



the Caravan of Change 2013 report

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dunaVision map – the Caravan of Change 2013



From the source of the Danube (Furtwangen, Germany)
to the Danube Delta at the Black Sea (Sf. Gheroge, Romania) and back

March 15th to October 28th 2013

Introduction

What is it about?

Our learning journey called „the Caravan of Change 2013“ is the prototype for a non-formal learning approach for people from all generations and cultures.

ThinkCamp has started the dunaVision network as a cluster to promote sustainable development in 2012. dunaVision is a bottom up civil society movement which aims to bring together people and organizations (NGOs, companies, regions and communities) who are or who will be actively involved in sustainable development in one of the 19 Danube region countries plus neighboring regions.

Why:

In 2011 the European Union started to develop the European Danube Region Strategy (EUSDR), the 2nd macro regional strategy, consisting of 14 countries.

Parallel to this development ThinkCamp started the dunaVision network as a cluster for sustainable development in 2012.

dunaVision has been recognized as an official project of the European Strategy of the Danube Region.



Introduction

dunaVision Idea

The idea was born at the „idea-camp“ of ThinkCamp in January 2012.



Philosophy

Moving

mentally and physically

Meeting

visiting good practise examples, networking, understanding, getting to know new tools and methods

Making

co-creation of projects, prototyping

Multiplying

sharing experience and knowledge

Introduction

Objectives of the dunaVision network

- support sustainable development in the 19 countries of the Danube region
- create a network of people and organisations
- Find out „*what do you really, really want to do for yourself and for society?*“



Introduction

About ThinkCamp

ThinkCamp is a non-profit cooperative in Augsburg, Germany with the mission to foster sustainable development and innovative non formal learning programs.

ThinkCamp with the dunaVision approach has been declared an official project of the United Nations.

The logo for ThinkCamp, featuring the words "ThinkCamp" in a stylized, handwritten red font.

Coordinationteam

Johannes Pfister:

Student of life long learning looking for an impact through innovative non formal learning approaches.



Sarah Kupke:

Student from Vienna, half German, half Hungarian, seeking to find out what sustainable development means in real life, for herself and for society.



Facts and figures

- 225 days - 30 weeks - 7 months
- 14 countries
- Over 10.000 km – by foot, canoe, train, bus and car
- Over 750 people participated at 8 Forums, 25 workshops, 50 site visits
- 56 people were moving with the Caravan for different sections

→ The CO² emissions* will be compensated with trees planeted by „Plant for the Planet“ in the Balkans.



*The CO² emission of the four member core team including preparation journeys and the return trip through the Balkan countries was less than 10 tons of CO².

Seeds for biodiversitiy

We have distributed 3.000 heritage bean seeds to people we met along the journey.

The bean seeds are meant as a symbol for preserving biodiversity in Europe and as a symbol for growing ideas for our future.

They were sponsored by „Arche Noah“ – Seed Savers Association in Central Europe, based in Schiltern, Austria.



the caravan of change

a learning journey for sustainable development in the danube region

seeds for bio diversity:
growing ideas for our future



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Seeds sponsored by Arche Noah

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Caravan of Change 2013



Names of the Caravan participants

who were moving from a couple of days up to seven months with the Caravan

Doris Leitner, Dagmar Eisenbach, Elke – mother of Doris, Jutta Steffens, Raymund, Rainer, Dietmar Kohler, Karl Heinz Spors, Elke Spors, Markus Sell, Peter Walker, Sarah Kupke, Daniel Rotzinger, Karl Schmid, Bette Shuler, Anna Bader, Björn Rabethge, Christian Schruff, Luna the dog, Dunja Müller, Lukas Müller, Mariam Müller, Ana Lichtwer, Matthias, Mirjam Kupke, Yasmin Dorfstetter, Sabine Pfister, Patrick Fabian, Nina, Florian Niederl, Joachim Schlösser, Johannes Pfister, Kalle, Martin, Michi from couchsurfing, Ralf, Helene Glatter-Götz, Dalida, Luise Ogrisek, Ludwig, Felix, Felicitas Egger, Vero Vit, Nadja, Lydia, Julian Leutgeb, Lili, Christoph Omann, Gaja Naja Rojec, Oja, Annick, Ursula, Andrej Belykh, Mark, Imre, László Pandi, Gábor, Jasna Petrovic, Sladjana, Mihaly Angelov, Valentina Ivanova

