

**URBAN PLATFORM DANUBE REGION, 2ND STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE:
STRENGTHENING THE URBAN DIMENSION OF THE DANUBE REGION**
JANUARY 26TH - 27TH 2015, VIENNA

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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY
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DAY I: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY

9:30 – 12:30	Open Data in the Danube Region
12:30 – 15:00	1st UPDR Advisory Committee Meeting with Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp
15:30 – 18:30	Meeting of the extended Executive Committee and Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions

Monday, January 26th, City Hall, Nordbuffet

9:00 | *Registration and Welcome Coffee*

**Open Data in the Danube Region:
9:30 – 12:30**

	chaired by Bernhard Krabina , KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research	
9:30	Vienna's Open Data Initiative	Gustav Lebhart , Department of Economic Affairs, Labour and Statistics, City of Vienna
10:00	Question and Answer regarding Vienna's data sets	Gustav Lebhart , Department of Economic Affairs, Labour and Statistics, City of Vienna
10:30	How the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber can help entrepreneurs to reach out to the Danube Region	Christian Gessl , Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Danube Region Business Forum
10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00	<i>Lightning Talks (< 10 minutes):</i> Status of Open Government Data (OGD) in the Danube Region	Developers and/or city representatives highlight the status of OGD in their city Developers/companies demonstrate their apps/projects based on OGD
12:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
12:30	<i>End of Open Data Session</i>	

**1st UPDR Advisory Committee Meeting with
Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp**

12:30 – 15:00

chaired by **Thomas Prorok**, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

12:00	<i>Registration and Lunch Break</i>	
12:30	The Urban Platform Danube Region	Thomas Weninger , Secretary General of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
12:45	EUSDR-PA 10: Platforms for Cooperation and Capacity Building in the Danube Region	Kurt Puchinger , Priority Area Coordinator 10 (Institutional Capacity), EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
13:00	The Knowledge Exchange Camp: UPDR Roadmap to the Annual Forum 2015 in Ulm	Daniela Urschitz , EUSDR PA 10, City of Vienna, Executive Group for Construction and Technology Jörg Mirtl , EUSDR PA10, EU Funding Agency, City of Vienna
13:15	<i>Lightning Talks (< 10 minutes):</i> Status of the Thematic Priorities United Smart Cities: The UNECE Program on Smart Urban Solutions	each Thematic Leader Kari Aina Eik , Secretary General of the Organisation for International Economic Relations
14:00	EPOurban Project Discussion: Activities for Thematic Priorities	Anton Schabl , EPOurban Project Thomas Prorok , KDZ - Centre for Public Administration Research
14:30	Constitution of the UPDR Advisory Committee	Daniela Urschitz , EUSDR PA 10, City of Vienna, Executive Group for Construction and Technology Jörg Mirtl , EUSDR PA10, EU Funding Agency, City of Vienna
15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i> <i>End of Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange</i>	

**Meeting of the extended Executive Committee and
Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions**

15:30 – 18:30

	chaired by Peter Langer , General Coordinator of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR)	
15:00	<i>Registration and Coffee Break</i>	
15:30	Welcome and Agenda Setting	Peter Langer , General Coordinator of the CoDCR
	Welcome Address by the Host	Dr. Michael Häupl , Lord Mayor of Vienna (tbc)
	Greetings	Prof. Dr. Sorin Opreescu , General Mayor of Bucharest Yordanka Fandakova , Lord Mayor of Sofia
	Building the Modern Danube Region by the Cities	Dr. Kurt Puchinger , EUSDR Priority Area Coordinator 10 "Institutional Capacity & Cooperation"
	Current Status of the Implementation of the EUSDR	Marco Onida , Team Leader, DG Regio
	The EPO-Urban Project - Strategies for Private-Public Urban Restructuring Processes	Anton Schabl , Schabl Consulting e.U.
	Innovative Financial Instruments for the Danube Region	Peter Schneidewind , Metis Vienna
	Promoting Economic Prosperity against Braindrain in the Danube Region	Dr. Erhard Busek , Chairman Institute for Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) Vienna
	State of play - the Urban Platform Danube Region	Daniela Urschitz / Jörg Mirtl , EUSDR - PA 10 Vienna
19:00	followed by a Reception of the City of Vienna	

DAY II: CONFERENCE DAY

Tuesday, 27th of January, Wappensaal & Room 319

8:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region - Introduction

chaired by **Márton Méhes**, Danube Cultural Cluster

9:00 **Opening** **Michael Häupl (t.b.c)**, Mayor of the City of Vienna and President of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)

9:15-10:45 Session 1: Financing the Urban Agenda in the Danube Region

chaired by **Thomas Prorok**, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

