



## **Conference Report**

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Conference of the Urban Platform Danube Region**

## **“Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region”**

**Vienna, 26-27 January 2015**

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## I Introduction

The Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT) together with the Priority Area 10 – Institutional Capacity & Cooperation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE: STRENGTHENING THE URBAN DIMENSION OF THE DANUBE REGION in Vienna. The conference took place from January 26 to January 27, 2015 in the Vienna City Hall and was carried out by the KDZ-Centre for Public Administration Research.

More than 220 participants joined the conference, both national and international representatives of municipalities, cities, civil society organisations and other urban stakeholders from the Danube Region.

The overall aim of the conference was to bring together urban stakeholders of the Danube Region on the one hand and promoting the Urban Platform Danube Region (UPDR) as information gateway and know-how exchange network on the other hand, thus getting the UPDR a step further in developing it. In this context the conference emphasized on two main activities:

- ❑ holding a thematic leader's knowledge exchange camp ("Knowledge Exchange Day")
- ❑ offering several thematic workshops on important urban issues in the Danube Region covering the fields of Smart City, Sustainable City and Inclusive City, the three thematic priorities of the UPDR which are also in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy. The range of subjects includes transparency & open data, financing possibilities for cities in the Danube Region, disaster management, mobility, local economic development & entrepreneurship, open government and equal opportunity (Conference Day).

Furthermore the meeting of the extended Executive Committee and Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR) took place within the framework of the conference summarizing what have been done so far and pointing out the main challenges for cities and municipalities of the Danube Region in the next years. On this occasion also the current status of the implementation of the EU-Strategy of the Danube Region (EUSDR) was presented by the European Commission.

**All conference documents as well as photos and videos can be seen and/or downloaded on the UPDR websites: <http://www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/pages/updr2015> and [www.updr.eu](http://www.updr.eu)**

## II Development of the Urban Platform Danube Region

The Urban Platform Danube Region (UPDR) is a free knowledge platform to support the exchange of developments, measures and urban projects in the Danube Region. It can be joined by cities, city and municipal networks, as well as civil society organisations linked to urban and citizen issues.

Thus the Urban Platform Danube Region:

- ❑ supports urban interests and policies in the Danube Region,
- ❑ backs the institutions of the EUSDR and the European Commission in the sense of multi-level governance,
- ❑ serves as a strategic partner to the national governments in their implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region,
- ❑ makes the Danube Cities and Regions a strong stakeholder in the Strategy and on the European level.

**Figure 1: URBAN PLATFORM DANUBE REGION**



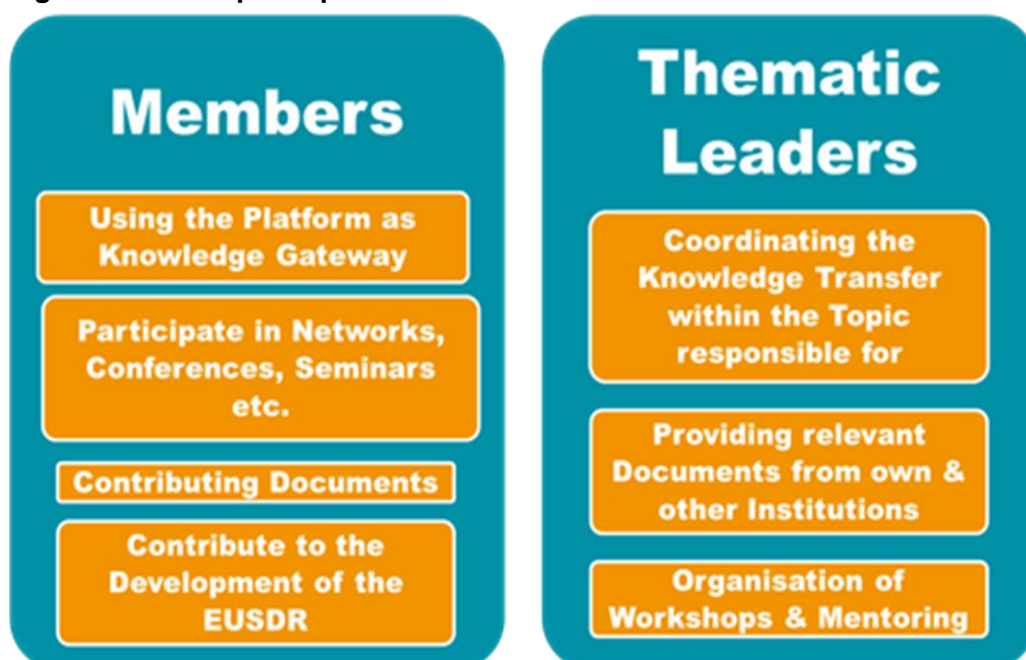
Source: KDZ, 2015

The activities of the Urban Platform cover conferences, workshops, trainings, studies, mentoring, document sharing etc. To make ongoing developments visible and foster the cooperation within the Danube Region the central element of the Platform is the Urban Platform Danube Region website: [www.updr.eu](http://www.updr.eu) and the Vienna based office.

