

“CONFERENCE ON THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION”
Ruse/Giurgiu, 10 - 11 May 2010

Programme
**GOVERNANCE OF THE EU STRATEGY
FOR THE DANUBE REGION**

Venue – Ruse Municipal Theatre

10 May 2010: Conference

08:00-09:30 **Registration of participants**

09.00-09.30 **Press Conference**

09:30-11.00 **Official Opening**

Bojidar Yotov, Mayor of Ruse Municipality, Bulgaria

Commissioner Johannes Hahn, European Commission

Rosen Plevneliev, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria

Filiz Hyusmenova, European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Regional Development Committee

Filip Petru, Member of the Romanian Parliament

Prime Minister Boyko Borisov will join the conference at 11.00

11.10-11:30 **coffee break**

11.30-16.00 **3 thematic workshops**

(1) Implementing the Danube Strategy – macro-regional mechanisms and structures for implementation and monitoring

Moderator : Charlina Vitcheva, Director, DG Regional Policy

Speakers :

David Sweet – Adviser to the Director-General, DG Regional Policy

Rolf Mafael, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany (Danube National Contact Point)



Philip Weller, Executive Director, International Convention for the Protection of the Danube River

Peter Langer, Director Donau Buero, spokesperson for the Council of Danube Regions and Cities

Gabrijela Žalac, Head of International Cooperation Department, Vukovar-Srijem County, Croatia

Rapporteur : Johann Sollgruber, EC, DG Regional Policy

(2) Mobilisation of resources to implement the Danube Strategy, its actions and projects, including the contribution of Cohesion Policy to the Strategy

Moderator : Jean-Marie Seyler, Director, DG Regional Policy

Speakers :

Colin Wolfe, EC , DG Regional Policy

Jueri Rute, EC, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Milena Messori, Head of Bucharest Office, European Investment Bank

Kiril Geratliev, General Director, ETC Department, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria

Therese Sobieski, EC, DG Enlargement

Rapporteur : Laszlo Florian, DG Regional Policy

(3) Capacity-building and institutional cooperation for the further development and integration of the Danube macro-region

Moderator : George Kremlis, DG Environment

Speakers :

Michael Theurer, Member of the European Parliament

Stefan Luetgenau, Director, Foundation for Strong European Regions

Daniela Schily, Director, Danube Competence Centre, Serbia

Prof. Beloev, University of Ruse, Danube Rectors Conference

Daniela Gasparikova, UNDP, Europe and CIS

Rapporteur : Vladislava Hristozova, DG Regional Policy



13:00-14:30 **Buffet lunch and Danube Project exhibition**

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30-18:00 **Closing Plenary Session and Conclusions**

Movie : "A journey through the Danube Region : Territorial cooperation shaping our joint future"

Plamen Stoilov, Governor of Ruse District, Bulgaria

Tomislav Donchev, EU Funds Minister, Bulgaria

Miklos Barabas, European Economic and Social Committee

Jose Palma Andres, Director, DG Regional Policy

Lucian Iliescu, Mayor of Giurgiu, Romania

18:00-19:30 **Cultural programme** (Open air performance by the Ruse Brass Orchestra and dance performance)

19:30-21:00 **Cocktail and networking** (animated by the Austrian-Bulgarian Chamber Orchestra)

11 May 2010: Visit to border infrastructures and to the city of Giurgiu (Romania)

09:30-10:00 Departure and transport to Giurgiu or to Bucharest Airport

10:00-10:45 Visit to the Bridge between Ruse and Giurgiu (BG-RO)

10:45-11:45 Visit the Danube port of Giurgiu

11:45-12:15 Transfer to Balanoaya Forest

12:15-14:00 Lunch in "The Oak", restaurant in Balanoaya Forest

14:00: Bus Transport to Bucharest Airport or back to Ruse



Municipality of Ruse



Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works

