

**Conference on the  
EU Strategy for the Danube Region:  
Challenges and Chances 2014 – 2020  
04 – 06 November 2013**

**A conference organised jointly by the Danube Strategy Research Network,  
Representation of Baden-Württemberg to the EU, Leibniz Institute for Regional  
Development, Agapedia – Jürgen Klinsmann Foundation**

**Conference venue:**

Representation of Baden-Württemberg to the EU  
Rue Belliard 60-62, 1040 Brussels

**Monday, 04 November 2013**

13.00 – 14.00 Hrs. Individual arrival and refreshment

**14.00 – 14.20 Hrs. Welcome and introduction**

*Peter Friedrich*

*Minister for the Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs  
State of Baden-Württemberg*

*Katja Vonhoff*

*Coordinator of the “Danube Strategy Research Network”  
Department of International Relations and European Integration  
University of Stuttgart (PhD student)*

**14.20 – 14.40 Hrs. The EU Strategy for the Danube Region:  
challenges and chances 2014 – 2020**

*Prof. Dr. Attila Agh*

*Department for Political Sciences  
Corvinus University of Budapest*

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- 14.40 – 15.20 Hrs. Macro-regions and multi-level governance: theorising a new governance structure**  
**Moderation:** *Katja Vonhoff*
- 14.40 – 15.00 Hrs. ‘Macroregionalisation’ – a new form of European governance: the EU Strategies for the Danube Region and the Baltic Sea  
*Prof. Dr. Stefan Gänzle*  
*Department of Political Science and Management*  
*University of Agder*
- 15.00 – 15.20 Hrs. Territorial cooperation by macro-regions – a new form of Europeanisation?  
*Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla & Franziska Sielker (PhD student)*  
*Institute for Geography*  
*Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg*
- 15.20 – 15.45 Hrs.** Coffee break
- 15.45 – 18.00 Hrs. Macro-regions and multi-level governance: building up a new governance structure**  
**Moderation:** *Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla*
- 15.45 – 16.15 Hrs. The involvement of the European Parliament and national parliaments  
*Michael Theurer*  
*Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the MEP Danube Forum*
- 16.15 – 17.00 Hrs. European Commission: EUSDR development, evaluation, future perspectives  
*Ann-Jasmin Krabatsch*  
*Programme Manager at the Unit Competence Centre Macro-regions and European Territorial Cooperation*  
*European Commission Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy*
- 17.00 – 17.20 Hrs. An academic assessment of the evaluation of macro-regional strategies  
*Katja Vonhoff and Franziska Sielker*
- 17.20 – 18.00 Hrs. Discussion
- 18.00 – 20.00 Hrs.** Free time
- 20.00 – 22.00 Hrs.** Dinner at “In’t Spinnopke”, Place du Jardin aux Fleurs 1, 1000 Brussels

**Tuesday, 05 November 2013**

**09.00 – 09.10 Hrs. Welcome and introduction**

*Johannes Jung  
Head of the Representation  
Representation of the State Baden-Württemberg to the EU*

**09.10 – 10.15 Hrs. The funding policy of the European Union**

**Moderation:** *Katja Vonhoff*

09.10 – 09.30 Hrs. The implementation of EU funds in South East Europe

*Prof. Dr. Klaus Roth  
Faculty for Cultural Sciences  
Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich*

09.30 – 10.15 Hrs. Panel discussion: funding challenges

- Why is it difficult to implement EU funds in countries of South East Europe?
- What kind of funding is available for the Danube area?

Panel participants:

*Prof. Dr. Klaus Roth, Prof. Dr. Rumen Valchev (Bourgas Free University), Joachim Baldermann (regional policy advisor and EU funding expert), Mihaela Bucsa (EU funding expert from Romania)*

**10.15 – 10.40 Hrs. Coffee break**

**Emphasising the nation state: NON-EU and EU countries**

**Moderation:** *Franziska Sielker*

**10.40 – 12.45 Hrs. EUSDR – perspectives of NON-EU countries**

10.40 – 11.00 Hrs. The Republic of Moldova:  
What are the challenges and chances?

*Andrei Iovu  
OSCE Mission to Moldova  
Former National Advisor, Implementation of EUSDR in the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Regional Development and Construction*

11.00 – 11.20 Hrs. The EU Strategy for the Danube Region:  
Does Ukraine have a chance?

*Igor Studennikov  
Centre for Regional Studies, Ukraine*

- 11.20 – 11.40 Hrs. The challenges of EU enlargement in Southeast Europe  
*Dr. phil. Dušan Reljić*  
*Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Head of Brussels Office*
- 11.40 – 12.00 Hrs. EU relationships to neighbouring countries  
*Konstantinos Vardakis*  
*Deputy Head of the Division for the Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE*  
*European Union External Action Service*
- 12.00 – 12.45 Hrs. Panel discussion: EUSDR as a framework for partnership  
- How could the EUSDR provide a framework for partnership between EU and non-EU countries?  
- What kind of impact does the EUSDR have on non-EU countries?  
  
