

Danube Networkers Pleased with Their Contribution to the Danube Festival

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There were 19 round-table discussions at the conference in the Edwin Scharff House.

Ulm. The Danube Networkers are extremely pleased with their extensive programme at the Danube Festival and with how smoothly everything went. This was reported by Carmen Stadelhofer, Chairwoman of ILEU, the Institute for Virtual and Face-to-Face Learning in Adult Education. ILEU coordinates the activities of the Danube Networkers.

In Ulm, participants in the “Intergenerational Dialogue in the Danube Region” had the opportunity to meet in person. These are people who usually speak German together online as part of language tandems. The youngest participant was a 15-year-old Ukrainian girl, while the oldest was an 85-year-old German woman.

It was the tenth meeting of the Danube Networkers. The conference entitled **“Democracy Needs All of Us”**, held at the Edwin Scharff House, was the centrepiece of the meeting and was attended by 150 participants.

Two new approaches were tested: an AI system translated statements into several languages spoken in the Danube countries and displayed them simultaneously on a screen. In addition, public figures listened to the concerns and ideas of the conference participants. Ulm's First Mayor, Martin Bendel, was among those who agreed to take part.

“Everything worked extremely well,” Stadelhofer reported.

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