Forums

Meeting people, exchange ideas, co-create new projects



Forums

Forum Regensburg

Forum Vienna

Forum Augsburg

Forum Budapest

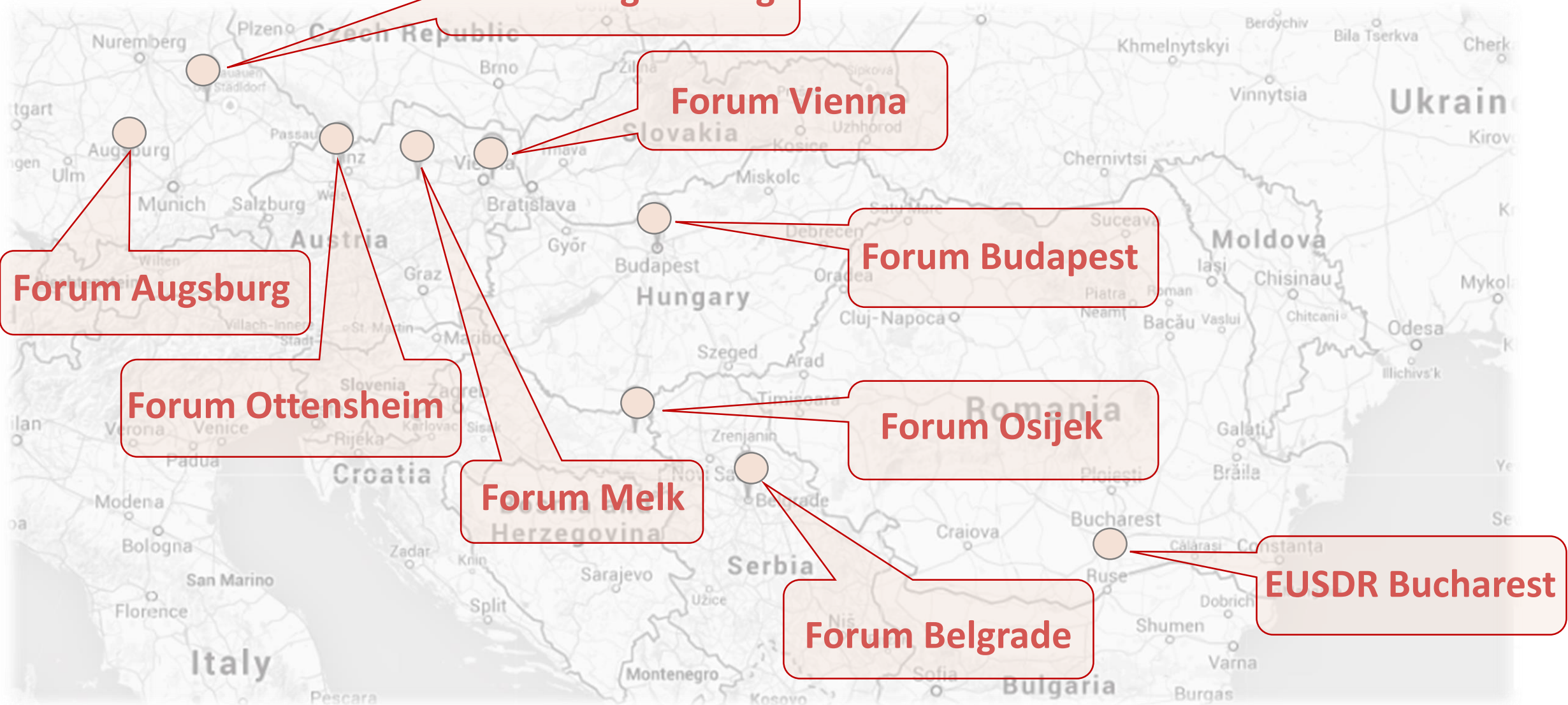
Forum Ottensheim

Forum Osijek

Forum Melk

Forum Belgrade

EUSDR Bucharest



A black and white photograph of a group of people in a forest. Several individuals are sitting on large logs on the ground, while one person stands in the background. The scene is set among tall, thin trees. Overlaid on the image is the word "Workshops" in a large, white, sans-serif font, and below it, the phrase "Tools and methods for sustainable development" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Workshops

