

Purpose

The Danube Financing Dialogue is a unique opportunity for project promoters and financing institutions to discuss vital issues related to financing promising projects in the Danube Region. This event also serves as a match-making platform for project promoters with financial needs and financing institutions offering suitable solutions.

Who's expected?

- Representatives of financial institutions and funding agencies offering, *inter alia*, loans, grants and guarantees
- Project promoters from the Danube Region
- Public actors involved in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Match-making possibilities

1. **Face-to-face meetings:** Participants can schedule meetings with the partner of interest
2. **Match-making session:** Small group discussions on project financing issues
3. **Poster session:** Presentation of projects in the so-called market place
4. **Informal networking:** Lunch and dinner

On behalf of

The European Commission | Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policies (DG REGIO)

Host

Kurt Puchinger | Priority Area 10 Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) | City of Vienna

Organisation

Metis GmbH

With the support of

National Bank of Romania
European League for Economic Cooperation (E.L.E.C.)
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12:30 Registration and welcome coffee

13:30 Welcome

Mugur Isărescu, Governor of the National Bank of Romania
Radu Deac, President of the European League for Economic Cooperation in Romania
Johann Sollgruber, Head of political reporting at the permanent representation of the European Commission in Austria
Chair: Kurt Puchinger, Priority Area 10 Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

14:15 Session 1 | Which financing instruments are offered to project promoters in the Danube Region?

Key note speech
Bernard Snoy, International President of the European League for Economic Cooperation
Hubert Cottogni, Deputy Director of the department Regional Business Development of the European Investment Fund
Radu Ghețea, President of the Romanian Banking Association
Chair: Irena Lukač, Center of Excellence in Finance

15:20 How to do the match-making?

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Session 2 | Meet and greet: Share your story and know-how

Small group discussions between representatives of financial institutions, project promoters and public actors on the topics of

- Financial needs and challenges of project promoters in the Danube Region
- Access to financial products in the Danube Region
- Innovative Financial Instruments

Chair: Marlene Hahn, Metis GmbH

17:15 Face-to-face meetings

Visit of the project market place

Facilitators: Elise Lindner, WH-BuS / EU- financing and management support
Irena Lukač, Center of Excellence in Finance

18:30 Networking dinner

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 Session 3 | Challenges and opportunities of financing investment projects in the Danube Region

Key note speech

Sorin Mircea Oprescu, General Mayor of Bucharest

Chair: Napoleon Pop, National Bank of Romania

Panel discussion

Eva Nussmüller, Team Leader for Macro-regions at the DG REGIO, European Commission
Heidrun Maier-de Kruijff, Secretary General of the Austrian Association for Public and Social Economy (VÖWG)
Robert Rekkers, CEO of Agricover
Jürgen Raizner, Director of the Steinbeis-Danube-Center

Chair: Marlene Hahn, Metis GmbH

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Face-to-face meetings and project market place

11:30 Session 4 | Concluding statements and outlook

Florin Pogonaru, President of the Romanian Businessmen's Association
Franz Nauschnigg, on behalf of Governor Ewald Nowotny, Head of European Affairs and International Financial Organizations of the National Bank of Austria
Kurt Puchinger, Priority Area 10 Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

12:00 Networking lunch



This event is an initiative of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR).

Conference documents available at

<http://groupspaces.com/CapacityandCooperation/pages/3rd-danube-financing-dialogue>

Organisation

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Venue

National Bank of Romania (NBR)

Doamnei 8 | 023589 Bucharest | Romania

By public transport

Bus and trolleybus stop / metro station "Universitate"

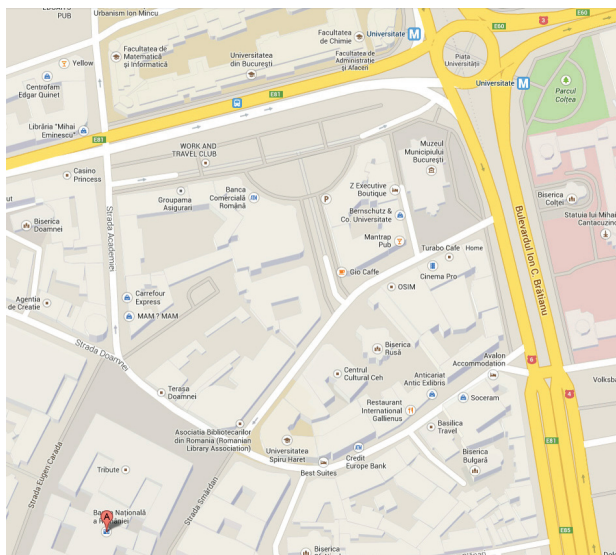
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Agenda

