

**URBAN PLATFORM DANUBE REGION, 2ND STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE:
STRENGTHENING THE URBAN DIMENSION OF THE DANUBE REGION**

JANUARY 26TH - 27TH 2015, VIENNA

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DAY I: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY

January 26th, 2015

Vienna City Hall, **Nordbuffet**

Conference Language: English

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:30 – 12:30	Open Data in the Danube Region
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Open Data in the Danube Region, continued
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30 – 15:00	1st UPDR Advisory Committee Meeting with Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 18:30	Meeting of the extended Executive Committee and Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions
19:00	Reception

DAY II: CONFERENCE DAY

January 27th, 2015

Vienna City Hall, **Wappensaal** (and Room 319)

Conference Language: English

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
9:00 – 9:15	Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region	
9:15 – 10:45	Session 1: Financing the Urban Agenda in the Danube Region	
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:25	Session 2: Protecting the Environment: Managing Environmental Risks	
12:25 – 12:30	Report from the Council of Danube Cities and Regions	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	Parallel Sessions 3 & 4	
	Location: Wappensaal A: Connecting the Danube Region - Urban Transport and Mobility	Location: Room 319 B: Building Prosperity: Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Local Economy
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 17:00	Parallel Sessions 5 & 6	
	Location: Wappensaal A: Supporting Transparency and Participation through Open Government for Cities	Location: Room 319 B: Fostering Equal Opportunity Policies in the Danube Region
17:00 – 17:30	Closing of the Conference and Outlook, Location: Wappensaal	

DAY I: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY

Monday, January 26th, City Hall, Nordbuffet

9:00 | *Registration and Welcome Coffee*

Open Data in the Danube Region:

9:30 – 12:30

chaired by **Bernhard Krabina**, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

9:30 | **Vienna's Open Data Initiative**

Gustav Lehart, Department of Economic Affairs, Labour and Statistics, City of Vienna

10:00 | **Question and Answer regarding Vienna's data sets**

Gustav Lehart, Department of Economic Affairs, Labour and Statistics, City of Vienna

10:15 | **Open Knowledge Foundation Austria and Open Data Portal Austria**

Helmuth Bronnenmayer, Open Knowledge Foundation Austria

10:30 | **How the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber can help entrepreneurs to reach out to the Danube Region**

Christian Gessl, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Danube Region Business Forum

10:45 | *Coffee Break*

11:00 | *Lightning Talks (< 10 minutes):*
Status of Open Government Data (OGD) in the Danube Region

Developers and/or city representatives highlight the status of OGD in their city
Developers/companies demonstrate their apps/projects based on OGD

12:00 | *Lunch Break*

12:30 | *End of Open Data Session*

**1st UPDR Advisory Committee Meeting with
Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange Camp
12:30 – 15:00**

chaired by **Thomas Prorok** and **Alexandra Schantl**,
KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

12:00	<i>Registration and Lunch Break</i>	
12:30	The Urban Platform Danube Region	Thomas Weninger , Secretary General of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
12:40	EUSDR-PA 10: Platforms for Cooperation and Capacity Building in the Danube Region	Kurt Puchinger , Priority Area Coordinator 10 (Institutional Capacity), EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
12:50	The Urban Platform in the Danube Strategy	Marco Onida , Team Leader, DG Regio
13:00	<i>Lightning Talks (< 5 minutes):</i> Status of the Thematic Priorities	each Thematic Leader
	United Smart Cities: The UNECE Program on Smart Urban Solutions	Kari Aina Eik , Secretary General of the Organisation for International Economic Relations
	EPOurban Project	Anton Schabl , EPOurban Project
	"Smart City Platform" Enabler of Sustainable development of Cities in the EU Danube Region	Blaž Golob , Director GFS Institute, Ljubljana / Slovenia
	Danube Cultural Cluster	Márton Méhes , Danube Cultural Cluster
	The Knowledge Exchange Camp: UPDR Roadmap to the Annual Forum 2015 in Ulm	Daniela Urschitz , EUSDR PA 10, City of Vienna, Executive Group for Construction and Technology Jörg Mirtl , EUSDR PA 10, EU Funding Agency, City of Vienna
	Additional Lightning Talks	from various Cities and Organisations
	Discussion: Activities for Thematic Priorities	Thomas Prorok , KDZ - Centre for Public Administration Research
15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i> <i>End of Thematic Leader's Knowledge Exchange</i>	

**Meeting of the extended Executive Committee and
Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions**

15:30 – 18:30

	chaired by Peter Langer , General Coordinator of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CoDCR)	
15:00	<i>Registration and Coffee Break</i>	
15:30	Welcome and Agenda Setting	Peter Langer , General Coordinator of the CoDCR
	Welcome Address by the Host	Mayor Dr. Michael Häupl , Mayor of Vienna
	Greetings	Prof. Dr. Sorin Oprescu , General Mayor of Bucharest Yordanka Fandakova , Lord Mayor of Sofia Ivo Nesrovnal , Lord Mayor of Bratislava
	Building the Modern Danube Region by the Cities	Dr. Kurt Puchinger , EUSDR Priority Area Coordinator 10 "Institutional Capacity & Cooperation"
	Current Status of the Implementation of the EUSDR	Marco Onida , Team Leader, DG Regio
	The EPO-Urban Project - Strategies for Private-Public Urban Restructuring Processes	Anton Schabl , Schabl Consulting e.U.
	Innovative Financial Instruments for the Danube Region	Peter Schneidewind , Metis Vienna
	Promoting Economic Prosperity against Braindrain in the Danube Region	Dr. Erhard Busek , Chairman Institute for Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) Vienna
	State of play - the Urban Platform Danube Region	Daniela Urschitz / Jörg Mirtl , EUSDR - PA 10 Vienna
19:00	followed by a Reception of the City of Vienna	