Panel participants:  
*Andrei Iovu, Igor Studennikov, Konstantinos Vardakis, Dr. Dušan Reljić*
- 12.45 – 13.40 Hrs.** Lunch
- 13.40 – 15.45 Hrs.** **EUSDR – perspectives of NEW EU member states**
- 13.40 – 14.00 Hrs. The added value of the integrated approach: the case of Hungary  
*Prof. Dr. Tamas Kaiser*  
*University of Pannonia*
- 14.00 – 14.20 Hrs. Danube identity in reflection to the emerging new narrative in the EU  
*Associate Prof. Dr. Boglarka Koller*  
*Institute of International and Political Studies*  
*King Sigismund College*
- 14.20 – 14.40 Hrs. The EUSDR as new tool  
*Associate Prof. Dr. Györgyi Nyikos*  
*National University of Public Service*  
*Counselor, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU*
- 14.40 – 15.30 Hrs. Panel discussion: new EU member states – new mediators?  
- What is the role of new EU member states?  
- Do the priority areas provide the adequate framework for implementation of EUSDR?  
  
Panel participants:  
*Prof. Dr. Tamas Kaiser, Associate Prof. Dr. Boglarka Koller, Associate Prof. Dr. Györgyi Nyikos*
- 15.30 – 16.00 Hrs.** Coffee break

**16.00 – 17.20 Hrs. EUSDR – perspectives of OLD EU member states**

16.00 – 16.20 Hrs. The State of Baden-Württemberg and the EUSDR

*Matthias Holzner*  
*Ministry of State Baden-Württemberg*

16.20 – 16.40 Hrs. Old bridges, new paths and current dynamics. Baden-Württemberg's cultural, scientific and educational relations to Hungary and the Danube Region.

*Doris Orgonas (PhD student)*  
*Cultural Sciences*  
*University of Tuebingen*

16.40 – 17.00 Hrs. Austria's involvement in the EUSDR

*Anna Maria Schober*  
*The Austrian Conference on Spatial Planning*

**Expanding the governance structure**

**Moderation:** Dr. Gabor Schneider

**17.00 – 18.00 Hrs. EUSDR – perspectives of cities and regions**

Panel discussion: role of cities and regions

- What are the challenges of transnational cooperation between cities and regions in the Danube area?

Panel participants:

*Prof. Dr. Stefan Gänzle (University of Agder), Peter Langer (City of Ulm and Council of Danube Cities and Regions), Prof. Dr. Rumen Valchev (Bourgas Free University)*

**18.00 – 20.00 Hrs.** Free time

**20.00 – 22.00 Hrs.** Dinner at the "Schwarzwaldstube", Rue Belliard 60-62, 1040 Brussels

**Wednesday, 06 November 2013**

**09.00 – 10.30 Hrs. EUSDR – involvement of civil society**

**Moderation:** *Prof. Dr. Klaus Roth*

09.00 – 09.20 Hrs. A critical assessment of the civil society's involvement in the development and implementation process of the EUSDR. Practical experiences from the Middle and Lower Danube.

*Dr. Gabor Schneider*  
*Swedish SKL International*

- 09.20 – 09.40 Hrs. The different meanings of the term civil society and two cases of civil society engagement within the framework of the EUSDR:  
EUSDR civil society network of NGOs from Baden-Württemberg and the transnational platform for NGOs “Donauwandel”  
*Stefan Barth*  
*Agapedia – Jürgen Klinsmann Foundation*  
*M.A. student, Centre for Social Investment, University of Heidelberg*
- 09.40 – 10.00 Hrs. The involvement of the civil society in the multi-level-governance structure of the EUSDR  
*Daniela Urschitz*  
*Priority Area 10 “To step up institutional capacity and cooperation”*  
*City of Vienna*
- 10.00 – 10.30 Hrs. Panel discussion: involvement of civil society  
- Why and how much civil society is necessary for the implementation of the EUSDR?  
  
Panel participants:  
*Dr. Gabor Schneider, Stefan Barth, Daniela Urschitz*
- 10.30 – 11.00 Hrs.** Coffee break
- 11.00 – 13.15 Hrs. Research in the Danube area**  
**Moderation:** *Katja Vonhoff*
- 11.00 – 11.30 Hrs. New collaboration perspectives in the Danube macro-region: synergies between Horizon 2020 and Cohesion policy. Towards a new territorial cooperation focused on the knowledge economy.  
*Dimitri Corpakis*  
*Head of Unit Regional Dimension of Innovation*  
*European Commission Directorate-General Research and Innovation*
- 11.30 – 11.45 Hrs. Research and academic exchange in the Danube area: projects within the framework of the EUSDR  
*Martin Reichel*  
*Managing director of Bavarian Research Alliance, Munich*
- 11.45 – 12.00 Hrs. The European Commission’s In-house science service: Joint Research Centre  
*Aurélie Gommenginger*  
*Policy Co-ordinator at the Joint Research Centre, Brussels*

12.00 – 12.15 Hrs. The socio-economic assessment of the Danube area requested by the European Commission and the State of Baden-Württemberg

*Dr. Markus Kappler*

*Senior Researcher and Deputy Head Research Group Growth and Business Cycles at the Centre for European Economic Research, Mannheim*

12.15 – 13.15 Hrs. Panel discussion and discussion with participants:

- How can academic experts contribute to further EUSDR developments?
- What kind of funding opportunities for research projects exist?
- What is the potential of an interdisciplinary research network in the Danube area?

Panel participants:

*Dimitri Corpakis, Martin Reichel, Dr. Markus Kappler, Aurélie Gommenginger*

**13.15 Hrs.** Individual departure

**Accommodation:**

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