

**3rd International Stakeholder Conference**  
**Investing in People and Skills in the Danube Region**  
*Impact – Projects – Future Developments*

## Programme

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

hosted by the Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs, Austria, and the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

**Venue:** Museumsquartier (Ovalhalle), Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna

**Thu, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>8.30</b>	<b>Registration</b> Coffee, meet and greet	Entrance + Foyer
<b>9.30</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>  Roland Hanak, Priority Area Coordinator, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria  Jürgen Schick, Priority Area Coordinator, Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs, Austria  Marco Onida, European Commission, DG Regio  Gabriele Stöger, Moderator	Ovalhalle
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Labour Market, Education and Skills: Challenges in the Danube Region</b> Julia Bock-Schappelwein, Austrian Institute of Economic Research  <b>The European perspective</b> Klaus Körner, European Commission, DG EAC	Ovalhalle
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Foyer

<b>11.00</b>	<b>Impact, Activities and Achievements of EUSDR, Résumé after 3 ½ years</b> Reports and exchange of experiences by participants in small groups. Participants are invited to move around to get the widest possible overview on activities in different countries. A few highlights (co-operations, policies, projects) will be presented in the plenary.	Ovalhalle
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	Foyer
<b>14.00</b>	<b>World Café (Working Sessions)</b> Introduction to working group themes and the principles of world café <b>Themes for working groups</b> (with regard to developing - or ongoing - projects and promoting policies). See <b>Annex</b> .	Ovalhalle + Barocke Suite A, B, C
<b>15.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Foyer
<b>16.15</b>	<b>Working sessions continued</b> Table hosts shall keep record of most important items.	Ovalhalle + Barocke Suite A, B, C
<b>17.30 -          18.00</b>	<b>Evening plenary</b> Main outcomes from working sessions. To be resumed and concluded the next day. Brief reports from table hosts are put on display with comments.	Ovalhalle
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Dinner at "<a href="#">Österreicher im MAK</a>"</b>	

**Fri, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>9.00</b>	<p><b>Introduction to funding opportunities</b></p> <p>Danube Transnational Programme            Anna Maria Schober, Austrian Conference on Spatial Planning</p> <p>ERASMUS +            Bernd Castellaz, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education &amp; Research</p> <p>ESF            Roland Hanak, Priority Area Coordinator</p> <p>START – Danube Region Project Fund            Jürgen Schick and Roland Hanak, Priority Area Coordinators</p>	Ovalhalle
<b>9.40</b>	<p><b>What's next</b>            In order to continue cooperating on relevant items, liable working teams should be formed to continue working on projects, policies, joint action after the conference, agree on realistic and feasible targets</p> <p><b>Parallel:</b> speed dating with above experts on funding opportunities</p>	Ovalhalle + Barocke Suite A, B, C
<b>11.15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Foyer
<b>11.30</b>	<p><b>Working sessions continued</b>            Work on binding tasks, networking and future co-operation for a possible follow-up</p>	Ovalhalle + Barocke Suite A, B, C
<b>13.00</b>	<p><b>Presentation of results, sharing responsibilities</b>            Tasks and agenda for the future            Identification of contact person(s) per task/project</p>	Ovalhalle
<b>14.00 - 15.00</b>	<b>Lunch buffet</b>	Foyer

## **Themes for working groups\***

(with regard to developing - or ongoing - projects and promoting policies)

### **1- Labour market and labour market policies**

*(knowledge management within and between labour market institutions, gender equality)*

### **2- Education and training, labour market relevance and transition**

*(initial learning, work-based learning, further education, learning regions and environments, quality development, early childhood education)*

### **3- Young people and employment**

*(formal and non-formal learning, career guidance, recognition of qualification)*

### **4- Elderly people, life-long learning and employment**

*(age management, options for re-qualification, migrants 50+)*

### **5- Education, labour laws and mobility of migrants and marginalized communities**

*(transnational networks within the Danube Region, prevention of de-qualification, intercultural challenges, integration, recognition of qualification)*

### **6- Integration and Empowerment of Roma population**

*(transnational cooperation, education and employment, social inclusion, fight poverty)*

### **7- Industrial relations (establishing social partnership)**

*(different governance structures, know-how-transfer, empowerment of trade unions, institutional setting of social partnership, collective bargaining)*

### **8- Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Green Competences**

*(Entrepreneurship education and training, transversal competences, innovators for sustainability)*

**+ Additional subjects** may be promoted by participants

\* based on the results of the PA9 International Open Space Conference, December 2013