DAY II: CONFERENCE DAY

Tuesday, 27th of January, Wappensaal & Room 319

8:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region - Introduction

chaired by **Márton Méhes**, Danube Cultural Cluster

9:00 **Opening**

Omar Al-Rawi, Member of the Vienna City Parliament

Alexander Lesigang, Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)

9:15-10:45 Session 1: Financing the Urban Agenda in the Danube Region

chaired by **Thomas Prorok**, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

9:15 *Financing opportunities for municipalities*
World Bank-Austria Urban Partnership Programme
Austrian Development Cooperation in the Western Balkans/Danube Region
NALAS – strengthening capacity and fiscal decentralisation of local governments
EU funding compass for cities

Barbara Mulder-Bahovec & **Edina Csányi**, European Investment Bank
Tamara Nikolic, World Bank

Hubert Neuwirth, Austrian Development Agency

Milena Garthley, Network of Associations of Local Authorities in South East Europe (NALAS)

Elise Lindner, EuroVienna, Management of START Danube Region Project Fund

Discussion

10:45 *Coffee Break*

11:00-12:15 Session 2: Protecting the Environment: Managing Environmental Risks

chaired by **Michaela Amschl**, Deputy Head of the Executive Group for Organisation and Security of the City of Vienna

11:00 *Crisis Management in Serbia*

Djordje Staničić, Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities in Serbia & **Sasa Paunovic**, Mayor of Paracin

Crisis Management in the Slovak Republic

Stanislav Filip, Vice Rector of the School of Economics and Management of Public Administration in Bratislava (VŠEMvs)

Flood Risk Management in Austria

Helmut Habersack, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Discussion

Strengthening the Urban Dimension of the Danube Region - Outlook

12:15 **Report from the Council of Danube Cities and Regions**

Ivo Gönner, Mayor of the City of Ulm and Chairperson of the CoDCR

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 15:00 Parallel Sessions 3 & 4

13:30	<p>A: Connecting the Danube Region – Urban Transport and Mobility</p> <p>chaired by Ivan Stanič, City of Ljubljana</p> <p><i>GOOPTI - regional shuttle</i></p> <p><i>RRT intermodal logistics centre Ljubljana</i></p> <p><i>Gender Aspects of Public Transport in Cities</i></p>	<p>Location: Wappensaal</p> <p>Marko Guček, CEO GOOPTI</p> <p>Peter Verlič, Director, Institute of Transport, Slovenian Railways</p> <p>Eva Kail, Gender Expert in Planning, Executive Group for Construction and Technology, City of Vienna</p>
13:30	<p>B: Building Prosperity: Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Local Economy</p> <p>chaired by Dragica Karajić, Croatian Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts, EUSDR Priority Area 8 – Competitiveness</p> <p><i>European Entrepreneurship Action Plan – Providing Inspiration for Regional and Local Initiatives</i></p> <p><i>Integrated public support services for an urban economy: the Vienna Business Agency's approach</i></p> <p><i>Local SME development in the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region</i></p>	<p>Location: Room 319</p> <p>Christian Weinberger, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry</p> <p>Alfried Braumann, Head of Economic Policies and EU-Affairs, Vienna Business Agency</p> <p>Christina Kasparyan, Business Support Center for SMEs in Ruse, Bulgaria</p>
15:00	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>	

15:30 – 17:00 Parallel Sessions 5 & 6

15:30	<p>A: Supporting Transparency and Participation through Open Government for Cities</p> <p>chaired by Bernhard Krabina, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research</p> <p><i>Regional Aspects of Openness</i></p> <p><i>Open Government in the Danube Region and Ulm 2.0</i></p> <p><i>Openness and Transparency in Bratislava</i></p>	<p>Location: Wappensaal</p> <p>Stefan Pawel, Open Commons Linz</p> <p>Christian Geiger, City of Ulm</p> <p>Milan Ftáčnik, former Mayor of the City of Bratislava</p>
15:30	<p>B: Fostering Equal Opportunity Policies in the Danube Region</p> <p>opening by Sandra Frauenberger, Executive City Councillor for Integration, Women's Issues, Consumer Protection and Personnel of the City of Vienna</p> <p>chaired by Ursula Bauer, Chief Executive Office, Executive Group for Organisation and Security, City of Vienna</p> <p><i>FemCities Danube Region</i></p> <p><i>Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities - a multi level tool for cities to promote gender equality“</i></p> <p><i>Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities 2012 – 2014</i></p>	<p>Location: Room 319</p> <p>Alina Zachar, Coordinator of the FemCities Network, Municipal Department 57 – Promotion and Coordination of Women's Issues of the City of Vienna</p> <p>Julia Seitlinger and Ingrid Gogl, Vienna Girls Day Office/ Communication matters</p> <p>Representatives of enterprises and organisations that participated in the project „Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities“</p>

17:00 – 17:30 Closing of the Conference and Outlook, Location: Wappensaal

17:00	<p>Perspectives of Urban Cooperation in the Danube Region</p>	<p>Kurt Puchinger, Priority Area Coordinator 10, EUSDR</p> <p>Peter Langer, General Coordinator of the CoDCR</p>
17:30	<p><i>End of the conference</i></p>	

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