

**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