



7th DRC (Danube Rectors' Conference) Summer School on Regional Co-operation

**25 July - 1 August 2010
in Pécs (European Capital of Culture 2010), Hungary**

**“The Western Balkans: Lessons from the Past and Future Prospects
– A View from the Danube Region”**

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Dear Colleagues,

**The Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna,
IDResearch Ltd (IDR), Pécs and
the Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Business and Economics,
University of Pécs**

**are organising the seventh Summer School on Regional Co-operation
under the intellectual sponsorship of the Danube Rectors' Conference
(<http://www.drcsummerschool.eu/>)**

Aims of the project:

- to enhance awareness for the significance and possibilities of regional co-operation
- to discuss and develop strategies for the improvement of co-operation in the region
- to bring young scientists from countries of the Danube Region and Central Europe together to establish a regional scientific network within the European Research Area
- to foster relations between the partner universities of the Danube Rectors' Conference and with other regional actors
- to prepare a sustainable series of events to be able to meet the tasks mentioned above
- to promote the mobility of young scientists, especially in South East Europe

Initiators and main organisers:

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Vienna
Mag. Dr. Susan Milford, Managing Director

IDResearch Ltd. (IDR), Pécs
Dr. István Tarrósy, Managing Director

Co-organiser:

Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Pécs

Target group:

- Max. 30 young scientists from the Danube Region and Central Europe who have records in Political Science or other social science disciplines
- Graduates who want to present their research projects to the students of the Summer School in the lectures
- Interested individuals from regional organisations, public administration and scientific institutions

Time frame and location:

The Summer School will take place between 25 July - 1 August 2010 at the University of Pécs, Hungary.

Workshop items:

1. Transforming the Western Balkans: A Specific European Journey since 1990 and Future Perspectives
2. Economic and social conditions and perspectives in the Western Balkans
3. Dimensions of Civil Society in the Western Balkan Region
4. Geopolitics and the Issue of Stability in the Western Balkans

Working methods:

- Lectures by high level scientists, young graduates and experts (politicians, civil servants, representatives of regional organisations, NGOs, EU officials)
- Presentation of Best Practice projects
- Presentation of papers prepared by the participants
- Discussion in parallel workshops
- Presentation of the results of each working group and plenary discussion

Working language is English.

The results of the Summer School will be published in a **proceedings volume**.

Applications:

Applications for participation may be handed in by e-mail or fax by **July 7th, 2010** and should include the application which will be online on: <http://www.drcsummerschool.eu>, the CV of the applicant and an abstract max. 2 pages of the paper that shall be presented in the framework of the Summer School. The participants are selected by a jury taking into account the guidance of the presidency of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC).

Applications should be sent to:

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Programme (6 working days):

Sun, 25 July	Arrival, Afternoon Programme, First Meeting
Mon, 26 July	Opening Session, Presentation of last year's Proceeding Volume, Keynote Addresses, Introduction to the Workshops
Tue, 27 July	Plenary Lectures, Workshops
Wed, 28 July	Social Programme
Thu, 29 July	Plenary Lectures, Workshops
Fri, 30 July	Field Trip
Sat, 31 July	Presentation of the Workshop Reports, Closing Session, Concluding Results and Farewell Party
Sun, 1 August	Departure

Joint activities of the Summer School participants within the ICWIP (International Cultural Week in Pécs: <http://www.icwip.hu>), especially at the social programme!

Follow Up:

In addition to the special section on the DRC homepage (www.d-r-c.org) which has been reserved for the Summer School project, all information on the DRC Summer School can be found on the homepage especially created for this initiative: <http://www.drcsummerschool.eu>.

Potential partners and supporters:

Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC)
University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Business and Economics

Central European Initiative (CEI), International Visegrad Fund (IVF), Working Community of Danubian Regions, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Hanns Seidel Foundation, Erste Foundation, Erste Group

