



Dear Mayors,

Dear colleagues and friends,

At the 8th European Conference of Danube Cities and Regions on 29th October 2015 in Ulm we announced that the next **Meeting of the extended Executive Committee of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions** will be held on **Tuesday, 9th, and Wednesday, 10th February 2016**, in **Bratislava**.

Agenda

Tuesday, 9th February 2016

15:00 - 18:00 h, Bratislava, Primatial Palace (City Hall)

1. Opening Session:

- Ivo Nesrovnal, Lord Mayor of Bratislava, future President of the CoDCR:
Welcome address - Perspectives of the City of Bratislava in the Council of Danube Cities and Regions
- Ivo Gönner, Lord Mayor of Ulm, former President of the CoDCR: The contribution of the cities to creating a modern and social Danube Region
- Matjia Vilfan, Head of the Danube Strategy Point (DSP), Brussels: The next steps in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region: the role of the DSP (tbc)
- Rudolf Schicker, EUSDR-Priority Coordinator "Institutional Capacity" (PA 10):
The importance of the local level for governance and institutional capacity in the Danube region

2. Resolutions / Confirmations

- "Ulm Declaration Smart, Inclusive and Sustainable Danube Cities 2016";

- Establishing the new Executive Committee of the Council of Danube Cities;
- Institutionalizing of "Danube Commissioners" in the City administrations;
- "Urban Platform Danube Region": Assessing the EUSDR after five years of implementation: the CoDCR- / UPDR- questionnaire (Daniela Urschitz, Jörg Mirtl, EUSDR-PA 10);

3. Reports from Pilot Projects:

- Infrastructure projects on the lower Danube: "Danube crossings"; "DanubeShipWreckRemoval";
- "RiverShow: Democracy, Self Government and Citizens Participation in the Danube Region": presentation of potential follow-up project involving cities and civil society in the Danube Region
- Urban Development and Social Housing in the Danube cities
- Action plan for integration and employment of the Roma population in the Danube cities;

4. In planning / next events in 2016

- "City on the river": Development and design of the riparian zones in the Danube cities: Challenges, methods, perspectives - conference to be held in Bratislava;
- "Danube - Cultural Stream of Europe": Festival for the citizens of Bratislava;
- 9th European Conference of Danube Cities and Regions on the occasion of the 5th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, 2nd November 2016, Bratislava.

5. Discussion / miscellaneous

Moderation: Peter Langer, CoDCR

Working languages English / German

- **Followed by dinner hosted by the City of Bratislava**

Wednesday, 10th February 2016,

- 10:00 h, Bratislava Old Town guided tour – optional
- Departure

We're looking forward to meeting you in Bratislava
and remain with best regards

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Ivo Gönner
Lord Mayor of Ulm
Former President of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions

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