

International Stakeholder Conference

To Invest in People and Skills: Empowerment through Co-operation and Networking in the Danube Region

13-14 June 2012 | Vienna

Locations:

Urania (Public Educational Institute), Uraniastraße 1, 1010 Vienna

Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Stubenring 1, 1010 Vienna

Programme

Day one Wednesday 13 June 2012

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09:00 – 13.30 Plenary Session I: *Urania*
Moderation: Corinna Milborn

09.00 – 10.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Rudolf Hundstorfer, *Federal Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria*
Claudia Schmied, *Federal Minister for Education, Arts and Culture, Austria*
Loretta Handrabura, *Vice Minister of Education, Republic of Moldova*
Wolfgang Streitenberger, *European Commission, Directorate-General (DG) Regional Policy*

10.00 – 11.00 **Keynote Speeches**
“The Human Face of Development”
Vladimir Gligorov, *The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies*
“When Economic Growth is Not Enough”
Dessislava Gavrilova, *The Red House Center for Culture and Debate, Sofia*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.15 **The EU Strategy for the Danube Region: Roles, Challenges and Opportunities**
Introduction to the Conference and Working Groups
Roland Hanak, *Priority Area Coordinator*
Jürgen Schick, *Priority Area Coordinator*
Ion Gumene, *Priority Area Coordinator*
Andriana Sukova-Tosheva, *European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*
Klaus Körner, *European Commission, DG Education and Culture*

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection,
1st floor, Foyer & Marmorsaal

Day one Wednesday 13 June 2012 (Afternoon)

13.30 – 17.00 <i>(including 30' break)</i>	Parallel Working Groups WG 1: Urania WGs 2-8: Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (BMASK)
WG 1	To enhance performance of education systems through closer cooperation of education institutions, systems and policies (Urania, 2nd floor, Klubsaal)
Moderator	Johanna Rasch
Rapporteur	Predrag Lažetić, <i>ERI SEE Interim Secretariat, Centre for Education Policy, Belgrade</i>
WG 2	To foster cooperation between key stakeholders of labour market, education and research policies in order to develop learning regions and environments (BMASK, 1st floor, Alfred Dallinger Saal)
Moderator	Roland Hanak, <i>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria</i>
Rapporteur	Barbara Willsberger, <i>L&R Social Research, Vienna</i>
WG 3	To support creativity and entrepreneurship (BMASK, 1st floor, Josef Hesoun Saal)
Moderator	Doris Regele
Rapporteur	Denise Loughran, <i>European Training Foundation, Torino</i>
WG 4	To support lifelong learning and expanding learning mobility (BMASK, 4th floor, meeting room 185)
Moderator	Herbert Strobl
Rapporteur	Dana Stroie, <i>National Centre for Vet Development, Romania</i>
WG 5	To promote equity, social cohesion and active citizenship through education and training (BMASK, 2nd floor, meeting room 170)
Moderator	Ulrike Lehner-Stift
Rapporteur	Edina Elter, <i>Ministry for National Resources, Hungary</i>
WG 6	To improve cross-sector policy coordination to address demographic and migration challenges (BMASK, 1st floor, Marmorsaal)
Moderator	Jörg Leitner, <i>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria</i>
Rapporteur	Tanja Dedovic, <i>International Organisation for Migration, Vienna</i>
WG 7	To fight poverty and social exclusion of marginalised communities in the Danube Region, especially the Roma communities (BMASK, 1st floor, Marmorsaal)
Moderator	Mirjam Karoly, <i>OSCE/ODIHR - Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues</i>
Rapporteur	Dominique Bé, <i>European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i>
WG 8	To promote gender equality on the labour market, especially in payment (BMASK, 1st floor, Radetzkysaal)
Moderator	Ester Bergmann, <i>Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria</i>
Rapporteur	Nadja Bergmann, <i>L&R Social Research, Vienna</i>
19.00	Dinner, Restaurant Marina, Handelskai 343, 1020 Vienna

Day two **Thursday 14 June 2012**

09.00 – 14.00	Plenary Session II: <i>Urania, Uraniastraße 1, 1010 Vienna</i> <i>Moderation: Mauro Novello, INTERACT Point Vienna</i>
09.00 – 09.40	Panel 1: Results of Working Groups 1, 3, 4, 5 Rapporteurs
09.40 – 10.20	Panel 2: Results of Working Groups 2, 6, 7, 8 Rapporteurs
10.20 – 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45 – 11.45	Panel 3: Funding and Financial Aspects, Project Development Marlene Hahn, <i>METIS Vienna</i> Eva Nussmüller, <i>European Commission, DG Regional Policy</i> Łukasz Wardyn, <i>European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</i> Klaus Körner, <i>European Commission, DG Education and Culture</i>
11.45 – 12.15	Overall Results and Future Prospects; Discussion Peter Schlögl, <i>General Rapporteur, Austrian Institute for Research on Vocational Training</i>
12.15 – 12.30	Conclusions of the Stakeholder Conference Eva Nussmüller, <i>European Commission, DG Regional Policy</i> Ion Gumene, <i>Priority Area Coordinator</i> Jürgen Schick, <i>Priority Area Coordinator</i> Roland Hanak, <i>Priority Area Coordinator</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Stubenring 1, 1010 Vienna, 1 st floor, Foyer & Marmorsaal