The work and themes of the Urban Platform Danube Region follow the Europe 2020 Strategy and the topics of the priority areas of the Danube Strategy. Three main orientations – the Sustainable City, the Inclusive City and the Smart City – will be subdivided in specific topics.

Cities, Regions, City and Municipal Associations or Networks can participate as *Members* or *Thematic Leaders* free of charge and without obligations. Thematic Leaders commit themselves to contribute to the Urban Platform by actively developing urban topics. They take over responsibility for an urban topic (e.g. disaster management, public transport, social services etc.) and provide relevant documents from own and other institutions. Furthermore thematic leaders actively coordinate the knowledge exchange within the topic. They can organise workshops or offer mentoring for other urban institutions especially cities and municipal associations. Thematic leaders coordinate their efforts with the Urban Platform network.

**Figure 2: How to participate in the UPDR**



Source: KDZ, 2015

Since spring 2014, cities like Bucharest, Budapest, Bratislava, Ljubljana, Miskolc, Munich and Vienna, as well as the Platform of Local Communities of the Danube River in Romania, are thematic leaders of the UPDR.

In order to support the UPDR-Thematic Leaders the following activities are planned:

- Governance Forums
- Mentoring Support for Cities in the Danube Region
- Handbooks and Guidelines on urban issues
- Thematic Leader Knowledge Exchange Camp



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

On the first conference day (January 26) the 1st UPDR advisory committee meeting and thematic leader's knowledge exchange camp were held. After a short presentation of the UPDR as one of the platforms for cooperation and capacity building in the Danube Region focusing on the urban agenda, the PA 10 of the EUSDR introduced the UPDR roadmap to the EUSDR-Annual Forum 2015 in Ulm stressing again the importance of active participation in the UPDR to develop it. This directly led to the thematic leader's knowledge exchange camp which was carried out in the format of *Lightning Talks* which are short inputs of a maximum of 5 Minutes to get the idea to the audience. The task for the *Lightning Talkers* was to present their possible participation in the UPDR as thematic leaders. Finally 14 *Lightning Talks* were presented including city representatives, international organizations, networks, cluster, LGAs as well as civil society organisations, all strongly linked to the Danube Region. The main results of the thematic leader's knowledge exchange camp can be seen in the chart below.

**Table 1: Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp – Results**

Organisation	Topic	Activity
City of Bratislava	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participatory Budgeting</li> <li>- Public Discussion</li> <li>- Ethics of Employees</li> <li>- Electronical household</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study Visits</li> <li>- Sharing of Documents</li> <li>- Workshops</li> </ul>
City of Bucarest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health Cities</li> </ul>	
City of Budapest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrated Urban Planning</li> <li>- Green City</li> <li>- Alternative Energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promoting new start ups</li> <li>- ISCO</li> <li>- Network for innovative partnership</li> </ul>
City of Ljubliana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urban Renewal</li> <li>- Urban Transport</li> <li>- Regional Responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual Forum</li> </ul>
City of Munich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education/Inclusion</li> <li>- Migration</li> <li>- Formal Education</li> <li>- Democratic changes</li> <li>- Accessibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge transfer cooperation</li> </ul>
City of Vienna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Smart City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workshops</li> <li>- Consulting</li> <li>- Strategic approach</li> </ul>
International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supply of Water &amp; Waste Water</li> <li>- Asset Management</li> <li>- Energy efficiency</li> <li>- Utility benchmarking</li> <li>- Commercial efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building</li> <li>- Curriculum development</li> </ul>
Organization for International Economic Relations (OiER) – United Smart Cities Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urban development &amp; Smart Cities</li> <li>- Smart urban solutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessing urban projects</li> <li>- Connection to the private sector</li> </ul>
EPOURBAN (EU-Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing</li> <li>- Cooperation between private house owners and public sector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consulting system</li> <li>- Best practices</li> <li>- Consulting business concept</li> <li>- Learning tool</li> </ul>

Smart City Platform (Ljubliana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Real estate</li> <li>- Energy</li> <li>- Water</li> <li>- mobility</li> <li>- My city services</li> </ul>	<p>Involvement of business sector Technology as enabler Smart City→smart Mayor→smart people</p>
Danube Cultural Cluster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooperation platform</li> <li>- Danube cultural brand</li> <li>- Creativity and invention</li> <li>- Contemporary culture</li> </ul>	<p>Promoting culture Events</p>
Platform of Local Communities along the Danube River in Romania (CLDR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promoting cities</li> <li>- Cultural heritage</li> <li>- Roma inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Document sharing</li> <li>- Info point in Danube Region</li> <li>- Workshop of best practices</li> </ul>
Austrian Association of Cities & Towns (AACT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building on local level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bringing urban stakeholder together</li> </ul>
Central European Initiative (CEI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tourism</li> <li>- Soft transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information sharing</li> </ul>

### III Evaluation

In an online survey, the feedback of participants was collected after the conference. 19 participants completed the online questionnaire.

