The International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation" (ISF "DRC"), an interdisciplinary association of experts and researchers dedicated to improving international cooperation in the field of sustainable development and sustainable use of natural, cultural and historical resources in the basin of the Danube will hold its'

“25th Conference “Danube – River of Cooperation”

on September 24-26, 2014 – in the cities on the Danube in Serbia
(Bačka Palanka, Belgrade and Smederevo)

Under the title

DANUBE STRATEGY: FROM IDEA TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
- From theoretical considerations to investment projects -

The aim of this conference is to promote major projects and project ideas in the field of sustainable development in Serbia.

Please see the Program of the whole three-day conference, you could register for the whole conference filling out the online questioner given on the web site danube-cooperation.com or sending e-mail to office@danube-cooperation.com
DRAFT PROGRAMME

First Day: Wednesday, 24-09-2014, Bačka Palanka

International Scientific Forum „Danube – River of Cooperation“

Address of the conference site: will be known later

10,00 – 11,00 Opening ceremony with welcome and introductory speeches:
Aleksandar Đedovac, Municipal President of Bačka Palanka – as the host of the Conference
Branislav Bugarski, Provincial Secretary for Interregional Cooperation and Local Self-Government AP Vojvodina
Maja Gojković, President of the Assembly of Republic of Serbia
Ištvan Pastor, President of the Assembly of AP Vojvodina (TBC)
Erhard Busek, PhD, Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, Chairman of the “Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe” and of the Austrian Economic Senate
Srdan Vezmar, MSc, Director of the Regional Development Agency Bačka, Co-organizer of the Conference
Edita Stojić Karanović, PhD, Research Professor, President of the ISF „DRC“:

11,00 – 13,30 The Bačka Palanka Working Session:
Đorđe Bajilo, Architect
Presentation of the General Project of regulation the coastal area of Bačka Palanka
Fran Mikuličić, Regional Development Agency Bačka:
Destination management company Danube - a chance for the positioning of tourist offer at the global level
The name of the speaker will be known later:

**EURO VELO 6 - Development of the bicycle corridor along the Danube and Mount Fruška Gora**

The name of the speaker will be known later:

**Cross-border cooperation of municipalities and cities on the Danube - the perspective of the new EU budgetary period 2014-2020**

Milan Vučinić, Cluster Transport and Logistics of Vojvodina:  
*Future logistics centers and ports on the Danube*

Slobodan Spasić, Regional Development Agency Bačka:  
**UNESCO Biosphere Reserve "Mura-Drava-Danube" – changes that will bring changes in the approach to the ecology, economy and culture**

Nataša Kuburović, MSc of Ch. Eng. Managing Director, Eco Energy Engineering & Consulting (EEEC):  
*The project platform "Ecological aquatic oasis"*

István Szilvassy, President of the Association of Hungarian Settlements' and Regions' Developers:  
*Macro-regional multi-project "Danube Pearls"*

13,30 – 14,30  **Buffet lunch**

14,30 – 16,00  **Site visit of the planned coastal regulation project of Bačka Palanka and the Bicyclist Centre in Neštin**

16,00 – 17,00  **Visit to the winery in Neštin** with wine tasting of indigenous wines from on Fruška Gora, while a short summary about the First day of the 25. conference “Danube – River of Cooperation” will be agreed.

(Participants from Serbia and from other non-EU countries who will want to visit Neštin need to bring along a passport for the passage of the Republic of Croatia. Bus is provided for transportation from Bačka Palanka to Neštin and for return journey for Bačka Palanka at the end of the program.)

**Remark:**

Organizational tasks for this day of the conference as a whole performs the Regional Development Agency Bačka and Municipality of Bačka Palanka - in consultation with the International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation".

Expenses of the first day of the conference as a whole covers Development Agency Bačka and Municipality of Bačka Palanka. Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by participants.
Second Day: Thursday, 25-09-2014, Belgrade

The venue of the conference: 25, Makedonska Street

10,00 – 11,30 Opening ceremony with welcome and introductory speeches:

Duško Dimitrijević, PhD, Director of the Institute of International Politics and Economics, – as the host of the Conference

High Representative of the Government of Serbia: Serbia and the Danube Strategy (Name will be known later)

Konstantinos D. Moussouroulis, European Commission, DG for Regional and Urban Policy

Dr. Erhard Busek, Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, Chairman of the “Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe” and of the Austrian Economic Senate

Edita Stojić Karanović, PhD, Research Professor, President of the ISF“DRC”:

11,30 – 13,00 First Belgrade Plenary Session:
GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR DANUBE REGION

Zoran Milivojević, PhD, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Integration Processes in the Danube Region: Status and Prospects

Hoda Dedić, PhD, Foreign Policy Initiative BH (FPI BH) (TBC): Regional Cooperation in the Danube Region as an Instrument of the European Integration Process
Slobodan I. Marković, PhD, and Marija Mitić, MA, Faculty of Legal and Business Studies "Dr. Lazar Vrkatić" Novi Sad: Corporate Citizenship - A Requirement in the Exercise of the Danube Strategy

Bogdan Stoyanov, PhD, Assoc. Prof. and Mila Tencheva, researcher at the “Assen Zlatarov” University, Bourgas, Bulgaria: Participation of Bulgaria in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Kristijan Ristić, PhD., Assistant Professor at the Union University Belgrade: Sustainable Development in the Danube Region