Tools and methods for sustainable development

Workshops — Tools and methods for a sustainable development

- Soziokratie with Barbara Strauch & Georg Ortner
- Deep Ecology with Veronika Rolle-Green
- Story Telling with Bernhard Heim
- Non Violent Communication with Dunja Müller
- TRIZ systematic innovation with Valerie Suchkov & Ellen Domb
- Sustainicum - Micro learning with Richard Kromp & Matthias Litschauer
- Pattern Language with Thomas Moritz & Helmut Leitner
- Eco-Social Entrepreneurship with Johannes Pfister & Lina Sodziute
- Improtheater with Joachim Schlösser & Vero Vit

A group of approximately ten people, mostly women and children, are posed for a photograph in front of a light-colored building with a wooden door. They are wearing traditional Romanian folk costumes, featuring white blouses with colorful floral embroidery and long, full skirts with vibrant floral patterns in orange, red, and green. Some women wear traditional headscarves. The children are dressed in casual clothing like jackets and sweaters. The scene is outdoors on a paved area, with a red-tiled roof visible in the background. The image is presented as a collage, with other partial photos visible at the edges.

Site visits

Visiting people and projects, changing perspectives, getting a deeper understanding

Site visits to people and projects – examples of lighthouse projects

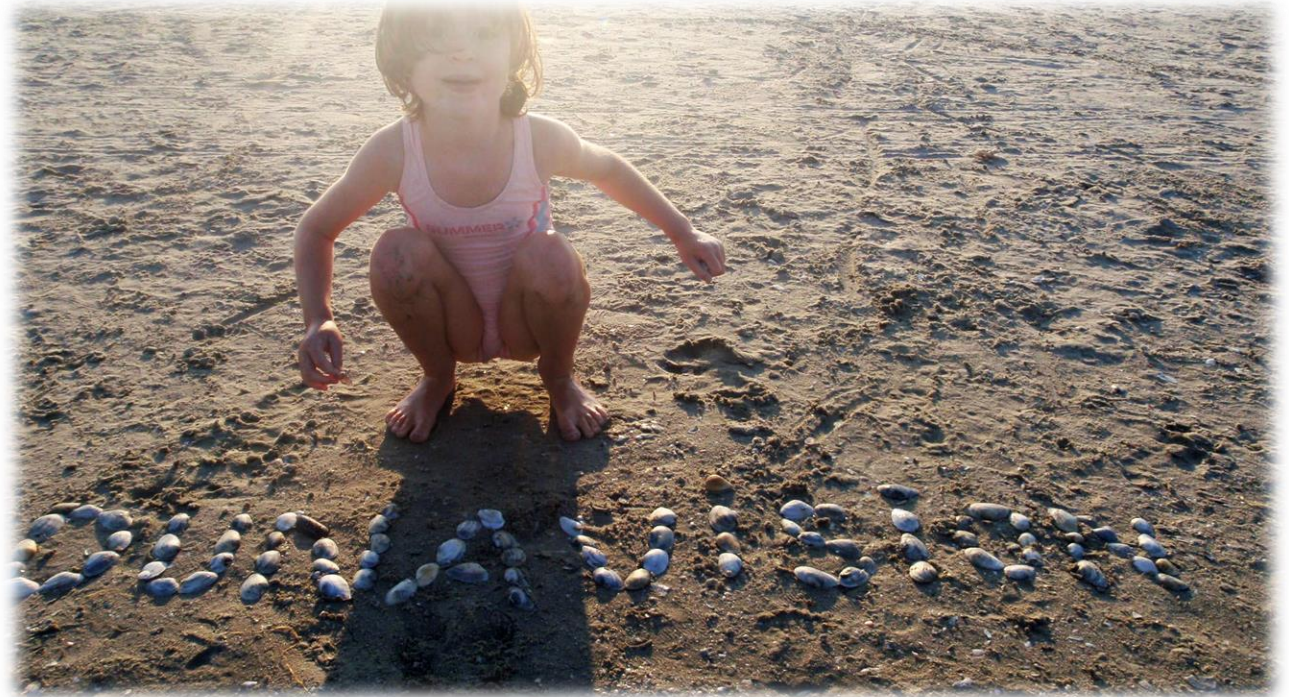
- Sozialkaufhaus, Germany
- Grandhotel, Germany
- Krafthof, Germany
- Höllbachhof living community, Germany
- OTELO – Open Technology Laboratory, Austria
- Sprungbrett Aspern, Austria
- IVA-Farm, Serbia
- Ecocentar Rudnik, Serbia
- Phoenix Café, Bulgaria
- Better homes – Roma inclusion project, Romania
- Other site visits

