



## 2018 DANUBE:FUTURE INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL (DIS)

### Project Management and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development of the Regions in the Danube River Basin

University of Ruse, Bulgaria

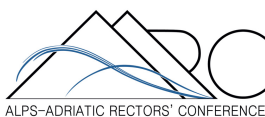
September 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Call for application

Regional development is an important topic for the countries in the Danube River Basin. It aligns with the priorities of the European territorial and cohesion policy and the European neighbourhood policy. The regions within the Danube River Basin are characterized by significant disproportions in their economic and social development. Some of them, e.g. those in the Lower Danube Region, are disadvantaged in comparison with the regions in the Upper Danube, but they have a good touristic potential with their unique natural assets and cultural heritage.

The 2018DIS will familiarize participants with the specificity of regional developments within the Danube Macro-Region, as well as with the strengths and weaknesses of selected regions in the Danube River Basin to identify opportunities for cooperation in the area of entrepreneurship and project management. The DIS programme focuses on the theory and practice of project management and entrepreneurship as possible tools for overcoming the disparity between the regions in the EUSTR.

The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School (DIS) 2018 offers PhD-students and young scientists from member universities of the Danube Rector's Conference (DRC) and the Alps-Adriatic Rector's Conference (AARC) the opportunity to discuss the abovementioned issues and to develop research proposals within this broad context. The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School offers a well-coordinated program of high-profile lectures, methodological inputs regarding interdisciplinarity and trans-disciplinarity, thematic excursions and professionally supervised working phases for writing project proposals.



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The 2018DIS is the fifth edition of the Interdisciplinary Training School, after the 2013-2014-2015 editions held in Gorizia (Italy), and the 2017 edition held in Krems (Austria). More than 110 PhD students and Post-docs from 12 countries participated in the previous editions. Participants came from the following EU and non-EU Countries: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Kosovo.

The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School is part of the Capacity Building Module of the Danube:Future project, a Flagship Project of the EUSDR - the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region, in the Priority Area 'Knowledge Society'. Danube:Future is a joint network project of the Danube Rector's Conference (DRC) and the Alps-Adriatic Rector's Conference (AARC). It aims at supporting sustainable development of the macro-region by capacity building in the Danube River Basin (DRB) and by providing networking to facilitate the development of common research projects.

PhD Students and Early Post-Doc Research Fellows from DRC and AARC universities from all countries of the Danube Region are welcome to apply. The University of Ruse 'Angel Kanchev' will issue a certificate of 3 ECTS for the successful completion of the Interdisciplinary School.

The expertise of the involved institutions ensures high scientific standards and the facilitation of interdisciplinary student groups. An international cast of lecturers from the universities of DRC and AARC (the organizing universities and other universities of the network) and local experts will ensure that students get up-to-date, place-specific instruction. A volume of proceedings including the students' project proposals will be published.

Owing to the co-operation of the partner universities, the participation in 2018DIS (including course materials) is free: there is no tuition! Living expenses will be covered by external funding. You might also be eligible for travel assistance by your home university.

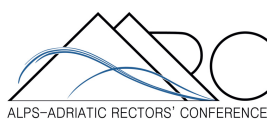
## WHERE

The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School 2018 is taking place in the town of Ruse, Bulgaria (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBydX8KtDg>), at the campus of the University of Ruse 'Angel Kanchev', 8 Studentska Street.

To find out more about the University of Ruse you can visit its website <https://www.uni-ruse.bg/en> or view the updated presentation of the university at its YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq3ATrzvPCA>

The School facilities in Ruse are fully accessible to people with special needs. Please inquire with the school staff in case of doubt.

For additional information please contact: [training@danubefuture.eu](mailto:training@danubefuture.eu) .



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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

PhD Students and Post-Doc Research Fellows from AARC and DRC universities from all countries of the Danube Basin are welcome to apply (please, check in annex I if your university is included in the list). Each candidate has to fill in the completed application form available at <https://www.danubefuture.eu/training-school> by **Monday 18th June, 2018**. Once the candidate has registered in the Danube:Future website, the application form will appear under the menu “Training School >> 2018 Edition >> Application Form”. In order to be eligible, all candidates must fill all the required fields of the registration, including the upload of an updated version of their CV (Europass version, preferably) and a scanned ID/Passport.

The candidates will be selected by the Organizing Committee of the School on the basis of their research experience and on the potential to contribute to the sustainable development of the DRB: preference will be given to PhD students and to recent post-docs.

Participants will be notified by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**. The selected participants will then receive further instructions.

