

## 5<sup>th</sup> Danube Financing Dialogue at the National Bank of Slovakia in Bratislava

### DRAFT AGENDA

23-24 May 2016

#### Purpose

After the successful series of Danube Financing Dialogues at the National Banks of Austria, Serbia, Rumania and Croatia, we are proud to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> event in series. This time we invite you at the premises of the National Bank of Slovakia in Bratislava on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

How can you involve yourself?

- (1) Take part in the project pitch.** Project promoters present their idea towards a jury and around 200 participants. The best project promoter will win an award of € 2000! Apply now. Project developers are invited to send us their [project fiche](#) to [financing-dialogue@metis-vienna.eu](mailto:financing-dialogue@metis-vienna.eu) until 31. March.
- (2) Get information** about a wide range of financing opinions and the listen to success and failure stories of project developers.
- (3) Network** informally during breaks and the network dinner.

The DFD is FREE of charge!

For more information, you can have already a look at our website: <http://www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/pages/5th-danube-financing-dialogue>

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## Opening of the 5<sup>h</sup> Danube Financing Dialogue on 23<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Project pitch: Who gets the Danube Region's Award?

This year's Danube Financing Dialogue is all about promising businesses and project ideas. At the project pitch, the selected entrepreneurs and project initiators will then be given a short time to convince the audience of the uniqueness and the relevance of their idea for the Danube Region and for potential financiers.

**The best project gets a 2.000 EUR award.**

After the project pitch the participants have the chance to connect at the networking dinner.

16:30 **Registration**

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17:00 **Welcome and opening**

Priority Area Coordinator, Capacity Building in the Danube Region

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17:30 **Project pitch**

**Presentations of the most promising start-ups and projects in the Danube Region**

**Jury:**

Edina Csanyi, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Vasina Radoslav, investment manager for Innovations and Technologies at the SBA (tbc)

N.N., Investor

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19:00 **Buffet and networking**

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21:00 **End of the 1<sup>st</sup> conference day**

**24th May 2016**

**09:00 Registration and welcome coffee**

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**10:00 Welcome statements**

Jozef Makúch, Governor of National Bank of Slovakia

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**10:15 Creating an inspiring environment for businesses and innovative projects**

**How project developers can benefit from the new EU investment initiative**

Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director, European Fund for Strategic Investments

**The value of networks to foster business and project development**

Deac Radu, President of the European League for Economic Cooperation in Romania

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**12:00 Lunch break**

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**13:00 Share your story: Do's and Don'ts when setting up businesses and projects**

**Setting up a successful business in Rumania**

George Suciu, BEIA Consult

**Doing business in South East Europe**

Ivanov Eugeniy, Euroconsultants

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**14:30 Coffee break**

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**15:00 How to get money? What else beyond money is needed for supporting business ideas**

**Creating a perfect start-up ecosystem**

Thomas Funke,

**How to find the right funding source? The launch of EuroAccess Danube Region**

Julie Dalmoro, Euro Vienna

**The European Union as supporter for start-ups and SMEs**

N.N., European Commission

**All about crowd funding**

Kuscher Benjamin, ConPlusUltra

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**16:15 Session 4 | Concluding statements and outlook**

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**16:30 Elevator pitch and networking**

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**18:00 End of the conference**

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