#### 1 Summary

The most important results of the online feedback:

- E-Mail was the most important tool for invitations to the conference, only 10% read about it at the UPDR website
- Networking was the most important aspect of the reasons for visiting (79%)
- The session evaluations are very positive: The session with the best evaluation results was “Open Government”, the session with the worst was “Protecting the Environment”, but even this session got very good evaluation results (only 3 negative votes = 16%).
- 84 % would like to participate in future conferences, 79 % would like to use UPDR.eu for downloading information, and 53 % would like to provide information on the platform.

#### 2 Detailed Results

The detailed results can be found on the following pages.

**Table 2: Positive aspects**

Field summary for 1
What did you like the most about the conference?
Day 2 - transportation session Day 2 -equal opportunities session
The active exchange and possibilities for partnership.
The fact that it was representative for the Danube stakeholders
I did like most the approach of the conference with regard to combine both official(formal) and informal way of presenting the importance of the platform and main tasks. Unfortunately, some of the official representatives did not show that they fully understand the holistic and integrated approach of the UPDR.
I liked the fact that the states in the Danube River Basin has found ways to create partnerships for the realization of international project proposals based on integrated and unified vision of development in the basin. Sharing best practices of the conference is an important contribution to the creation of this common vision.
Involvement, participation
The broad but focused subject of presentations and the tackling of important issues such as financing, data policy and governance.
Interesting programme, very good speakers possibility of networking with good partners
accessibility: fact that brought together various groups of people - very valuable for the platform!
good networking possibilities, friendly atmosphere, informative programs
Sharing our experiances and ideas on them urban platform common activity.
Presentations and networking
The positive atmosfere towards real regional cooperation.
I liked the most the sessions about gender aspects of public transport in cities. And of course the possibility to network is great.
Large and diverse participation that offered many cooperation possibilities and networking.
The conference was well organised. All the topics were adequate and connected to the daily work. All the shared experience will help different parties achieve better results and will contribute to innovate.
large and diverse participation that gives the opportunity of networking and collaboration
The diversity of subjects and the way the people were connected.
town hall

**Table 3: Suggested improvements**

Field summary for 2
How can we improve the conference next time?
time management less official speeches (i.e. mayors, etc.)
It was well organised and up to the point. More time for discussion probably is the missing thing.
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Inviting more local and regional authorities. more public information.
Although the content of presentation was excellent, their high number left relatively little time for discussion. Feedback from the participants through Lightning Talks or Dialogue Cafes should be fostered in future.
To check the date and have no clash with another conference dealing with a similar topic
design some more interactive sessions: shorter presentations, more focus-groups or world caffe...
avoiding multiplications
Sending the documents and presentations for the participants via website.
Maybe is good to have 3 days conference
I suggest starting a first day a little later (10 or 11am) so everyone can arrive easily.
I would think the meeting of the extended Executive Committee should have been in the morning - it went on for a long time, without break and people started to leave very early which is a bit of a pity. Also the break between the end of the sessions and the dinner should be long enough (cca 1 hour) for the people to have time to go to the hotel to get change and refresh a bit. In some of the sessions the time management was not great - the speakers would go on and on - this includes management of questions from the audience. And of course the long wait for the lunch on Monday was a bit boring...
Forming groups with participants that have common interests and represent the same type of applicants.
Everything was well planned.
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Perhaps by asking a more detailed feedback during the conference, following each session.
hostesses in mother tongues

