

EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

Conference on transport, energy and environmental issues

Vienna / Bratislava, 19-21 April 2010

Presentation

The objective of this conference is to discuss the issues of transport, energy, urban areas, environment and information society. Indeed, these are high overall on the agenda of the EU as confirmed by the recently proposed strategy 'EU2020' ("A European strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth").

The audience of the conference will be made up of representatives of authorities at EU, national and regional level, as well as a wide range of stakeholders of the Danube Region. Through the discussions, macro-regional projects will be identified, the areas of agreement and disagreement between parties (and the possible ways forward) will be established and participant views will be noted by the European Commission. The whole conference will consider the interaction between different perspectives (e.g. between transport, environment, economy,...) thereby underlining the integrated approach of the Strategy.

19 April 2010 (Vienna, Festival Hall of the City of Vienna)

13:00 – 13:45 Registration

14:00 – 15:15 Opening Plenary Session (interpretation in EN, DE, SK)

Chair: **Mr Walther Stöckl**, Managing Authority, Central Europe transnational cooperation programme

Mr Michael Häupl, Governor of the City of Vienna (welcome speech)

Mr Dušan Čaplovič, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

Mr Michael Spindelegger, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria

Mr José Palma Andres, Director at the Directorate General for Regional Policy

Ms Karla Peijs, European Coordinator for Inland Waterways

Mr Philippe Maystadt, President of the European Investment Bank

15:15 – 15:30 "A journey through the Danube Region: territorial cooperation shaping our joint future"
(Movie made by the INTERACT programme)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break (Press conference)

16:00 – 18:00 **Connectivity and environmental challenges of the Danube Region** (interpretation in EN, DE, SK)

Panel discussion with the involvement of the audience

Moderator: **Ms Martina Mašková**, journalist

Mr Ben Van de Wetering, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
Mr Serban Cucu, Director General, Ministry of Transport of Romania
Mr Phillip Weller, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
Mr Alexander Tolkach, Danube Commission (tbc)
Mr Manfred Seitz, Chairman of the Executive Board of PLATINA project
Mr Andreas Beckmann, WWF

18:00 – 19:30 *Dinner*

19:30 – 20:00 *Seven Pictures in a stream - Danube music and light show*

20 April 2010 (Bratislava, Hotel Sheraton)

08:30 – 10:00 *Ship and bus transfer from Vienna (Schwedenplatz) to Bratislava*

10:30– 10:40 **Mr Andrej Ďurkovský**, Mayor of Bratislava (welcome speech)

10:40 – 12:30 **Resource Efficient Danube Region** (interpretation in EN, DE, SK)
Panel discussion with the involvement of the audience
Moderator: **Ms Martina Mašková**, journalist

Ms Darja Stanic Racman, Ministry of Environment and spatial planning of Slovenia (tbc)

Mr Ladislav Miko, European Commission, Directorate General for Environment

Mr Tibor Mikuš, Governor of Trnava Self-governmental Region

Mr Otto Pirker, Verbund – Austrian Hydropower Company

Mr Jean-Eric Paquet, European Commission, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport

Mr Milovan Božinovič, Ambassador of Serbia in Austria

12:30 – 14:00 *Buffet lunch*

14:00 – 17:00 Workshops on specific topics (in EN only)
All these topics should be integrated to other perspectives and EU2020.

15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

1) Mobility – smart solutions for the Danube Region (New National Theatre)

Moderator: **Mr Jean-Eric Paquet**, European Commission, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport

a) **Mr Otto Schwetz** + **Mr Markus Simoner**, Corridor VII and Via Donau - Austrian waterway infrastructure management and development enterprise

b) **Mr Thomas Wimroither**, Corridor X

c) Project examples:

- **Mr Juraj Jančina**, Jančina Architects, Slovakia – "Transnational Transport Terminal" project
- **Mr Helmut Adelsberger**, Priority Project 22, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport
- **Mr Jan Kareis**, Waterways company, Czech Republic – "Danube-Odra-Labe Connectivity" project
- **Ms Ann Leganel**, Romanian Intermodal Association

Rapporteur: **Ms Irina Cruceru**, Directorate General for Regional Policy

2) Clean and secure energy – Danube Region realities (Ballroom 2)

Moderator: **Mr José Palma Andres**, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy

a) **Mr Milosz Momot**, Directorate General for Energy

b) **Mr Wolfgang Ernst**, OMV

c) **Mr Johann Binder**, Technology Promotion Burgenland ltd.

