

# 2ND ANNUAL FORUM ON EU STRATEGY FOR THE **DANUBE REGION**

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA | **28-29 OCTOBER 2013**

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2013

12:00	Opening of the registration desk
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00-14:30	<b>Opening of the Conference</b> Welcome speech by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Valeriu Zgonea</b>, <i>President of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania</i></li></ul> Keynote speeches by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Victor Ponta</b>, <i>Prime Minister, Romania</i></li><li>• <b>Johannes Hahn</b>, <i>Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy</i></li></ul> Presentation of the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Danube countries
14:30-16:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1</b> “The Danube Strategy as driver for growth and jobs” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Michael Spindelegger</b>, <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs, Austria</i></li><li>• <b>Janos Martony*</b>, <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary</i></li><li>• <b>Peter Friedrich</b>, <i>Minister for Bundesrat, Europe and International Affairs, Baden-Württemberg (Germany)</i></li><li>• <b>Wolfgang Hessoun</b>, <i>CEO, Siemens Central and Eastern Europe</i></li><li>• <b>Dominique Ristori*</b>, <i>Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></li><li>• <b>Jiří Balík</b>, <i>Rector of the University of Life Sciences Prague, President of the Danube Rectors Conference</i></li></ul>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b> “Balancing economy and ecology: The Danube Strategy as a frame to tackle joint challenges” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Rovana Plumb*</b>, <i>Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Romania</i></li><li>• <b>Ermina Salkičević-Dizdarević*</b>, <i>Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina, President of the ICPDR</i></li><li>• <b>Jerzy Bogdan Plewa*</b>, <i>Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</i></li><li>• <b>Philip Lowe*</b>, <i>Director-General for Energy, European Commission</i></li><li>• <b>Ramon Luís Valcárcel Siso*</b>, <i>President, Committee of the Regions</i></li><li>• <b>Danuta Hübner*</b>, <i>Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the committee REGI</i></li></ul>
19:00-22:00	Gala event at the Palace of Parliament (hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania)

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9:00-9:30

Key-note speech on the State of the Danube Region  
Introduction to the thematic workshops

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9:30-12:00

## PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

1. *Connected Danube Region*
2. *Green Danube Region*
3. *Smart and inclusive Danube Region*
4. *Effective, attractive and safe Danube Region*

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12:00-13.30

Lunch

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13:30-14:00

Wrap-up of workshops

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14:00-15:00

## PLENARY SESSION 3

### "Financing the Danube Region"

- **Ján Počiatek\***, Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia
- **Mugur Constantin Isărescu**, Governor, National Bank of Romania
- Representative of the Government of Serbia, TBN
- **Werner Hoyer\***, President, European Investment Bank

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15:00-15:45

## Closure

- **Johannes Hahn\***, Member of the European Commission responsible for Regional Policy
- **Michael Häupl**, Mayor and Governor, City of Vienna (Austria)
- **Titus Corlăţean**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania

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