Figure 3: Groups of participants

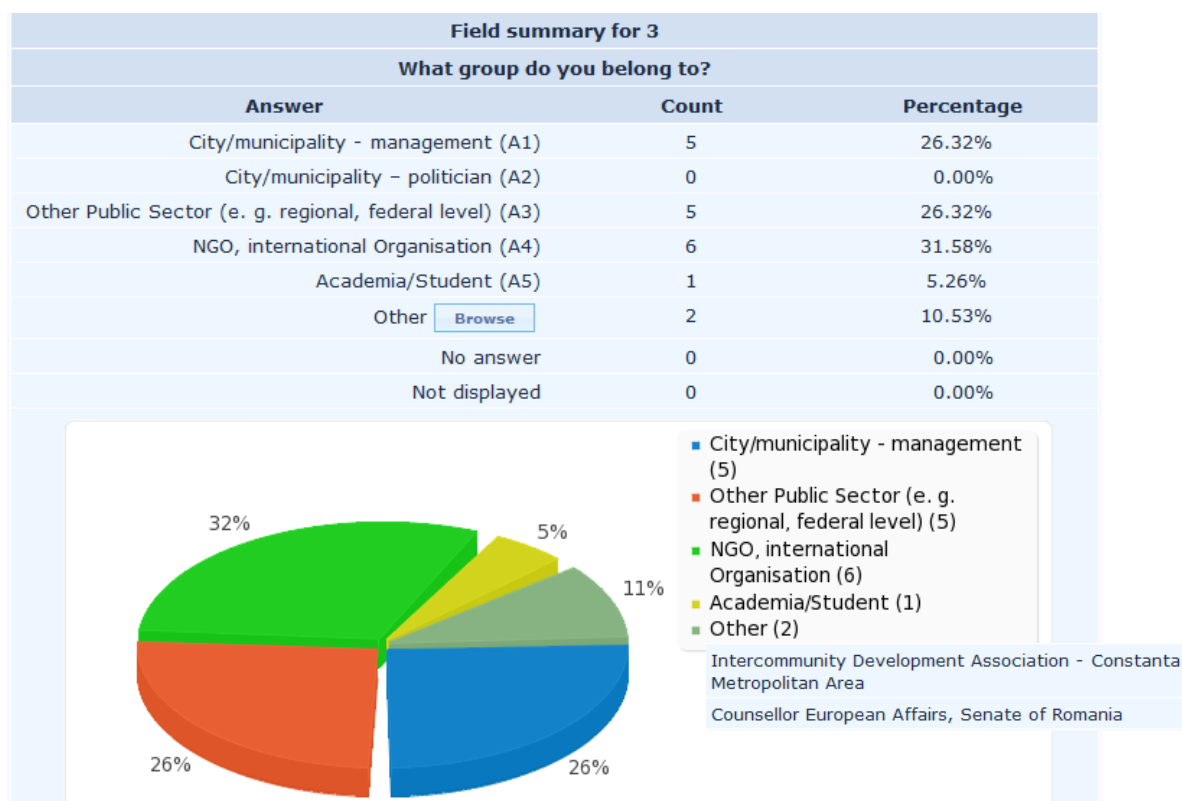


Figure 4: Notifications about the conference

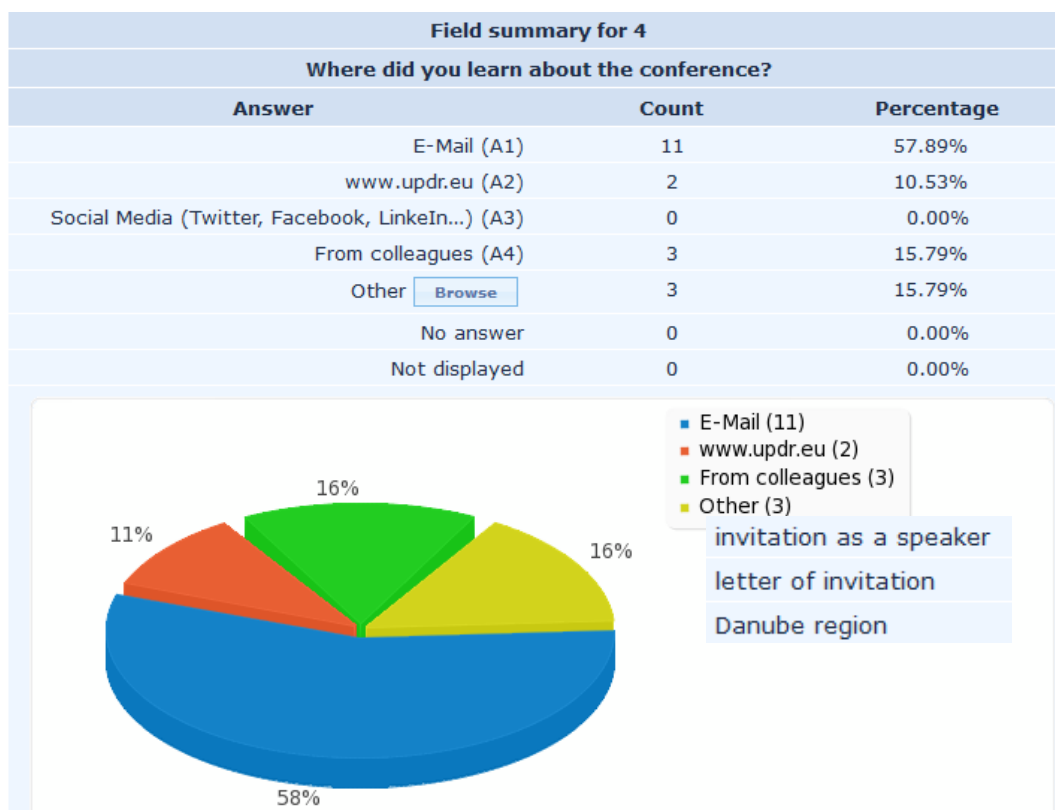


Figure 5: Main motivation for coming

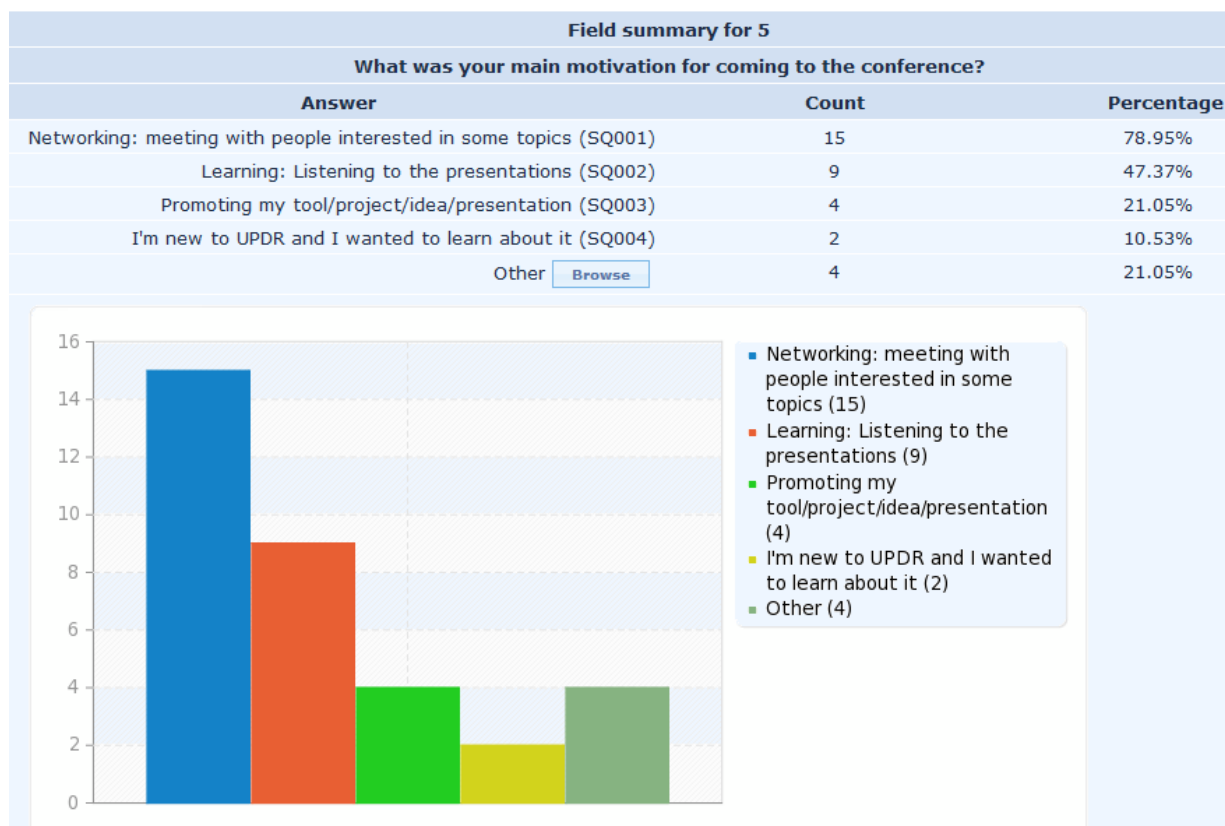


Figure 6: Conference sessions

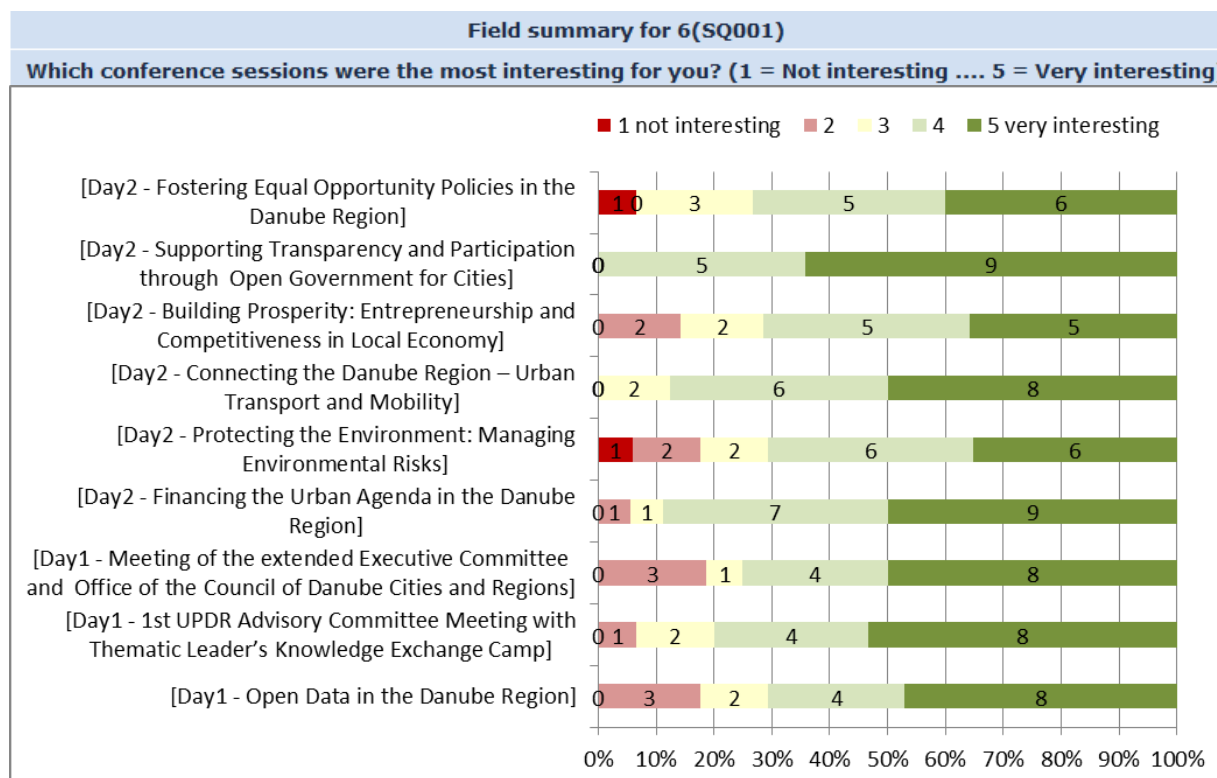




Figure 7: Contributions

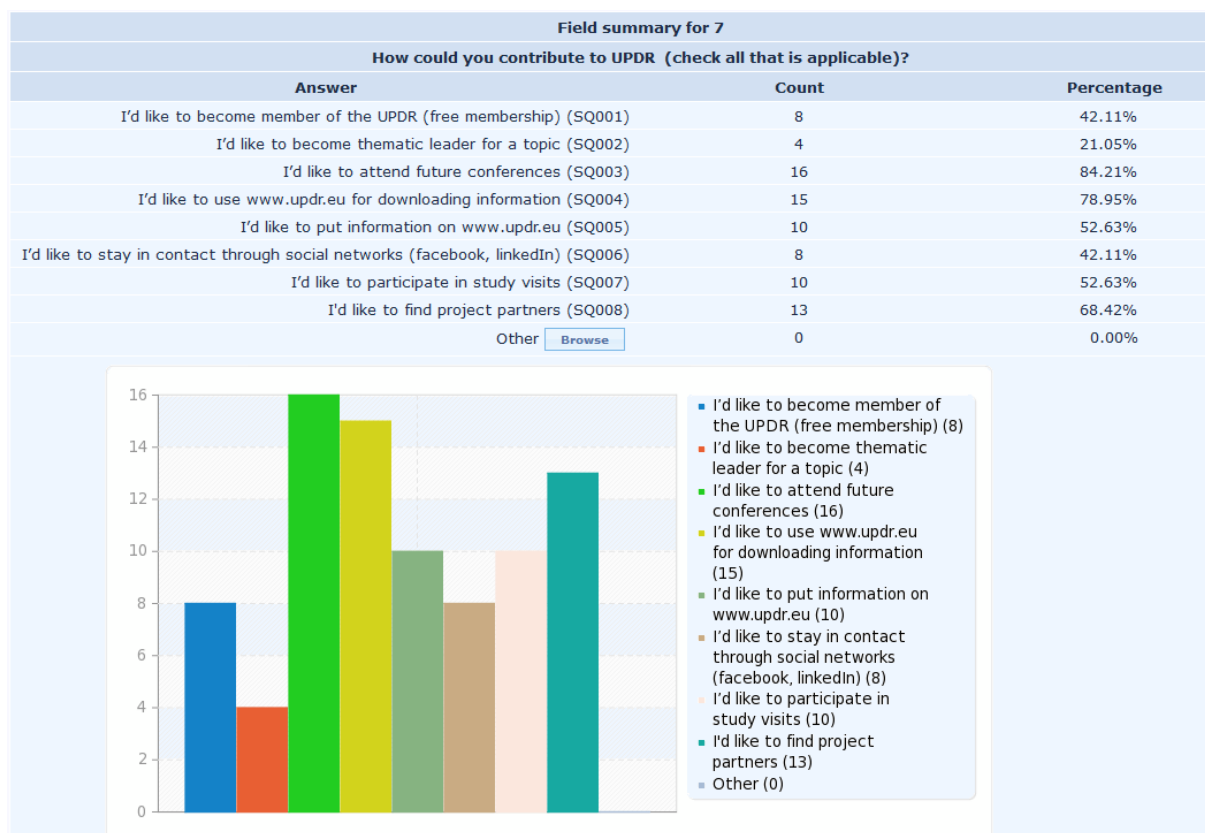


Table 4: Further feedback

Field summary for 9	
What else would you like to say?	
Thank you.	
Keep up the good work & Congrats!	
The UPDR is an important tool for integrated approach and management of activities and actions underlining the importance of the development of the cohesion policy of EU in the region. It should be cleared out very precisely that the scope of the macro-regional strategy for the Danube are is very different from the one used in the macro-regional strategy for the Baltic region. It must be understood that the Danube region is very divergent region and needs an integrated and different approach. It must be understood that the success of the DANUBE strategy is closely connected with the success of the policy that the EU commission pays to the great challenges that have recently arisen to the South-Eastern gates of EU. This means that the UPDR needs further actions and development and needs very strong support and "back" of the commission. At this moment I do not think that this is very strongly underlined and in my opinion it mainly depends of the good will and understanding of few collaborators and cities. Actually, the cities and their local governance are the main engine of this strategy but it won't be enough. It is more evident than ever that we need both from the bottom to the up and reverse approach of this which is actually identified but not fully developed, yet. The UPDR is the instrument that needs support to bring this mechanism to transform this intention from a "green paper" to a real working tool.	
