

**CONFERENCE ON THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION
Ulm, 1-2 February 2010**

Conference Programme

1 February 2010

19:00 **Concert in the Münster of Ulm**
Afterwards **Reception Dinner (on personal invitation only)**

2 February 2010: Conference

Venue: Congress Centrum Ulm

7:30 – 8:30 **Registration of participants**

9:00-11:00 **Opening Plenary Session (EN/DE Interpretation)**

Mr. Ivo Gönner, Lord Mayor of the City of Ulm

Mr. Paweł Samecki, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

Mr. Wolfgang Reinhart, Minister for Federal and European Affairs, Baden-Württemberg

Mrs. Emilia Müller, Minister for Federal and European Affairs, Bavaria

Mr. László Borbély, Minister of Environment of Romania

Mr. Rosen Plevneliev, Minister for Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria

Mr. Bozidar Djelic, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia

11:00 **Press conference**

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:30 **Panel Discussion** on the macroregional dimension and added value EU Strategy for the Danube Region **(EN/DE Interpretation)**, moderated by Mr Christopher Beazley

Mr. Erhard Busek, Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

Mrs. Therèse Sobieski, European Commission, DG Enlargement

Mr. Andreas Beckmann, Danube Carpathian Programme WWF

Mrs. Charlina Vitcheva, European Commission, DG Regional Policy

Mrs. Andreja Jerina, State Secretary for Development and European Affairs of Slovenia

12:30-14:00 **Lunch, cultural, touristic and culinary presentations**



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14:00-15:30 4 thematic workshops (in English language only)

Workshop on Connectivity and Communication

Workshop Room "Bonn"

Moderator: Mr. Johannes Eigner, Foreign Ministry Austria, National Contact Point
Key note speaker: Mr. Cesare Bernabei, European Commission, DG Energy and Transport
Key note speaker: Mr. Guy Clause, European Investment Bank
Key note speaker: Mrs. Silvia-Adriana Ticau, MEP
Rapporteur: Mrs. Eva Lieber, European Commission, DG Regional Policy

Workshop on Environment, Water & Risk Prevention

Workshop room "Nürnberg"

Moderator: Mr. Viorel Ardeleanu, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Romania, National Contact Point
Key note speaker: Mr. Georges Kremlis, European Commission, DG Environment
Key note speaker: Mr. Mitja Bricelj, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia, ICPDR
Rapporteur: Mr. Andreas von Busch, European Commission, DG Regional Policy

Workshop on Socio-Economic, Human & Institutional Development

Workshop room "Kepler"

Moderator: Mrs. Liliana Pavlova, Ministry for Regional Development and Public Works Bulgaria, National Contact Point
Key note speaker: Mrs. Zuzana Gakova, European Commission, DG Regional Policy
Key note speaker: Mr. Josef Pöschl, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies
Key note speaker: Mr. Michael Theurer, MEP
Rapporteur: Mrs. Vladislava Hristozova, European Commission, DG Regional Policy

Workshop on Governance

Workshop room "Hannover"

Moderator: Mr. Rolf Mafael, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Germany, National Contact Point
Key note speaker: Mr. Jose Palma Andres, European Commission, DG Regional Policy
Key note speaker: Mr. Alexander Schenk, Ministry of Finance Sweden
Key note speaker: Mr. Gabor Demszky, Mayor of the City of Budapest
Rapporteur: Mr. Laszlo Florian, European Commission, DG Regional Policy

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Closing Plenary Session and Conclusions (EN/DE Interpretation)

Chair: Mr. Gábor Demszky, Mayor of the City of Budapest

Conclusions of the workshops by Workshop Rapporteurs

Concluding remarks

Mrs. Danuta Hübner, Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Daniel Acs, State Secretary for Construction and Regional Development Slovakia

Mr. József Czukor, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

Mr. Dirk Ahner, European Commission, Director General DG Regional Policy