

BUILDING THE URBAN FUTURE OF THE DANUBE REGION

Place: City Hall, Wappensaal, Vienna, A-1082

Date: December 9 – 10, 2013

Conference Language: English & German

Programme

Monday, 9th of December

Chair: Christian Wehrschütz, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation Belgrade

8.30 a.m.	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
9.30 a.m.	Welcoming Speech	Michael Häupl Mayor of Vienna and President of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
09.50 a.m.	Video message by Johannes Hahn , EU Commissioner for Regional Policy and Urban Development	
10.00 a.m.	Key note „Urbanism versus Etatism“	György Konrád Author and political essayist
10.45 a.m.	Coffee Break	
11.15 a.m.	Lessons learned – 3 Pilot Projects for cooperation with discussion	
	<i>Successful co-operation between Bratislava and Vienna</i>	Milan Ftáčnik Mayor of Bratislava
	<i>The “River Show”</i>	Peter Langer Council of Danube Cities and Regions Stefan Lütgenau Danube Civil Society Forum
	<i>Cooperation in Flood Prevention</i>	Markus Simoner Via Donau
1.00 p.m.	Lunch	

2.00 p.m.

**Presentation of the Urban Platform
Danube Region-Declaration**

Roundtable Discussion

„Why do we need municipal cooperation in the
Danube Region?“

Ivo Gönner

Chairperson of the Council of
Danube Cities and Regions and
Mayor of Ulm

Michael Ludwig

Member of the Vienna City
Government and responsible for
the Danube Region

Ivo Gönner

Milan Ftáčnik
Mayor of Bratislava

Eva Tetenyi

Mayor of Estergom (tbc)

Miran Gajšek

Head of the Department for Urban
Planning of the City of Ljubljana

Sever Avram

Executive Director of EUROLINK-
House of Europe, Romania

Matti Ollinkari

Head of International Relations of
the City of Helsinki and BaltMet
representative

4.00 p.m.

Coffee Break

4.30 p.m. –
5.15 p.m.

**The City of Vienna and the EU-Strategy
for the Danube Region**

**Urban Platform Danube Region - how
will it work?**

Kurt Puchinger

Priority Area 10, Coordinator for
the Danube Strategy

Veronika Haunold

CEO of TINA Vienna - Urban
Technologies & Strategies and
Managing Unit of DonauHanse

6.30 p.m.

Tribute from the City of Vienna to
Elisabeth Gateau and **Jeremy Smith**,
former Secretaries General of the Council of
European Municipalities and Regions

followed by a **Reception of the City of
Vienna**

Michael Häupl

Mayor of Vienna and President of
the Austrian Association of Cities
and Towns (AACT)

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Tuesday, 10th of December, Wappensaal & Room 319

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Governance in the Danube Region
Parallel Working Groups

Chair: **Thomas Prorok**, KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

9.30 a.m.

Opening

Thomas Weninger

Secretary General of Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)

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9.45 a.m. –
11.15 a.m.

1. Governance in Smart Cities

chaired by: **Erich Dallhammer**, Managing Director of the Austrian Institute for Spatial Planning - OIR

Smart City Vienna

Smart Region Munich

Governance through Citizen’s participation – the “Vienna Charta”

Ina Homeier

Department for Urban Development and Planning, City of Vienna

Anton Tropper

Department of Labor and Economic Development & European Affairs, City of Munich

Ursula Struppe

Head of the Department of Integration, City of Vienna

2. Governance through Human Ressource Management

chaired by: **Alexandra Schantl**, KDZ

Training and employee turnover reduction in public administration

The cross border training course „Public Management Platform“

Training programmes for Public Administration in Slovakia

Coffee Break

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Peter Pobuda

Mayor of Mokrý Háj, Slovakia

Renate Deininger

Head of the Department Public Administration, FH Campus Vienna

Stanislav Filip

Vice rector of the VSEMvS, Bratislava

11.15 a.m.

11.45 a.m. –
1.15 p.m.

1. Auditing in Cities

chaired by: **Hans-Georg Windhaber**, Head of the Municipal Court of Audit of the City of Graz

Auditing as Part of City Governance

*Cooperation of the Auditing
Departments of Vienna and Bratislava*

Prevention of Corruption in the City of Vienna

2. Governance through networks

chaired by: **Frederic Vallier**
Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions

*NALAS in the Danube Region –
supporting strong local governments*

European Cultural Routes

Danube Cultural Dialogue

*Contribution of Civil Society networks
to Governance*

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Peter Pollak
Director of the Auditing
Department of the City of Vienna

Peter Šinály
Director of the Auditing
Department of Bratislava

Paul Jauernig
Head of Internal Auditing
Department in the Chief
Executive Office of the City of
Vienna

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Kelmend Zajazi
Executive Director of the Network
of Associations of Local Authorities
of South East Europe

Elke Atzler
Austrian Ministry for European
and International Affairs (tbc)

Márton Méhes
Director of the Collegium
Hungaricum Vienna/Danube
Cultural Dialogue

Iva Taralezhkova
President of the Board Citizen
Participation Forum, Bulgaria

1.15 p.m.

Conclusion of the Working Groups

Thomas Prorok

1.30 p.m.

Lunch and End of the Conference

Please register under <http://www.staedtebund.gv.at/anmeldung/danube2013> until **Monday, December 2, 2013**. As confirmation you will receive an automatic response via Email.

For those who need **accommodation** (December 8-10, 2013) an individual booking at own expense is possible in the following hotels, which are all in walking distance from the conference premises (5-10 Minutes).

Mercure Hotel Josefshof Wien 4*

Josefsgasse 4-6

1080 Wien

Tel. +43 1 404 19

Email: mercure@josefshof.com

Web: <http://www.josefshof.com/en/hotel>

Costs: 97 Euro/night for a single room including breakfast (booking code: 27950)

Hotel Alpha 3*

Buchfeldgasse 8

1080 Wien

Tel. +43 1 403 52 91

Email: alpha@austria-hotels.at

Web: <http://www.austria-hotels.at/hotel-alpha/index.html>

Costs: 74 – 86 Euro/night for a room/person including breakfast (booking code: Danube City Conference)

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