Other events & site visits

- Mayor's meeting and getting to know Agenda 21 activities in Rottweil, Germany, Jutta Steffens and Raimund
- Tractor-tour and cooking with people of MOOSEUM, Bächingen, Germany, Caronline Esche
- Celebrating Easter with the Kinderheim St. Clara, Gundelfingen, Germany, Schwester Maria Elisabeth
- Testing e-bikes and learning about the UN-Decade city, Neumarkt, Germany
- Building pyrolyse cooker with Kalle, Augsburg, Germany
- Dinner with Besserwisser cooperative, Passau, Germany, Karo, Nico and Matthias
- Visit to Haus am Strom, Engelhardsried at the Austrian border
- 4 Professors 4 Perspectives, FH Linz, Austria, Franzisca Cecon
- Lunch with Beatrix and Flo Weichselbaum near Linz. They were walking down the Danube in 2011 (Blog: Donauwelle, book „4,5 Millionen Schritte“) and gave us some useful advices for our journey.
- Medieval citytour and dinner at Heurigen, Hainburg, Austria, Doris Holler-Bruckner
- CODERA, Spes Zukunftsakademie, Schlierbach, Austria, Wolfgang Mader
- Social Business Day, Budapest, Hungary, Nesst
- Site visit to „Savamala“ social center, Belgrad, Serbia, Nikola Markovich
- Art and Culture Festival, Berzacska, Romania
- Celebration in village with mayor of Gramada and Mick Cooper, Bulgaria
- Mayors of Mountain municipalities meeting in Pamporovo in Bulgaria, Yavor Profirov
- Dinner dialogue with Sergiu and Maria Dinescu (wife of Corabia Miceau Dinescu), Bucharest, Romania
- Visit to Roma community project, Veresti, Romania
- Danube Parks Festival, Tulcea, Romania, Magdalena Wagner

Follow up events

- Workshop „Being Spaces im Mittelalter und in der Zukunft“, Hainburg, Austria
- Österreichischer Nachhaltigkeitstag, Vienna, Austria
- EUSDR 2nd annual Conference, Bucharest, Romania
- Duna – SOL symposion, Budapest, Hungary
- Augsburger Nachhaltigkeitstag, Augsburg, Germany
- Open Space – EUSDR of PA9 „People, Skills and Competences“, Vienna, Austria



Streams

the Caravan is moving

Moving physically and mentally



Streams – the Caravan is moving

- Starting at the Source of the Danube, Germany
 - Black Forest, Germany
 - Donaudurchbruch, Schwäbische Alp, Germany
 - Bavarian Forest, Germany
 - Boat tour from Passau to Ottensheim, Austria
 - Wachau, Austria
 - Canoe tour from Vienna to Hungary
 - Studenica, Serbia
 - Iron Gate, Serbia
 - Bukovina, Romania
 - Arriving at the Danube Delta, Romania
 - Way back: Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania
- Moving by foot, boat, canoe, train and bus, car & hitchhiking
 - Partly accompanied by a transporter for the luggage

Outcomes and learnings

- Personal experiences of many participants
- Looking at the world with different views und perspectives
- Better understanding of Eastern Europe
- Network of inspired and motivated people
- Innovativ idea for a new kind of learning approach
- Idea for Caravan of Change 2014
- Idea for new kind of publication in the dunaVision region
- Including the approach of Open Space for dialogs in the Danube countries
- Idea for introducing alternative currency called „learner“ for a knowledge network community



