

THE EUROPE OF REGIONS FOR THE REGIONS OF EUROPE Regional Co-operation as Central European Perspective

by the Danube Rectors' Conference (Pécs, Wien)

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Date: August 8 – 14, 2004

Location: Pécs, Hungary

Deadline: June 30, 2004

Applications: Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax by June 30th and have to comprise the application form (available at: <http://www.d-r-c.org/summerschool04.htm>), the applicant's CV and an abstract of 1-2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the framework of the Summer School. The participants are selected by a jury under the guidance of the Presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC).

Applications should be sent to: »Európa Centrum Kht.« István Tarrósy; Regional European Information and Education Centre PBC; H-7621 Pécs; Mária u. 9. Please note »DRC Summer School« on your envelope.

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Aims of the project:

- to enhance the awareness for the significance and possibilities of regional co-operation;
- to discuss and to develop strategies for the improvement of co-operation in the region;
- to bring young scientists from the countries of the Danube Region and Central Europe together to establish a regional scientific network within the European Research Area;
- to foster the relations between the partner universities of the Danube Rectors' Conference and with other regional actors;
- to prepare a sustainable series of events in the framework of the *EU Marie Curie Programme* to be able to meet the tasks mentioned above.

Target group:

- 50-60 young scientists from the Danube Region and Central Europe who have records in Political Science and other social sciences disciplines.
- Graduates who want to present their research projects to the students of the Summer School in the lecture-series.
- Interested persons from regional organisations, public administration and scientific institutions.

Workshop items:

1. Regional Co-operation among EU Member States: EU policies on regional co-operation and case studies on regional co-operation between particular Member States, taking into account economic, political and cultural aspects;
2. Co-operation between the Border Regions: existing projects, the participation of the new member states, the questions of Schengen and of ethnic minorities after EU-enlargement, labour market implications;
3. Regional Organisations and Initiatives: their character, the interaction among them and with the EU (e.g. Danube Rectors' Conference, WG of Danube Countries, CEI, CEFTA, Danube Co-operation Process, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, etc.);
4. The Role of Civil Society in Developing the United Europe: NGOs, foundations, youth groups, etc;
5. Education and Science in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) – the regional perspective

General item apart from the workshops: The Regional Development along the River Danube and of the Carpathian Basin: Economic, Historical and Geographic Facts.

Working methods:

- Lectures by high level scientists, young graduates and experts (politicians, civil servants, representatives of regional organisations, NGOs, EU officials);
- Presentation of Best Practice projects;
- Presentation of papers prepared by the participants;
- Discussion in parallel workshops;
- Presentation of the results of each working group and plenary discussion.

The working language is English. The results will be published in a proceedings volume. ECTS points will be granted to those students who fulfil all requirements.

Programme

Sun, 8 Aug	Arrival, first meeting
Mon, 9 Aug	Opening, keynote address, plenary lectures by scientists and experts, introduction to the working methods
Tue, 10 Aug	Plenary lectures, Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site in Pécs, individual paper presentations in the workshops
Wed, 11 Aug	Workshop lectures and paper presentations
Thu, 12 Aug	Workshop lectures, discussion at the Danube-Drava National Park as example for an interregional project
Fri, 13 Aug	Workshop lectures, individual work, preparation of the workshop reports, Cultural Programme <i>Folkloriada</i>
Sat, 14 Aug	Presentation of the workshop reports, closing sessions and prospects for the 2 nd summer school, farewell party
Sun, 15 Aug	Departure

Follow-Up

The DRC Summer School for Regional Co-operation should be institutionalised as project within the EU *Marie Curie Programme*. Beside the annual summer school, seminars on special topics should be held to guarantee the continuation of the working process during the year. These events shall take place at the member institutions of the DRC as well as in the Austrian federal countries Burgenland, Lower Austria, Upper Austria and Vienna.

A special section on the DRC homepage shall be installed for the purpose of the summer school project.