## SCHOOL RULES

### 1. SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The Organizing Committee of the School is composed by:

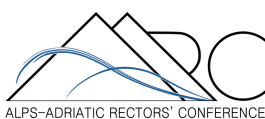
- Prof. Juliana Popova, PhD, University of Ruse
- Assoc. Prof. Tsvetelina Harakchiyska, PhD, University of Ruse
- Dr. Gertrud Haidvogel, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences - BOKU, Vienna
- Dr. Tzvetelin Gueorguiev, University of Ruse
- Dr. Svilen Kunev, University of Ruse

Staff by the University of Ruse ‘Angel Kanchev’ and Danube:Future team.

### 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING

The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School is open to PhD Students and to Post-Doc Research Fellows who currently study or work at one of the AARC or DRC universities (please, see annex I for the complete list). The organizers reserve the rights to check the position of candidates.

The candidate has to fulfill the Application Form, including a Europass CV.



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### 3. SERVICES OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF RUSE

The participation to the School is free.

With the financial support of the Central European Initiative, the University of Ruse offers to participants:

- a. lodging for the full duration of the school;
- b. lunch and dinner.

Travel costs are not covered by the organizers.

### 4. ATTENDANCE

The 2018 Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School has a duration of 8 days: 6 full days and 2 half days. The Danube:Future Interdisciplinary School is funded by the Central European Initiative which defines precise criteria for attendance and funding of participants. These criteria are:

- a) Participants have to attend all activities of the schedule.
- b) Participants have to register by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, 15.00. The School ends on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 13:30. Only in case of well justified reasons (e.g. public transport connections) a participant is allowed to be registered by the evening of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and to check out on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> evening.
- c) In case of absence from the School due to illness, a participant has to send a mail to the DIS staff to justify his/her absence.
- d) Participants have to sign their presence each day.

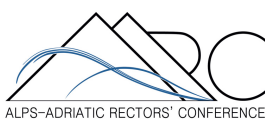
### 5. SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

At the end of the School, participants who attended all the School activities, will be awarded an Official Certificate of Participation to the 2017 School edition, stating the 3 ECTS credits granted by the Organizing Committee.

Participants can receive a Certificate of Attendance if needed.

### 6. PROCEEDINGS

It is planned that, at the end of the School, the University of Ruse will prepare and publish the proceedings of the edition. Participants grant the right to the University of Ruse to disseminate documents prepared by them during the School and to indicate participants' names.



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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION

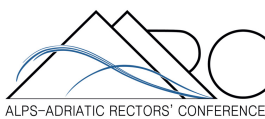
All the information concerning the School implementation are available at the official website: [www.danubefuture.eu](http://www.danubefuture.eu) >> Training school >> 2018 edition, including the activities details, documents etc. A forum is also available for participants.

At the end of the School, all participants will be asked to complete the Participants' Feedback Questionnaires.

## 8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

By applying the candidate declares to know and accept the rules of the School.

Should you require further information, please contact [training@danubefuture.eu](mailto:training@danubefuture.eu)



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## Annex I - List of AARC & DRC Universities

### ALBANIA

Universiteti i Shkodrës "Luigj Gurakuqi"	<i>Shkodra</i>
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### AUSTRIA

Karl-Franzens Universität Graz	<i>Graz</i>
University of Music and Performing Arts Graz	<i>Graz</i>
Graz University of Technology	<i>Graz</i>
Alpen Adria Universität Klagenfurt	<i>Klagenfurt</i>
Donauuniversität Krems	<i>Krems</i>
Montanuniversität Leoben	<i>Leoben</i>
Johannes Kepler Universität Linz	<i>Linz</i>
University of Salzburg	<i>Salzburg</i>
Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst "Mozarteum" in Salzburg	<i>Salzburg</i>
University of Bodenkultur Wien	<i>Wien</i>
University of Wien	<i>Wien</i>

### BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

University of Mostar	<i>Mostar</i>
University of Tuzla	<i>Tuzla</i>
University of Sarajevo	<i>Sarajevo</i>
University of East Sarajevo	<i>Sarajevo</i>



University of Zenica	<i>Zenica</i>
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### **BULGARIA**

University of Ruse	<i>Ruse</i>
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### **CROATIA**

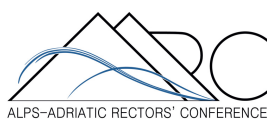
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University	<i>Osijek</i>
Juraj Dobrila University of Pula	<i>Pula</i>
University of Rijeka	<i>Rijeka</i>
University of Spli	<i>Split</i>
University of Zadar	<i>Zadar</i>
University of Zagreb	<i>Zagreb</i>

