

**International eTwinning seminar
“School cooperation in the Danube Region”
Vienna, 2-3 June 2022**



The OeAD, as the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ and National eTwinning Support Organisation, hosted this year the tenth edition of the eTwinning Danube Region Seminar in Vienna on June 2-3, 2022. The event was organised in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research which coordinates the Priority Area 9 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The location was the beautiful conference venue of Europahaus Wien.

Forty teachers from eleven Danube Region countries teaching pupils aged 6 to 19 participated in the event. Among the participants were also the representatives of the eTwinning National Support Organisations from Bulgaria, Romania, and Moldova.

Ursula Panuschka, Head of Erasmus+ School Education and eTwinning Austria, opened the proceedings and welcomed the teachers. This was followed by a thematic input by Jürgen Schick from the Ministry of Education, Science and Research who presented the EU Strategy for the Danube Region highlighting the aspect of cooperation in the educational field. Next, Daniela Apaydin from the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe gave a thought-provoking keynote speech titled “Rescue plans for democracy. A cross-border perspective for the Danube Region”, which inspired a lively debate.



Subsequently, Frederic Bayersburg from the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ introduced the Erasmus+ actions for schools. This was followed by eTwinning workshops for beginners and advanced users, rounded off by a motivating best practice presentation given by the experienced eTwinner Markus Kraushofer, a teacher at the Bernoulligymnasium in Vienna. For the final activity of the day, the participants were encouraged to define topics for their projects and organise project groups. The intercultural exchange continued in the evening during a guided tour through Vienna and a dinner cruise on the Danube Canal.

The second day was dedicated to completing the project concepts and strengthening the project teams. After a challenging quiz testing the participants’ knowledge of the Danube, the teams finalised their project ideas in an intensive groupwork session and prepared creative project presentations. In total, 9 new projects have been developed and each participant is involved in at least one project team – which makes this seminar a resounding success!



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