d) Project example:

- **Ms Yvonna Gaillyová**, Ecological institute Veronica – "Energy efficiency for urban and rural areas"

Rapporteur: **Mr Olivier Baudelet**, Directorate General for Regional Policy

3) Risk prevention – living with all sides of nature (Ballroom 1)

Moderator: **Mr Colin Wolfe**, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy

a) **Mr Peter Bakonyi**, ICPDR Flood Expert Group

b) **Mr László Miklós**, Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, former Minister of the Environment - Integrated Basin management - flood protection

c) **Ms Deana Hirnerová**, Slovak Water Management Enterprise: - Flood protection of Bratislava city

c) Project examples:

- **Ms Mary-Jeanne Adler**, Ministry of Environment of Romania – Flood Risk Management
- **Mr Wolfram Mauser**, "GLOWA - Danube: An Integrative Research Project on the Future of Water in the Upper Danube Basin"

Rapporteur: **Mr Johann Sollgruber**, Directorate General for Regional Policy

17:30 – 18:00 *Music performance*

18:00 – 19:30 *Network Dinner*

20:00 – 21:30 *Bus and ship transfer from Bratislava to Vienna*
(*Bus from the Ministry of Culture Festival Hall and ship from the Sheraton hotel*)

21 April 2010 (Vienna, Festival Hall of the City of Vienna)

08:30 – 10:30 Workshops on specific topics (in EN only)
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4) Biodiversity – economic pressures, ecological aspirations (Wappensaal)

Moderator: **Mr Georges Kremlis**, European Commission, Directorate General for Environment

- a) **Mr Harald Egerer**, Carpathian Convention Programme UNEP Vienna
- b) **Mr Dejan Komatina**, International Sava River Basin Commission
- c) Lafarge company representative
- d) **Mr Daniel Stefan**, Calarasi region, Romania
- e) Project example:
 - **Ms Meglena Plugtschieva**, National Assembly of Bulgaria – "Lower Danube Green Corridor" project

Rapporteur: **Ms Simona Pohlová**, Directorate General for Regional Policy

5) Water quality – fighting pollution, applying modern standards (Festival hall)

Moderator: **Mr José Palma Andres**, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy

- a) **Ms Marieke Van Nood**, European Commission, Directorate General for Environment
 - b) Project example:
 - **Mr Slobodan Miko + Mr Gerhard Kuschnig**, Kater I+II CC Waters
 - c) **Mr Hans Sailer**, Environmental Technologies
 - d) **Mr Igor Mucha**, Common environmental monitoring at HU and SK border area
- Rapporteur: **Ms Nathalie Verschelde**, Directorate General for Regional Policy

6) Digital agenda for the Danube Region (Volkshalle)

Moderator: **Mr Colin Wolfe**, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy

- a) **Mr Olivier Baudalet**, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy
 - b) **Mr Christian Kittl**, ALADIN network, Austria
 - c) **Mr Rainer Haselberger**, City of Vienna
 - d) **Mr Pavol Tarina**, Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for Information Society
- Rapporteur: **Ms Eva Lieber**, Directorate General for Regional Policy

7) Partner search Forum – Development of Flagship projects during the conference (Nordbuffet)

Moderator: **Mr Leo Baumfeld**, Regional Consultants ltd

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 11:30 Conclusions of the workshops (Festival hall)

11:30 – 12:30 **Integration of environment and mobility issues in regions and cities (Festival hall)**
Panel discussion (interpretation in EN, DE, SK)

Moderator: **Ms Christiane Breznik**, Department for EU-Strategy and Economic Development, City of Vienna

Mr Rudolf Schicker, City of Vienna, Austria

Ms Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Government of Lower Austria, Austria

Ms Irina Savina, Deputy Mayor of the City of Sofia, Bulgaria (tbc)

Mr Miran Gajsek, Department of Urbanism, City of Ljubljana, Slovenia (tbc)

Mr Olaf Merk, OECD, Regional Development Policy Division

12:30 – 13:00 Closing Plenary Session (interpretation in EN, DE, SK)

Chair: **Mr Walther Stöckl**, Managing Authority, Central Europe transnational cooperation programme

Mr Ladislav Miko, European Commission, Directorate General for Environment

Mr Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy

13:00 – 14:00 *Buffet lunch*