BUILDING THE URBAN FUTURE OF THE DANUBE REGION

Place: City Hall, Vienna, A-1082
Date: December 9 – 10, 2013

Programme

Chair: Christian Wehrschütz, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation Belgrade

9.00 a.m.	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
10.00 a.m.	**Welcoming Speech**	**Michael Häupl** Mayor of Vienna and President of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
10.20 a.m.	**Video message by Johannes Hahn,** EU Commissioner for Regional Policy and Urban Development	
10.30 a.m.	**Key note** „Urbanism versus Etatism"	**György Konrád** Author and political essayist
11.15 a.m.	Coffee Break	
11.30 a.m.	**Lessons learned – 3 Pilot Projects for cooperation**	
	Successful co-operation between Bratislava and Vienna	**Milan Ftáčnik** Mayor of Bratislava (tbc)
	The "River Show"	**Peter Langer** Council of Danube Cities and Regions **Stefan Lütgenau** Danube Civil Society Forum
	Cooperation in Flood Prevention	**Markus Simoner** Via Donau
1.30 p.m.	Lunch	

2.30 p.m.	**Roundtable Discussion** „Why do we need municipal cooperation in the Danube Region?"	**Michael Ludwig** Vice Mayor of Vienna **Ivo Gönner** Mayor of Ulm and Chairperson of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions **Milan Ftáčnik** Mayor of Bratislava **Eva Tetenyi** Mayor of Estergom (tbc) **Miran Gajšek** Head of the Department for Urban Planning of the City of Ljubljiana **Ginka Tchavdarova** Executive Director of the Association of Municipalities of Bulgaria **Matti Ollinkari** Head of International Relations of the City of Helsinki and BaltMet representative
4.00 p.m.	Coffee Break	
4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	**The City of Vienna and the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region**	**Kurt Puchinger** Priority Area 10, Coordinator for the Danube Strategy
	Urban Platform Danube Region	**Veronika Haunold** CEO of TINA Vienna - Urban Technologies & Strategies and Managing Unit of DonauHanse
	Signing of Urban Platform Danube Region Cooperation Agreement by Mayor of Vienna Michael Häupl et al.	
6.30 p.m.	Tribute from the City of Vienna to **Elisabeth Gateau** and **Jeremy Smith,** former Secretaries General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions followed by a **Reception of the City of Vienna**	

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Governance in the Danube Region
Parallel Working Groups

Chair: **Thomas Prorok,** KDZ – Centre for Public Administration Research

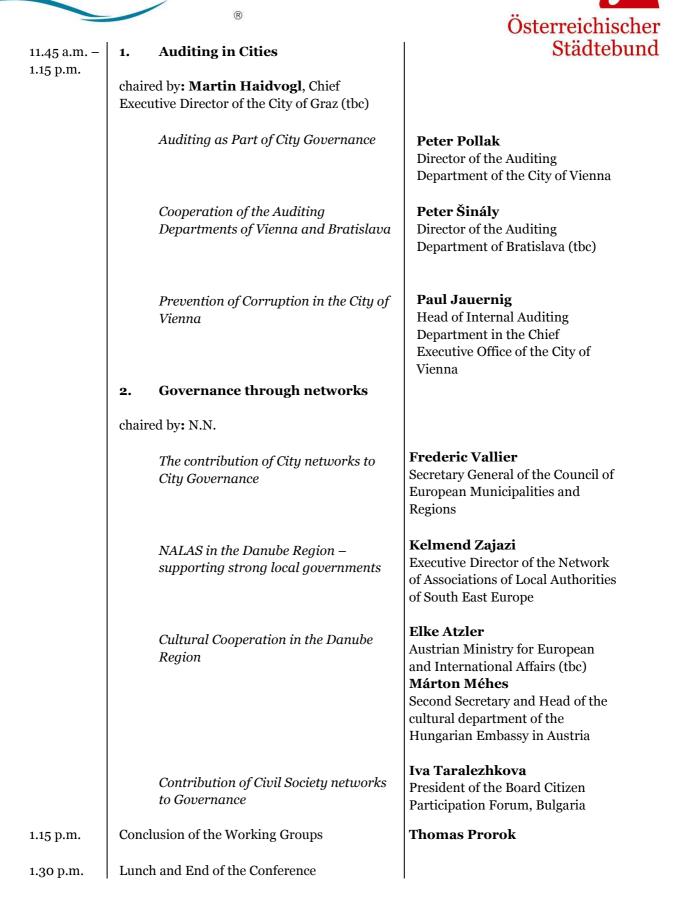|		
9.30 a.m.	**Opening**	**Thomas Weninger** Secretary General of Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)
9.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	**1. Governance in Smart Cities** chaired by**: Erich Dallhammer**, Managing Director of the Austrian Institute for Spatial Planning - OIR	
	Smart City Vienna	**Thomas Madreiter** Group Director for Urban Planning of the City of Vienna
	Smart Region Munich	**N.N**
	Governance through Citizen's participation – the "Vienna Charta"	**Ursula Struppe** Head of the Department of Integration (MA 17) of the City of Vienna
	2. Governance through Human Ressource Management chaired by**: Alexandra Schantl**, KDZ	
	Training and employee turnover reduction in public administration	**N.N.**
	The cross border training course „Public Management Platform"	**Renate Deininger** Head of the Department Public Administration of the FH Campus Vienna
	Training programmes for Public Administration in Slovakia	**Stanislav Filip** Vice rector of the VSEMvS in Bratislava
11.15 a.m.	Coffee Break	

11.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.	**1.** **Auditing in Cities**	
	chaired by**: Martin Haidvogl**, Chief Executive Director of the City of Graz (tbc)	
	Auditing as Part of City Governance	**Peter Pollak** Director of the Auditing Department of the City of Vienna
	Cooperation of the Auditing Departments of Vienna and Bratislava	**Peter Šinály** Director of the Auditing Department of Bratislava (tbc)
	Prevention of Corruption in the City of Vienna	**Paul Jauernig** Head of Internal Auditing Department in the Chief Executive Office of the City of Vienna
	2. **Governance through networks**	
	chaired by**:** N.N.	
	The contribution of City networks to City Governance	**Frederic Vallier** Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions
	NALAS in the Danube Region – supporting strong local governments	**Kelmend Zajazi** Executive Director of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe
	Cultural Cooperation in the Danube Region	**Elke Atzler** Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs (tbc) **Márton Méhes** Second Secretary and Head of the cultural department of the Hungarian Embassy in Austria
	Contribution of Civil Society networks to Governance	**Iva Taralezhkova** President of the Board Citizen Participation Forum, Bulgaria
1.15 p.m.	Conclusion of the Working Groups	**Thomas Prorok**
1.30 p.m.	Lunch and End of the Conference	

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Mercure Hotel Josefshof Wien 4*
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Costs: 97 Euro/night for a single room including breakfast (booking code: 27950)

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1080 Wien
Tel. +43 1 403 52 91
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Web: http://www.austria-hotels.at/hotel-alpha/index.html
Costs: 74 – 86 Euro/night for a room/person including breakfast (booking code: Danube City Conference)

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