The municipality I'm working for is a member of UPDR, so we are interested in being a partner member within european projects.	
On "open data policy" issue, I would like to propose in future to include also the problem of data harmonization and interoperability at trans-national level.	
Very fruitful days in the Vienna City Hall	
good job! thank you.	
congrats	
Congratulations for the coordination!	
I would like to thank you for your contribution in raising Donau regional spirit.	
Thanks for a great job - I loved the conference:).	
It was a great chance to meet people from cities along the Danube and a nice opportunity to share experience in different sphere of competences.	
Thank you for your whole and kind cooperation we have benefited before and during the conference.	
Ďakujem. Jan Conka, Slovakia - Bratislava - Prague (student)	



## IV Annexes

### 1 Programme

URBAN PLATFORM DANUBE REGION, 2<sup>ND</sup> STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE:  
**STRENGTHENING THE URBAN DIMENSION OF THE DANUBE REGION**  
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 Twitter: [#urbangov](https://twitter.com/urbangov)

### DAY I: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY

Vienna City Hall, Nordbuffet

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
<b>9:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Open Data in the Danube Region</b>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Open Data in the Danube Region, continued</b>
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch Break
<b>12:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> UPDR Advisory Committee Meeting with Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp</b>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
<b>15:30 – 18:30</b>	<b>Meeting of the extended Executive Committee and Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions</b>
19:00	Reception

### DAY II: CONFERENCE DAY

Vienna City Hall, Wappensaal (and Room 319)

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee				
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region</b>				
<b>9:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>Session 1: Financing the Urban Agenda in the Danube Region</b>				
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break				
<b>11:00 – 12:25</b>	<b>Session 2: Protecting the Environment: Managing Environmental Risks</b>				
<b>12:25 – 12:30</b>	<b>Report from the Council of Danube Cities and Regions</b>				
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch				
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions 3 &amp; 4</b>				
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<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Closing of the Conference and Outlook, Location: Wappensaal</b>				

## DAY I: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY

**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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

10:15 | **Open Knowledge Foundation Austria and Open Data Portal Austria**

**Helmuth Bronnenmayer**, Open Knowledge Foundation Austria

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 | *Coffee Break*

11:00 | *Lightning Talks (< 10 minutes):*  
**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 | *Lunch Break*

12:30 | *End of Open Data Session*