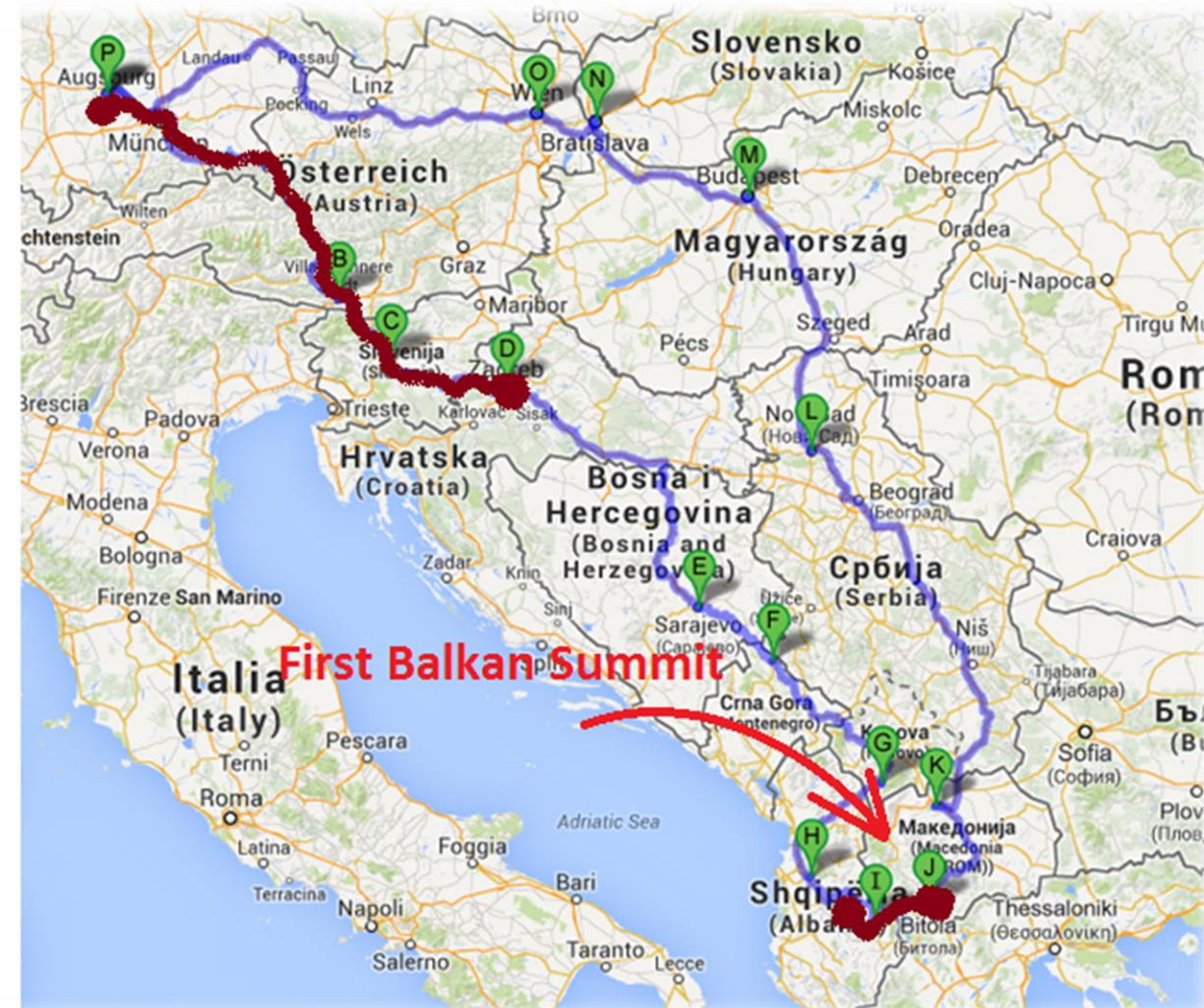
The Caravan of Change 2014 – „What’s your story?“

A research and learning journey, April 4th to July 1st

Based on our stories we co-develop common patterns, visions and solutions for a sustainable development of our organizations and regions.

- Entrepreneur Walk, Germany, April 4th – 6th
- Ecovillage Walk, Germany, April 7th-12th April
- Pattern Workshop Austria, April 25th-27th April + crossborder hike, Austria/Slovenia, April 28th – May 1st
- Pattern/Being Space Walk, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro, May
- Vision Walk for creating a community for the dunaVision network, Macedonia, June 1st - 9th
- First Balkan Summit for sustainable development, Macedonia (Bitola), June 11th – 15th

Germany – Austria – Slovenia – Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Serbia – Kosovo – Albania – Macedonia



Call for partners and participants

ThinkCamp and dunaVision is looking for participants for the Caravan of Change 2014 and active partners supporting the sustainable development of the region by

- reducing youth and elderly unemployment
- inspiring people
- creating innovative learning activities and light house project

Please get involved!

- [Subscribe to our newsletter](#)
- Send an email to info@thinkcamp.eu



Хвала! Thank you! Danke!
Köszönöm! Mulțumesc!



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