



# DANUBE RECTORS' CONFERENCE

Conference at BOKU Vienna 17 – 18 November 2011

**DRAFT Conference Programme**  
**University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)**  
**Gregor Mendel Strasse 33, A – 1180 Vienna**

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: Arrival day**

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

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| 08:30 – 10:15 | <i>Meeting of the DRC Presidency</i>  |
| 08:30 – 10:15 | Registration and Welcome Coffee   |
| 10:15 – 10:20 | Rector Prof. Martin Gerzabek  |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | Mayor of Vienna, Dr. Michael Häupl  |
| 10:30 – 10:40 | Federal Minister Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Töchterle   |
| 10:40 – 10:50 | EU Commissioner Dr. Johannes Hahn   |
| 10:50 – 11:35 | The EU Strategy for the Danube Region and its implications for networks like the DRC (Prof. Dr. Erhard Busek)   |
| 11:35 – 12:20 | University Development in the Danube Region (Prof. Dr. Georg Winckler)  |
| Lunch break   |   |
| 13:15 – 14:30 | Challenges in education and research for Life Science Universities – examples for a regional strategy from the BOVA-NOVA-Network (Prof. Lena Andersson-Eklund, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of SLU Sweden ) |
| 14:30-15:15   | The role of Vienna in the implementation of the Danube strategy in the field of science and education (Planungsdirektor DI Dr Kurt Puchinger)   |
| 15:15 –16:00  | Visions for the future of Humanities in the Danube Region (Prof. Verena Winiwarter )  |

16:00 – 16:30 Cofffee

16:30 – 18:30 *Permanent Committee Meeting*

19:00 Departure from BOKU's main entrance for the Conference Dinner

### **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

09:00 - 09:20 “The UN Academic Impact Initiative and possibilities for university co-operation with UN organisations” : Janos Tisovszky, Acting Director, United Nations Information Service Vienna

09:20 – 10:00 “Visions of DRC- Member universities with regard to the EU strategy for the Danube Region” (DRC members present their special interest areas for implementation of the Danube Strategy)

10:00 – 11:30 Two parallel Workshops, including coffee

1) Lessons learnt from the BOVA-Nova Network (best practice to be used and pitfalls to be avoided by DRC) – Chairperson + case-study presenter: Dr. Stina-Lena Hellgren, SLU

2) Financing possibilities for DRC activities - Chairperson + case-study presenter: Dr. Dimitri CORPAKIS, Head of Unit C5 Regional Dimension of Innovation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation

11:30 - 12:00 Summary of the two workshops and suggestions for future DRC activities

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 *DRC General Assembly*

15:00 – 15:30 Closing session

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