

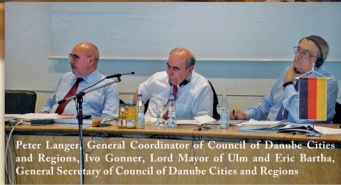
Meeting of Committee and Executive Office of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions

July 7, 2012 – Ulm, City Hall



The Council of Danube Cities and Regions (CODCR) lend an organizational frame to the municipal and regional cooperation networks.

In the Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, the CODCR is a strategic partner of the European Commission, by stepping up institutional capacity and cooperation. This function, as network organization for the Danube Region, should be more stabilized and developed in the next months through establishment of binding structures.



Peter Langer, General Coordinator of Council of Danube Cities and Regions, Ivo Gonner, Lord Mayor of Ulm and Eric Bartha, General Secretary of Council of Danube Cities and Regions

Intended steps:

- Establishment of a contact office in Brussels as a common Representation and Lobby institution to the European Institutions
- Build up of an internal based communication- and news platform
- Organization of information events about project development and implementation, like the "River Show: Democracy, Self Government and Citizen Participation in the Danube Region"
- Consultation and expertise for project development and application.



Istvan Tarlos, Mayor of Budapest



Aurel Dimitriu, Mayor of Siliștea
Jürgen Reizner, Steinbeis Danube Zentrum



Peter de Martin, Secretary General of the ARGE Donauländer
Otto Scherzer, Manager of Corridor VII - Danube, ARGE Donauländer
Eric Bartha, General Secretary of CODCR

River Show: Democracy, Self Government and Citizens Participation in the Danube Region.

A joint project by the Council of Danube Cities and Regions, the European Danube Academy and the Danube Civil Society Forum, supported by the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg and Foster Europe

The project partners, the platform for local and regional authorities and the platform for civil society in the Danube Region developed the joint project River Show – Trainee Project to reach out to the people outside of the main metropolitan regions in the Danube basin. In close cooperation with municipal partners a sequence of 10 information events will be held in 3rd- and 4th-order towns (high- and medium order centres) and their hinterland with the aims: to spread knowledge on EUSDR in Medium Cities and Rural Areas, to link Medium Cities and Rural Areas along the lower Danube into the EUSDR process, and to collect relevant information from the field to better shape EUSDR implementation including new funding schemes and project guidelines. The show will go on tour in the second half of 2012.

Focusing on actors and stakeholders in regional/municipal politics, SME's, civil society (non-profit, non-partisan), as well as in the cultural sector, the project will present the EUSDR and its complex structures and manifold opportunities to hundreds of disseminators, information multipliers and future stakeholders.