13,00 – 14,00 Buffet lunch

14,00 – 15,30 Second Belgrade Plenary Session: SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL-HISTORICAL RESOURCES IN THE DANUBE MACRO-REGION

Dragan Dunčić, MSc, Director of the Republic Spatial Planning Agency and Milica Dobričić, PhD, Head of the Department for Education and Professional Assistance in the Preparation of Spatial Plans, Republic Agency for Spatial Planning: Protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage in the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia

Dragoljub Todić, PhD, Professor, and Marko Nikolić, PhD, Institute of International Politics and Economics: Danube Strategy and International Law Protection of Biodiversity in the Context of European Integration

Sulaiman Olanrewaju OLADOKUN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Marine Technology Center, University Technology Malaysia: Safety and Environmental Risk and Reliability Modelling for Sustainable Inland Water Transportation System

Pero Petrović, PhD, Professor, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade: The Concept of Value Chain in Tourism of the Danube Region
Dobrica Vesić, PhD, Professor, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade:

*The Strategic Management Pattern Changes in the Tourism Industry of the Danube Region*

Svetla Boneva, Ph.D, Assoc. Professor and Antoaneta Vassileva, Ph.D, Professor, University of National and World Economy – Faculty of International Economy and Policy, Sofia, Bulgaria:

*Energy Security and Energy Consumption in Bulgaria*

Jelica Gordanić, MA, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade:

*The importance of non-governmental organizations for the implementation of Danube strategy*

15,30 – 16,00 Questions/Answers, Discussion

16,00 – 17,30 Workshop and field-visit

István Szilvássy, President of the Association of Hungarian Settlements' and Regions' Developers:

*Cross-border and macro-regional project proposal “Danube Pearls” - concerning Belgrade*

18,00 – 20,00 Sightseeing from rivers Danube and Sava

Remarks:

Organizational tasks for this day of the conference are jointly conducted by the International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation" and the Institute for International Politics and Economics, and they jointly cover the costs for this day of the conference.

Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by participants. Participants from Serbia are paying conference fee. More information for Belgrade Session available from Ms. Jelica Gordanic, coordinator assistant at jelica@diplomacy.bg.ac.rs
Third Day: Friday, 26-09-2014, Smederevo

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CITY ASSEMBLY

SMEDEREVO

10,00 – 11,00

Opening ceremony with welcome and introductory speeches:

Jasna Avramović, Mayor of the of Smederevo as the host of the Conference

Erhard Busek, PhD, Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, Chairman of the “Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe” and of the Austrian Economic Senate

Dragan Dunčić, MSc, Director of the Republic Spatial Planning Agency, Co-organizer of the Conference

Edita Stojić Karanović, PhD, Research Professor, President of the ISF”DRC”:

A Quarter Century of the International Scientific Forum “Danube -River of Cooperation“ with Special Regard on the Earlier Cooperation with City of Smederevo

11,00 – 13,00

The Smederevo Working Session:

IMPACTS OF THE DANUBE STRATEGY AND EMERGING PROJECTS

Nenad Krčum, BSc. Spatial Planner, Director of the Directorate of Construction, Urban Planning and Building Land of Smederevo City of Smederevo - Sustainable Development Policies;
Presentation of Development Directions including in the Field of Culture;
Presentation of the Project “Marina” in Smederevo

István Szilvássy, President of the Association of Hungarian Settlements' and Regions' Developers:

International multi-project "Danube Pearls" and other project proposals for macro-regional cooperation, to be implemented in Smederevo and Kovin

Miroslava Mitić, BSc. Geographer, Spatial Planner:

Environmental Risks and how to Preserve Landscape, Water, Soul and Air
12,00 – 16,00  **Workshops and field-visit**

*DanubePearls, Opera Festival Smederevo,
Regular Modelling Competition in Kovin*

Between workshops and field-visit: Lunch break,

16,00 – 18,00  **Wrapping up the Conference:**

- Reviewing mutual conclusions of the former sessions and workshops to be included in the Final Declaration of the Conference

- Proclaiming the best project implemented in the period September 23, 2012 – September 25, 2014, presented at this conference

- Proclaiming the most remarkable ongoing project in the period September 23, 2012 – September 25, 2014, presented at this conference

- Proclaiming the most promising project idea presented at this conference

18,00 – 20,00  **Adoption of the Final Declaration of the Conference during a gala reception**

At 20,00  **The Conference ends**

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**THANKS:**

THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC FORUM "DANUBE - RIVER OF COOPERATION" WILL EXPRESS ITS OFFICIAL GRATITUDE TO ALL CO-ORGANIZERS AND DONORS  
(At the Conference, on the website danube-cooperation.com and in journal Danubius.)

Remarks:

- All working sessions will end with discussion and conclusions. Project ideas, ongoing projects and best examples of implemented projects will be reviewed within the workshops and field visits. You should nominate them latest by September 20th, 2014, sending an e-mail to office@danube-cooperation.com

- Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by participants, except for members of the International Scientific Forum “Danube – River of Cooperation”.

- For any questions, if you do not find the answer on our website danube-cooperation.com (to be updated September 20), you can contact us via e-mail addresses: office@danube-cooperation.com and forumdanube@yahoo.com, or by phone: 381 (0) 63 661897.