



# The EUSDR and Its Potential to Tackle Crises in the Danube Region

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Due to currently prevailing political, economic and social crises, the conference questions the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) as a possible way out. So, current challenges and problems as well as possible alternatives, solutions and action spaces will be discussed.

## Programme

**8.00** Departure of the bus from Vienna to Krems

**9.00** Registration

**9.30** Welcome addresses

Mag. Friedrich **FAULHAMMER**, *Rector of the Danube University Krems*

Dr. Erhard **BUSEK**, *Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna*

Mag. Barbara **SCHWARZ**, *Member of the Government of Lower Austria, on behalf of Dr. Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria*

**Moderation of the conference:** Mag. Dr. Simon **ORTNER**, *General Secretariat ARGE Donauländer*

**10.00** Keynote Speech

Michael **RALPH**, *Adviser to the Deputy Director General for Implementation in the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, Brussels*

**10.30** Panel 1: Political, economic, ecological and social crises as current challenges in the Danube Region

Mag. Roland **ARBTER**, *coordination in area planning and regional policy, Austrian Federal Chancellery, Dep. IV/4, Vienna*

Dr. Dirk **BUSCHLE**, *Deputy Director of Energy Community, Vienna*

Gunter **CZISCH**, *First Mayor of the City of Ulm, Executive Director of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions Ulm Neu-Ulm*

Hans **HARRER**, *Board of the Economic Senate, Vienna*

Dr. Caroline **HORNSTEIN-TOMIĆ**, *Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Social Sciences „Ivo Pilar“, Zagreb*



Univ.Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Erwin **SCHMID**, *Full Professor for Sustainable Landuse and Global Change at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna*

Mag. Daniela **URSCHITZ**, MA, DEA, *Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region for the Vienna City Administration, Executive Group for Construction and Technology, Vienna*

**Moderation:** Josef **KIRCHENGAST**, *Foreign Editor, DER STANDARD, Vienna*

**12.30-14.00 Lunch break**

**14.00 Keynote Speech**

Goran **SVILANOVIĆ**, *Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Sarajevo*

**14.30 Panel 2: Possible ways out of the crisis. The potential of education, know-how and civil society initiatives**

Ing. Dr. Stanislav **FILIP**, PhD, *Vice-Rector of the School of Economics and Management in Public Administration in Bratislava (VŠEMVS)*

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Monika **KIL**, *Vice-Rector for Academic Teaching / Scientific Continuing Education Head of Department for Continuing Education Research and Educational Management, Danube University Krems*

Zvezdana **KOVAČ**, *Executive Director of the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE), Thessaloniki*

Dr. Márton **MÉHES**, *Cultural manager, Former Director of Collegium Hungaricum Vienna*

Ginka **TCHAVDAROVA**, *Executive Director of the National Municipalities Association (NAMRB), Sofia*

Michael **WEICHERT**, *on behalf of the Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Sarajevo*

**Moderation:** Prof. Dr. Rudolf **BRETSCHNEIDER**, *Member of the IDM Board, former Executive Director of GfK Austria, Vienna*

**16.30 Closing remarks**

Univ.-Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Viktoria **WEBER**, *Vice-Rector for Research at the Danube University Krems*

**16.45 Get together**

**17.30 Departure of the bus from Krems to Vienna**

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