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Partner meeting of the Danube Networkers International

11-13 July 2024, ILEU e.V. (as of 01 June 2024, subject to change)

Context: Social cohesion in the Danube countries and Europe as a whole is threatened by a variety of challenges. The reasons for this are globalisation, demographic change, digitalisation, climate change, migration, but also increasing social division due to growing nationalism and populism.

How can we as civil society groups and citizens respond to these current challenges? By informing each other and thus acquiring specific knowledge, positioning ourselves and looking for solutions together. Social participation, networking and European awareness are the main pillars for the various topics.

Arrival 11.7.2024 (Participants at the conference of the Baden-Württemberg Foundation and the Ministry of State on 10.07.24)

Theme tent on the Ulm side of the Danube: Wednesday 10 July, Thursday 11 July, 2-8 p.m.: ViMA-danube: Virtual.participation.active in the Danube region and beyond - vima-danube.eu

Programme

Thursday, 11.07.24

9.00-14.30 Participation Danube Conference of Baden-Württemberg Foundation

14.30-16.30 Various network and project meetings

17.00-19.00 Intergenerational participatory workshop "Taking little steps towards change" with various thematic subgroups with citizens of different age groups, countries (location: Verschwörhaus Ulm, Weinhof 7)

From 19.00 Social get-together in the family education centre, Sattlergasse 7

Friday, 12.7.24

Symposium "Strengthening Civil Society in the Danube Region for a joint Europe"

Registration: from 8.00 am

9:00 a.m. Opening of the conference

- Greetings from the City of Ulm by First Mayor Martin Bendel
- Greetings from the State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg by Ms Niomba Lomba, Head of the Danube Region Service Centre, Department VI - European Policy, State Representation Brussels, Cross-border Cooperation
- Opening: Carmen Stadelhofer, ILEU e.V., "We are all Danube-Networkers - Participation and networking, analogue and digital, it's all in the mix"
- Keynote speeches
- Gisela Erler, former State Secretary, Berlin: "Demokratie und Zivilgesellschaft in stürmischen Zeiten" (online);
- Petra Siegele, OeAD - Agency for Education and Internationalisation, Vienna, Austria, "Researching together across generations and borders - Citizen Science as a model";
- Armin Pialek, German Foundation for Engagement and Volunteering, DSEE: "Civil society needs support";
- Stefan Barth, Agapedia, "Let's Networking. The importance of networking and networks of civil society organisations in the Danube Strategy";

11.00-11.25 Coffee break

11.30-13.0 Thematic working groups:

1. Getting to know each other through joint cultural activities, analogue and digital

- Dr Swantje Volkmann, Cultural Department Southeast Europe, Danube Swabian Central Museum DZM Ulm: "Donauliebe - Donaujugendcamp";
- Marina Kuch, ILEU Ulm/ Ana Zlibut, Writers League, Timisoara, Romania: "Danube-Networkers invite:- Come together for connecting cultures" (DANEECT: Come-together-online-Sessions");
- Prof. Violeta Puscasu, Univ. Galati, Romania/ Angela Pudda, Porto Torres, Italia: "Connecting culture & travelling, not just with travelling";
- Prof. Dusana Findeisen, Association U3A Ljubljana, Slovenia: "Art connects".

2. Helping to shape the environment using the example of citizen science

- Petra Siegele, Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OEAD), Vienna: "Networking across generations and borders - Citizen Science as a model"
- Johanna Loicht, BIOZ Vienna: "City-Nature: Networking knowledge about climate and nature and motivating people to get involved"
- Stefan Brändel, Citizen Science in the Botanical Garden of the University of Ulm
- Lesya Loiko, environmental organisation FORZA, Ushorod, Ukraine

3. Use of digitalisation & media skills

- Oliver Schmidt, "Don@au-online" project of the Baden-Württemberg State Centre for Political Education. Presentation of the Danube online project: conception & realisation, examples of students' work from Sofia, Odessa and Ulm
- Carmen Stadelhofer, ILEU, Elena Muste & Ileana Iepure, Cluj-Napoca, Romania "ViMA danube - online platform, communication across countries and languages,
- Prof Emily Velikova, Univ Ruse, Bulgaria, "AI and its benefits in continuing education for adults"
- Patrick Morschhaeuser, Digital Agenda Ulm, Useful applications of AI for civil society actors (enquired)

13.00 to 14.30 Lunch and market of opportunities, poster session, information stands, ViMA-Danube platform, exhibition "Traces of Europe in my Town"

14.30- 16.00 Working groups

4. Promoting cooperation through European caring projects using selected examples

- Johanna Kaiser, Diakonisches Werk der Evangelischen Landeskirche in Baden e.V., Interreg project Caring Communities,
- Mateja Softic, Iscriva, Škofja Loka, Slovenia, Interreg and its possibilities

5. participation opportunities for civil society in the EUSDR through various funding programmes

- Dr. Ana Majuric, POUZ, Croatia: Erasmus + programmes of the EU
- Silvia Dabo U3A Frankfurt (requested), Dejan Zagorac, Zaprokul, Belgrade: DENTA - Living in the Third Age in the Danube Countries" as an example of a learning partner programme
- Perspektive Donau, Team Baden-Württemberg-Stiftung (enquired)
- DSEE, Armin Pialek

6. Empowerment of women

- Andrea Laux, Stuttgart/ Emine Dömösi, Hungary, Mine e.V., International Network of Mothers' Centres, "Network for empowerment of women";
- Ulm, Carmen Stadelhofer, ILEU, Social Recovery- Self-help for refugee women in Ukraine and European countries

16.00 -18.00 Reports from the working groups and declaration of the networks on cooperation

19.30 Social evening in the hall of the Petruskirche Neu-Ulm

Saturday, 13.07.2024

11.00 - 14.00 Public event "Sing and swing along the Danube" on the Danube stage in Neu-Ulm as part of the Danube Festival: With participants of the conference and contributors from Ulm: Ukrainian choir Stefanie, Ukrainian children's choir, 2 German school choirs, 1 pop choir, dance group Saitenspringer, etc.

signed. Carmen Stadelhofer