**1<sup>st</sup> UPDR Advisory Committee Meeting with  
Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp**

**12:30 – 15:00**

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

12:00	<i>Registration and Lunch Break</i>	
12:30	<b>The Urban Platform Danube Region</b>	<b>Thomas Weninger</b> , Secretary General of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
12:40	<b>EUSDR-PA 10: Platforms for Cooperation and Capacity Building in the Danube Region</b>	<b>Kurt Puchinger</b> , Priority Area Coordinator 10 (Institutional Capacity), EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
12:50	<b>The Urban Platform in the Danube Strategy</b>	<b>Marco Onida</b> , Team Leader, DG Regio
13:00	<i>Lightning Talks (&lt; 5 minutes):</i> <b>Status of the Thematic Priorities</b>	each Thematic Leader
	<b>United Smart Cities: The UNECE Program on Smart Urban Solutions</b>	<b>Kari Aina Eik</b> , Secretary General of the Organisation for International Economic Relations
	<b>EPOurban Project</b>	<b>Anton Schabl</b> , EPOurban Project
	<b>'Smart City Platform' Enabler of Sustainable development of Cities in the EU Danube Region</b>	<b>Blaž Golob</b> , Director GFS Institute, Ljubljana / Slovenia
	<b>Danube Cultural Cluster</b>	<b>Márton Méhes</b> , Danube Cultural Cluster
	<b>The Knowledge Exchange Camp: UPDR Roadmap to the Annual Forum 2015 in Ulm</b>	<b>Daniela Urschitz</b> , EUSDR PA 10, City of Vienna, Executive Group for Construction and Technology <b>Jörg Mirtl</b> , EUSDR PA 10, EU Funding Agency, City of Vienna
	<b>Additional Lightning Talks</b>	from various Cities and Organisations
	<b>Discussion: Activities for Thematic Priorities</b>	<b>Thomas Prorok</b> , KDZ - Centre for Public Administration Research

