

## Postersession

# Strengthening civil society in the Danube region for a joint Europe

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NGO, founded 2002, since 2013 coordination of the informal education network Danube-Networkers (founded 2008), and office of the NGO *Danube-Networkers for Europe* (DANET) e.V. founded 2014. Member of EUSDR Baden-Württemberg, Danube Civil Society Forum and others.

### Objectives/focus of work

Our aim is to contribute to overcome the mental barriers between the Europeans, especially in the countries of the Danube Region, and to promote awareness of a peaceful united Europe.

### Target group

People of all age groups and nationalities in the Danube countries and all other European countries.

### Cooperation partner

Since 2008 cooperation with over 100 civil society associations from the fields of education, culture, social affairs and environment, universities and schools from all 10 Danube countries in joint activities, with some of them in long-term ongoing projects.

### Important findings/results/experiences

The tasks and objectives of the association include the development and testing of innovative educational programs to foster lifelong learning for adults and intergenerational dialogue. Focus on cooperation by use of different digital tools, esp. interactive *Come Together sessions* by video-conferences (danect.eu) and the online platform *ViMA danube* (vima-danube.eu). Since March 2022 ILEU provides humanitarian help for Ukrainian refugees under the motto "*Zusammen in Ulm*" (Together in Ulm) to foster communication, encounters and integration by various pedagogical approaches (ukrainehilfe-ileu.de). We encourage transnational cooperation and civic engagement funded by the State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg, Baden-Württemberg-Stiftung, Stadt Ulm, Erasmus+ projects and others, supported by many volunteers.

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