### **CZECHIA**

Masaryk University	<i>Brno</i>
Charles University Prague	<i>Prague</i>
Czech Technical University	<i>Prague</i>
Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague	<i>Prague</i>
Tomas Bata University in Zlin	<i>Zlin</i>

### **GERMANY**

Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg	<i>Bamberg</i>
Katholische Universität Eichstätt	<i>Eichstatt</i>



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Universität Regensburg	<i>Regensburg</i>
Universität Ulm	<i>Ulm</i>

## HUNGARY

Andrássy Gyula Universität Budapest	<i>Budapest</i>
Corvinus University of Budapest	<i>Budapest</i>
Eötvös Loránd University	<i>Budapest</i>
Semmelweis University of Medicine	<i>Budapest</i>
Szent István University	<i>Gödöllő</i>
University of Pécs - Janus Pannonius Tudományegyetem	<i>Pécs</i>
University of West Hungary	<i>Sopron</i>
Pannon University of Veszprém	<i>Veszprem</i>

## ITALY

Free University of Bozen/Bolzano	<i>Bolzano</i>
University of Bergamo	<i>Bergamo</i>
University of Brescia	<i>Brescia</i>
University of Ferrara	<i>Ferrara</i>
Polytechnic Institute of Milan	<i>Milano</i>
Catholic University of Milan	<i>Milano</i>
University of Milan	<i>Milano</i>
University of Padova	<i>Padova</i>
University of Parma	<i>Parma</i>





University of Pavia	<i>Pavia</i>
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia	<i>Modena</i>
University of Trento	<i>Trento</i>
University of Trieste	<i>Trieste</i>
SISSA - Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati	<i>Trieste</i>
University of Udine	<i>Udine</i>
Ca' Foscari University of Venice	<i>Venezia</i>
University IUAV of Venezia	<i>Venezia</i>
University of Verona	<i>Verona</i>

#### **KOSOVO**

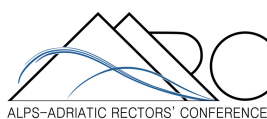
University of Prishtina	<i>Prishtina</i>
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#### **MOLDOVIA**

State Agrarian University of Moldova (SAUM)	<i>Chisinau</i>
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#### **ROMANIA**

Vasile Goldis Western University of Arad	<i>Arad</i>
"Aurel Vaicu" University of Arad	<i>Arad</i>
Transilvania University of Brasov	<i>Brasov</i>
University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest	<i>Bucharest</i>
University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" of Bucharest	<i>Bucharest</i>
National School of Political Science and Public Administration Bucharest	<i>Bucharest</i>



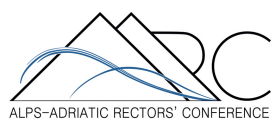


Spiru Haret University	<i>Bucharest</i>
University Politehnica of Bucharest	<i>Bucharest</i>
"Babes-Bolyai" University	<i>Cluj-Napoca</i>
USAMV Cluj-Napoca	<i>Cluj-Napoca</i>
Ovidius University of Constanta	<i>Constanta</i>
University of Craiova	<i>Craiova</i>
University of Oradea	<i>Oradea</i>
University of Pitești	<i>Pitesti</i>
Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava	<i>Suceava</i>
"Constantin Brancusi" University of Targu-Jiu	<i>Targu-Jiu</i>
West University of Timisoara	<i>Timisoara</i>
Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine King Michael I. of Romania Timisoara	<i>Timisoara</i>

## SERBIA

Megatrend University	<i>Belgrade</i>
University of Belgrade	<i>Belgrade</i>
University of Nis	<i>Nis</i>
International University of Novi Pazar	<i>Novi Pazar</i>
University of Novi Sad	<i>Novi Sad</i>
University of Defense	<i>Defense</i>

## SLOVAKIA



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Comenius University	<i>Bratislava</i>
Constantine the Philosopher University Nitra	<i>Nitra</i>
The Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra	<i>Nitra</i>
University of Prešov	<i>Presov</i>
Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín	<i>Trencin</i>
Trnava University	<i>Trnava</i>

#### **SLOVENIA**

University of Primorska	<i>Koper</i>
University of Ljubljana	<i>Ljubljana</i>
University of Maribor	<i>Maribor</i>
University of Nova Gorica	<i>Nova Gorica</i>

#### **UKRAINE**

Odessa National I.I. Mechnikov University	<i>Odessa</i>
Uzhhorod National University	<i>Uzhhorod</i>