## **Postersession**

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

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## **Project: Online Platform**

## **ViMA danube – Virtual Meetings Activities**

Vima-danube.eu

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# **Objectives/focus of work**

ViMA danube is an open and multifunctional online-platform, a digital meeting point for all citizens of the Danube countries and other European countries, access in 14 languages!

The aim of the platform is to give people in the Danube Region and beyond the opportunity to get in touch with similar interests people through the search and offer function or to work together by creating digital interest groups.

# **Cooperation partner**

In strong cooperation with partners from the educational network "Danube-Networkers", the Association DANET and others. Many citizens of all ages in many Danube countries are involved. Strong cooperation with the project DANECT (danect.eu)

# Important findings/results/experiences

*ViMA danube* supports the intergenerational dialogue of many people from different countries in different parts of Europe, especially the Danube countries. ViMA volunteers are testing & helping to develop and spread the idea of online participation, according to the needs of the users.

The website is available in 14 different languages: communication in their native language gives people of all ages, ethnicities and educational backgrounds the opportunity to share common interests, even if no common language is available. This opportunity to overcome language barriers and find easy ways to communicate with other Danubians/Europeans fosters civil society and helps to build bridges between Western and South-Eastern Europe. Results and content of other projects (e.g. DANECT) and workshops are shared and discussed in the interest groups on the ViMA website, which promotes cross-project exchange.

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