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29th and 30th October 2015 in Ulm

Workshop: Danube Region CapaCities: Linking Danube Cities to the future of the Region, 29 October, 14:00-17:30, Trade Fair Ulm, Böfinger Str. 50, Ulm, Germany

– Preliminary Agenda –

Moderator: Johannes Lutter, Europaforum Wien	
14.00–15.30	<p>Danube Region CapaCities: Linking Danube Cities to the future of the Region, Part I: Panel <i>Eva Nussmüller (European Commission, DG Regio)</i> <i>Peter Langer (Council of Danube Cities and Regions, City of Ulm)</i> <i>Dagmar Engels (Volkshochschule Ulm)</i> <i>Daniela Urschitz (City of Vienna, PA10)</i> <i>Simon Ortner (Government of Lower Austria / ARGE Donau)</i> <i>Mátyás Jaschitz (Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives)</i></p>
15.30–16.00	Coffee Break
16.00–17.30	<p>Danube Region CapaCities: Linking Danube Cities to the future of the Region, Part II – Project presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Lukáš Pacek (Czech Life Science University):</i> RESTEP renewable energy sources assessment method <i>Miran Gajšek (City of Ljubljana):</i> Urban Renewal in Ljubljana <i>Anton Schabl (Schabl Consulting):</i> EPOUrban: Enabling Private Owners of Residential Buildings to Integrate them into Urban Restructuring Process <i>Thomas Prorok (CAF Center):</i> BACID Fund: Building Administrative Capacities in the Danube Region and the Western Balkans <i>Sanja Bojić (University of Novi Sad):</i> Cooperation of Black Sea ports <i>Thomas Hruschka (City of Vienna):</i> Eco Business Plan Danube <i>Iolanda Mihalache (Mondo Consulting):</i> Building Capacities: Urban Renewal in Baile Herculane <p><i>Conclusions</i> Bringing the EUSDR on the ground through the UPDR <i>Jörg Mirtl (City of Vienna, PA10)</i></p> <p><i>Closing remarks</i> <i>Kurt Puchinger (City of Vienna, PAC10)</i></p>



– Description –

Danube Region CapaCities is a workshop organized by *Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation” of the EUSDR, the Urban Platform Danube Region, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Donauländer, and the Council of Danube Cities and Regions*. All these different types of stakeholders covering the spectrum between the public and private sector, representing local, regional and macro-regional entities gather their efforts in order to provide a platform for cooperation, flows of knowledge, information and exchange between cities and regions in order to address challenges on the ground, where people live. They give an example, in practice, what it means actors from the whole spectrum of governance, both regional and local, public, private or voluntary to cooperate and coordinate with the aim of raising up urban and regional issues and finding the most efficient in terms of time and cost solutions together.

Why are the Danube Cities in the focus? The Urban Agenda is an endeavor to address an issue of our reality, and namely that more than 70 % of the Danube Region’s population lives in cities. Many of the challenges that the macro-region faces now are located in the metropolitan areas, while they also pool the resources in terms of knowledge, networks and money that need to be utilized in the best possible way if the cities are to grow and to reach territorial, economic and social cohesion.

The dialog will be initiated by our panelist in the first part – representatives of the European Commission (DG Region), the Council of Danube Cities and Regions, Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives, City of Vienna (PA10), the Government of Lower Austria and ARGE Donau, who will after that give the floor to you to further express your opinion, raise urban issues, share practices or discuss possible solutions. This means that we welcome as participants various actors who are to develop a dialogue and nurture further networks among cities and regions, among authorities, civil society organizations and businesses and thus strengthen their collaborative capacity. In the second part of the workshop successful projects among which *RESTEP/RESTAR Project, EPOUrban project, BACID and Cooperation of Black Sea ports, Eco Business Plan Danube and Building Capacities: Urban Renewal in Baile Herculane* will be presented, aiming to share and exchange good practices. Projects are the results of the established connections and interactive engagement between the stakeholders which make it easier to address common urban challenges and initiate joint actions considering the specific potentials of each area. Danube Region CapaCities can be the place to meet new partners and the starting point of your next project!