

2nd Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (Bucharest, 28-29 October 2013)

"Danube Region - Stronger together, stronger in the world"

DRAFT PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2013

12:00 Opening of the registration desk

12:30 – 14:00 Networking lunch

14:00-14:30 Opening of the Conference

Welcome speech by:

- **Valeriu Zgonea**, *President of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania*

Keynote speeches by:

- **Victor Ponta**, *Prime Minister, Romania*
- **Johannes Hahn**, *Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy*

Presentation of the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Danube countries

14:30-16:00

PLENARY SESSION 1:

"Stronger in the world: The Danube Strategy as driver for growth and jobs"

- **Michael Spindelegger**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Austria*
- **Janos Martonyi***, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary*
- **Peter Friedrich**, *Minister for Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (Germany)*
- **Wolfgang Hessoun**, *CEO, Siemens Central and Eastern Europe*
- **Danuta Hübner***, *Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the committee REGI*
- **Jiří Balík**, *Rector of the University of Life Sciences Prague, President of the Danube Rectors Conference*

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:00

PLENARY SESSION 2:

"Stronger together: The Danube Strategy balancing economy and ecology"

- **Rovana Plumb**, *Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Romania*
- **Ermina Salkičević-Dizdarević***, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina, President of the ICPDR*
- **Jerzy Bogdan Plewa***, *Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*
- **Ramon Luis Valcárcel Siso***, *President, Committee of the Regions*
- **Dominique Ristori***, *Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*
- **Tudor Constantinescu**, *Principal Adviser to the Director General, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission*

19:00-22:00

Gala event at the Palace of Parliament (hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania)

Venue: International Conference Centre Bucharest / Palace of the Parliament, Strada Izvor 2-4, Bucharest 050563

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TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2013

9:00-9:30 Key-note speech on the State of the Danube Region

Introduction to the thematic workshops

9:30-12:00 PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

1. *Connected Danube Region*
 2. *Green Danube Region*
 3. *Smart and inclusive Danube Region*
 4. *Effective, attractive and safe Danube Region*
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12:00-13.30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 Wrap-up of workshops

14:00-15:00 PLENARY SESSION 3

“Financing the Danube Strategy”

- *Ján Počiatek**, Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia
 - *Mugur Constantin Isărescu**, Governor, National Bank of Romania
 - *Representative of the Government of Serbia, TBN*
 - *Werner Hoyer**, President, European Investment Bank
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15:00-15:45 Closure

- *Johannes Hahn**, Member of the European Commission responsible for Regional Policy
 - *Michael Häupl*, Mayor and Governor, City of Vienna (Austria)
 - *Titus Corlăţean*, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania
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