDR. It offers a platform for exchange on theory and empirical enquiry. First, the PhD and Master students will collect empirical data during the Annual Forum and its side events. Second, during the workshop the PhD and Master students will discuss their theory, research design and empirical intermediate data. Third, afterwards the participants will continue their informal exchange. Most relevant results and central points of discussions will be presented to EUSDR stakeholders.	