

Conference on EU Strategy for the Danube Region
Draft Agenda
Constanța / Tulcea
9-11 June 2010

This Conference marks the end of a series of events dedicated to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, that have started in February 2010, in Ulm (Germany) with the occasion of launching the public consultation.

This event has as objective the discussion on the possible actions which could be presented in the Action Plan developed by the European Commission (DG REGIO). This Action Plan will be prepared after analyses and debates on the contributions received by countries of the Danube Region and stakeholders.

Foreign Ministers from the countries of the Danube Basin (Austria, Germany, Bulgaria, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine) will be invited to make presentations in the opening plenary sessions.

Organisers:

The European Commission jointly with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism.

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12.00 – 15.00 Accommodation (Location: Hotel Iaki/ Hotel Vega/Hotel Riviera/Hotel Majestic – Mamaia, Constanța);

15.00 – 16.30 Registration of delegations

17.00 – 19.00 Official opening of the Conference (Hotel Iaki, Mamaia) – invitations to the speakers of this panel will be sent out by Romania

19.00 -19.30 Press Conference to be organized by the Commission representation in Romania (TBC: President, Commissioner and the Foreign Ministers)

19.30 – 19.50 Delegations departure for the National Theater “Oleg Danovski”, Constanța

20.00 Gala Concert (Location: National Theater “Oleg Danovski”, Constanța)

21.15 – 21.30 Delegations departure for Hotel Iaki

21.30 – 23.00 Welcome cocktail offered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hotel Iaki)

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9.00 – 11.00 Plenary session – debates on the governance and funding mechanisms for the implementation of EU Strategy for the Danube Region)

11:00 -11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 3 thematic working groups

Working groups will be opened to participation by all registered participants.

Working Group topics:

- **Improve connectivity and communications systems**
- **Environment, water and risk management**
- **Socio-economic, human and institutional development**

13:00-14:30 Networking Lunch (Iaki Premises)

14:30-16:00 3 thematic working groups (continuation)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.30 Business sector round table

The objective is to discuss the possible involvement of the private sector in the implementation of the Strategy (private sector in the context of the Strategy – financing, technical assistance, major investments and consultancy issues).

17.30 - 18.00 Conclusions of the 3 thematic working groups

20:00 – 22:00 Romanian traditional evening (dinner and traditional entertainment; Location TBC – Hotel Iaki or Vega)

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08.30-9.30 Closing session of the Conference (TBC: Iaki Hotel or on the boat)

10:00 – 19:30 Visit to the Danube Delta; departure scheduled from Hotel Iaki (includes the trip from Mamaia to Tulcea, the departure point for Danube trips, visit of the Danube Delta and, working lunch)

20.00 Departure to Constanta or Bucharest

22.00 Arrival to Constanta

23.30 Arrival to Bucharest (for the ones which opted for a return to Bucharest)