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**INVITATION**

## **...about the Danube Region**

**December 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Vienna University of Technology  
Boecklsaal  
Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Wien**

# ... about the

Some developments in Europe are for the moment extremely difficult and slow. That is not true for the Danube region. The EUSDR (European Union Strategy for the Danube Region) is a kick off on different fields. Ten countries along the river Danube and four in the Danube basin are directly involved and in cooperation with the European Commission based on a decision of the European Council. They have developed a lot of programs and proposals. So far the European Commission has developed a strategy to deal with this challenges. For the moment we can say that a lot of things are moving at the same time. For sure we have to coordinate it and to make it effective but it is a real chance that the river Danube is playing a role similar to the river Rhein in the development of the European integration. Out of the downfall of the Iron Curtain it is a new possibility to bring the countries together. Rivers shall connect and not divide!

**Vice chancellor a. D. Hon. Prof. Dr. Erhard Busek**  
(Ad personam Jean Monnet Chair)



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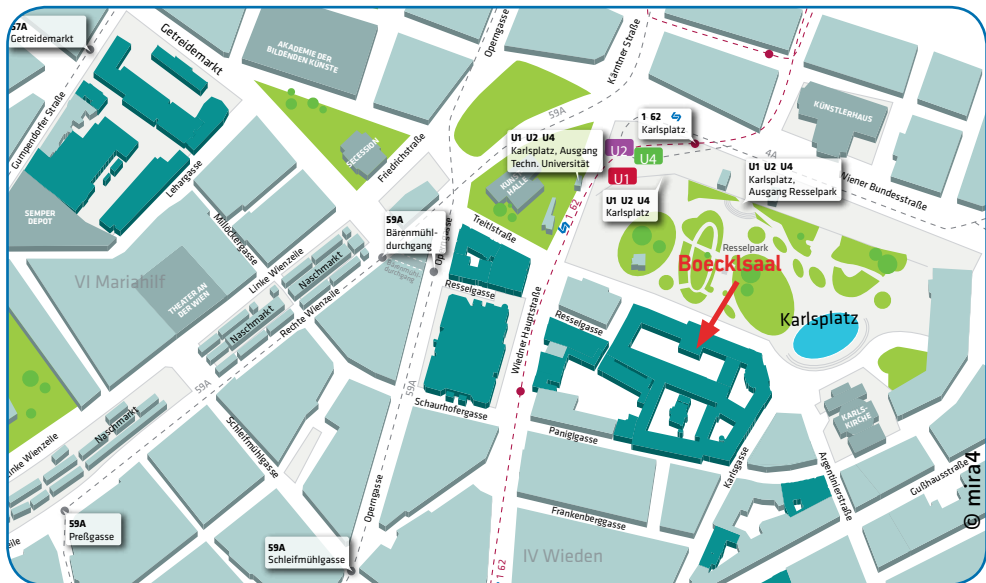
**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 2011**

- 09:00** Registration
- 09:30** Welcome address
- 09:45** Keynote Speech: Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Jean Monnet Professor ad Personam, "The future of the Danube Region - a challenge for Politics and Spatial Planning"
- 10:45** Coffee break
- 11:15** Panel: „From Ulm to Constanta“  
Chair: Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Vienna  
Participants:  
Alexandru CAPATU, Vienna Representative, Constanta Port (Navromsa AG- Agentur Wien)  
Peter LANGER, Donaubeauftragter der Städte Ulm und Neu-Ulm, Ulm
- 12:30** Lunch

- 14:00** Panel: „Austria and Centrope“  
Chair: Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Jean Monnet Professor ad personam and  
Coordinator of SECI (Southeast European Cooperative Initiative)  
Participants:  
Mag. Roland ARBTER, Bundeskanzleramt, Abteilung IV/4, Vienna  
Dr. Gabriele TATZBERGER, Geschäftsführerin CENTROPE Büro Österreich, Vienna
- 15:15** Case study „The Danube in Serbia“  
Rector Prof. Miroslav VESKOVIC, PhD, Rector University Novi Sad

## Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2011

- 09:00** Panel: „Connect or diverse the Danube?“  
Chair: Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Jean Monnet Professor ad Personam  
Participants:  
Viorel ARDELEANU, National Coordinator for Danube Strategy,  
Ministry of Foreign Affaires of Romania Bucharest  
Andreas BECKMANN, Danube-Carpathian Convention
- 10:45** Coffee break
- 11:15** Panel: „Ecological problems along the river Danube“  
Chair: Sektionschef Dr. Harald DOSSI, Leiter der Sektion IV im Bundeskanzleramt, Wien  
Participants:  
Mr. Florian BALLNUS, Coordinator for Priority Area 6  
(Preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils) for the Danube Strategy , Munich  
Dr. László PERGER, Coordinator of Priority Area 4  
(Restore and maintain the quality of waters) for the Danube Strategy, Budapest
- 12:30** Lunch
- 14:00** Panel: „Danube – Corridor VII“ - „Transport and Logistic around the Danube“  
Chair: Senatsrats Dr. Otto SCHWETZ, TINA Vienna, Vienna  
Participants:  
Dr. Saša JOVANOVIĆ, PhD, Expert in Port Infrastructure and Logistics  
Markus SIMONER, EUSDR Priority Area 1a Coordinator, Senior Policy Advisor,  
Via Donau, Vienna
- 15:30** Panel: „Danube – Energy“  
Chair: Dr. Erhard BUSEK  
Participants:  
Slavtcho NEYKOV, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna  
DI Dr. Otto PIRKER, Senior Advisor, Verbund Austria Hydropower AG  
Daniela SCHILY, Regional Programme for the establishment of a „Danube Competence Center“,  
Project Leader, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH,  
Belgrade



**We hope to welcome you to our event.**

**Date:** Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
**Begin:** 09.00 a.m.

**Location:** Vienna University of Technology  
 Boecklsaal (main building, first floor)  
 Karlsplatz 13  
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**We kindly request your reply until Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

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