9:15 *Financing opportunities for municipalities*
World Bank-Austria Urban Partnership Programme
Austrian Development Cooperation in the Western Balkans/Danube Region
NALAS – strengthening capacity and fiscal decentralisation of local governments
EU funding compass for cities
Discussion

Barbara Mulder-Bahovec & Edina Csányi, European Investment Bank
Tamara Nikolic, World Bank
Hubert Neuwirth, Austrian Development Agency
Kelmend Zajazi, Network of Associations of Local Authorities in South East Europe (NALAS)
Elise Lindner, EuroVienna, Management of START Danube Region Project Fund

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00-12:15 Session 2: Protecting the Environment: Managing Environmental Risks

chaired by **Michaela Amschl**, Deputy Head of the Executive Group for Organisation and Security of the City of Vienna

11:00 *Crisis Management in Serbia*
Crisis Management in the Slovak Republic
Flood Risk Management in Austria
Discussion

Djordje Staničić, Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities in Serbia
Stanislav Filip, Vice Rector of the Vysoká škola ekonomie a manažmentu verejnej správy (VŠEMvs) in Bratislava
Jochen Bürgel (t.b.c.), Federal Environmental Agency, Austria

Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region - Outlook

12:15 **Report from the Council of Danube Cities and Regions** **Ivo Gönner**, Mayor of the City of Ulm and Chairperson of the CoDCR

12:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Parallel Sessions 3 & 4

13:30	<p>A: Connecting the Danube Region – Urban Transport and Mobility</p> <p>chaired by Ivan Stanič, City of Ljubljana</p> <p><i>GOOPTI - regional shuttle</i></p> <p><i>RRT intermodal logistics centre Ljubljana</i></p> <p><i>Gender Aspects of Public Transport in Cities</i></p>	<p>Location: Wappensaal</p> <p>Marko Guček, CEO GOOPTI</p> <p>(t.b.a) representative of BTC and Slovenian Railways</p> <p>Eva Kail, Gender Expert in Planning, Executive Group for Construction and Technology, City of Vienna</p>
13:30	<p>B: Building Prosperity: Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Local Economy</p> <p>chaired by Dragica Karjaic, Croatian Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts, EUSDR Priority Area 8 – Competitiveness</p> <p><i>European Entrepreneurship Action Plan – Providing Inspiration for Regional and Local Initiatives</i></p> <p><i>Integrated public support services for an urban economy: the Vienna Business Agency's approach</i></p> <p><i>Local SME development in the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region</i></p>	<p>Location: Room 319</p> <p>Christian Weinberger, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry</p> <p>Alfried Braumann, Head of Economic Policies and EU-Affairs, Vienna Business Agency</p> <p>Christina Kasparyan, Business Support Center for SMEs in Ruse, Bulgaria</p>
15:00	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>	

15:30 – 17:00 Parallel Sessions 5 & 6

15:30	<p>A: Supporting Transparency and Participation through Open Government for Cities</p> <p>chaired by Bernhard Krabina, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research</p> <p><i>Regional Aspects of Openness</i></p> <p><i>Open Government in the Danube Region and Ulm 2.0</i></p> <p><i>Openness and Transparency in Bratislava</i></p>	<p>Location: Wappensaal</p> <p>Stefan Pawel, Open Commons Linz</p> <p>Christian Geiger, City of Ulm</p> <p>Milan Ftáčnik, former Mayor of the City of Bratislava</p>
15:30	<p>B: Fostering Equal Opportunity Policies in the Danube Region</p> <p>opening by Sandra Frauenberger, Executive City Councillor for Integration, Women's Issues, Consumer Protection and Personnel of the City of Vienna</p> <p>chaired by Ursula Bauer, Chief Executive Office, Executive Group for Organisation and Security, City of Vienna</p> <p><i>FemCities Danube Region</i></p> <p><i>Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities - a multi level tool for cities to promote gender equality“</i></p> <p><i>Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities 2012 – 2014</i></p>	<p>Location: Room 319</p> <p>Alina Zachar, Coordinator of the FemCities Network, Municipal Department 57 – Promotion and Coordination of Women's Issues of the City of Vienna</p> <p>Julia Seitlinger and Ingrid Gogl, Vienna Girls Day Office/ Communication matters</p> <p>Representatives of enterprises and organisations that participated in the project „Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities“</p>

17:00 – 17:30 Closing of the Conference and Outlook, Location: Wappensaal

17:00	<p>Perspectives of Urban Cooperation in the Danube Region</p>	<p>Kurt Puchinger, Priority Area Coordinator 10, EUSDR</p> <p>Peter Langer, General Coordinator of the CoDCR</p>
17:30	<p><i>End of the conference</i></p>	

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