Danube Conference
Ownership and Leadership in the Danube Region
Between Visionary Goals, Everyday Challenges and Future Perspectives

Award ceremony: Dr. Erhard Busek SEEMO 2018 Award for Better Understanding in South East Europe

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Concepts of ownership, leadership and good governance are undoubtedly aimed at achieving a high level of participation, well-being and life satisfaction among the majority of the population. While people are called upon to assume social, political and economic responsibility in their environment, good governance should guarantee the appropriate framework conditions.

However, this goal is contradicted by unequal working and living conditions and possibilities for political and cultural participation within the Danube region. Such asymmetry, as a result, affects population developments and shifts. So, the conference discusses approaches and initiatives that are committed to strengthening the Danube Region as a common living, economic, educational and cultural area. It is also questioned which conclusions can be drawn from the Austrian EU-Presidency. The conference will conclude with the presentation of the Dr. Erhard Busek SEEMO 2018 Award for Better Understanding in South East Europe.

Programme

9.00 Bus transfer from Vienna (Burgttheater/Bühneneingang, Josef-Meinrad-Platz 1, 1010 Vienna) to Krems (IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems, Am Campus Trakt G1, 3500 Krems an der Donau)
10.00 Registration
10.30 Welcome addresses
> Mag. Friedrich FAULHAMMER, Rector of the Danube University Krems
> Dr. Simon ORTNER, Head of the Department of International and European Affairs, Office of the Lower Austrian Government, on behalf of the Governor of Lower Austria Johanna Miki-Leitner, St. Pölten
> Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna
> Prof. Dr. Karl ENNSFELLNER, Managing Director of the IMC University of Applied Sciences, Krems

Conference moderation:
> Mag. Georg KRAUCHENBERG, General Secretary of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna

11.00 Keynote speech
> Univ. Prof. Dr. Mihai Răzvan UNGUREANU, IWM Visiting Fellow, Vienna, University of Bucharest, former Foreign Minister, former Prime Minister, former Director of the Serviciul de Informații Externe, Romania

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Panel 1
Political, Socio-Economic, Legal and Regional Framework Conditions of Joint Cooperation in the Danube Region

> Univ.-Prof. MMag. Dr. Tomislav BORIĆ, Institute of Corporate and International Commercial Law, University of Graz
> Mag. Michael GIRARDI, Head of the Department VIII.1 | Policy Matters Integration, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and External Affairs (BMEIA), Vienna
> Goran SVILANOVIĆ, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Sarajevo
> Univ. Prof. Dr. Mihai Răzvan UNGUREANU, Romania

Moderation
> Mag. Michael LACZYNSKI, Foreign Policy Expert and EU-Correspondent, „Die Presse”, Vienna

13.30 Lunch break

14.30 Panel 2
Contribution of (Higher) Education, Business and Civic Engagement to the Development of New Perspectives for the Danube Region

> Ass.-Prof. Dr. habil. Attila PAUSITS, PhD, Head of the Centre for Educational Management and Higher Education Development at the Danube University Krems
> Prof. Dr. Milica PAVKOV HRVOJEVIC, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad
> Jaroslava SZUDI, Project Manager, PA 7 Support Team, Science and Technology Division, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport, Bratislava
> Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Bernhard WOLFSLEHNER, Head of the European Forest Institute Central-East European Regional Office (EFICEEC), Vienna

Moderation
Mag. Adelheid WÖLFL, Correspondent South Eastern Europe, „Der Standard”, Vienna/Sarajevo

16.00 Closing remarks
> Mag. Friedrich FAULHAMMER, Rector of the Danube University Krems

16.15 Award Ceremony
Dr. Erhard Busek SEEMO 2018 Award for Better Understanding in South East Europe
> Oliver VIJUOVIĆ, Secretary General, South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), Vienna

16.45 Get together

18.00 Bus transfer from Krems to Vienna