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

**15:30 – 18:30**

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

## DAY II: CONFERENCE DAY

<b>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of January, Wappensaal &amp; Room 319</b>		
8:30	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>	
<b>Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region - Introduction</b>		
chaired by <b>Márton Méhes</b> , Danube Cultural Cluster		
9:00	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Omar Al-Rawi</b> , Member of the Vienna City Parliament <b>Alexander Lesigang</b> , Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
<b>9:15-10:45 Session 1: Financing the Urban Agenda in the Danube Region</b>		
chaired by <b>Thomas Prorok</b> , KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research		
9:15	<i>Financing opportunities for municipalities</i> <i>World Bank-Austria Urban Partnership Programme</i> <i>Austrian Development Cooperation in the Western Balkans/Danube Region</i> <i>NALAS – strenghtening capacity and fiscal decentralisation of local governments</i> <i>EU funding compass for cities</i>	<b>Barbara Mulder-Bahovec</b> & <b>Edina Csányi</b> , European Investment Bank <b>Tamara Nikolic</b> , World Bank  <b>Hubert Neuwirth</b> , Austrian Development Agency <b>Milena Garthley</b> , Network of Associations of Local Authorities in Sout East Europe (NALAS) <b>Elise Lindner</b> , EuroVienna, Management of START Danube Region Project Fund
10:45	<b>Discussion</b> <i>Coffee Break</i>	
<b>11:00-12:15 Session 2: Protecting the Environment: Managing Environmental Risks</b>		
chaired by <b>Michaela Amschl</b> , Deputy Head of the Executive Group for Organisation and Security of the City of Vienna		
11:00	<i>Crisis Management in Serbia</i>  <i>Crisis Management in the Slovak Republic</i>  <i>Flood Risk Management in Austria</i>  <b>Discussion</b>	<b>Djordje Staničić</b> , Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities in Serbia & <b>Sasa Paunovic</b> , Mayor of Paracin <b>Stanislav Filip</b> , Vice Rector of the School of Economics and Management of Public Administration in Bratislava (VŠEMvs) <b>Helmut Habersack</b> , University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
<b>Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region - Outlook</b>		
12:15	<b>Report from the Council of Danube Cities and Regions</b>	<b>Ivo Gönner</b> , Mayor of the City of Ulm and Chairperson of the CoDCR
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	

13:30 – 15:00 Parallel Sessions 3 & 4		
13:30	<p><b>A: Connecting the Danube Region – Urban Transport and Mobility</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">chaired by <b>Ivan Stanič</b>, 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: <b>Wappensaal</b></p> <p><b>Marko Guček</b>, CEO GOOPTI</p> <p><b>Peter Verlič</b>, Director, Institute of Transport, Slovenian Railways</p> <p><b>Eva Kail</b>, Gender Expert in Planning, Executive Group for Construction and Technology, City of Vienna</p>
13:30	<p><b>B: Building Prosperity: Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Local Economy</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">chaired by <b>Dragica Karajić</b>, 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: <b>Room 319</b></p> <p><b>Christian Weinberger</b>, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry</p> <p><b>Alfried Braumann</b>, Head of Economic Policies and EU-Affairs, Vienna Business Agency</p> <p><b>Christina Kasparyan</b>, 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><b>A: Supporting Transparency and Participation through Open Government for Cities</b></p> <p>chaired by <b>Bernhard Krabina</b>, 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: <b>Wappensaal</b></p> <p><b>Stefan Pawel</b>, Open Commons Linz</p> <p><b>Christian Geiger</b>, City of Ulm</p> <p><b>Milan Ftáčnik</b>, former Mayor of the City of Bratislava</p>
15:30	<p><b>B: Fostering Equal Opportunity Policies in the Danube Region</b></p> <p>opening by <b>Sandra Frauenberger</b>, Executive City Councillor for Integration, Women's Issues, Consumer Protection and Personnel of the City of Vienna</p> <p>chaired by <b>Ursula Bauer</b>, 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: <b>Room 319</b></p> <p><b>Alina Zachar</b>, Coordinator of the FemCities Network, Municipal Department 57 – Promotion and Coordination of Women's Issues of the City of Vienna</p> <p><b>Julia Seitlinger and Ingrid Gogl</b>, 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><b>Perspectives of Urban Cooperation in the Danube Region</b></p>	<p><b>Kurt Puchinger</b>, Priority Area Coordinator 10, EUSDR</p> <p><b>Peter Langer</b>, General Coordinator of the CoDCR</p>
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