

5th Danube Financing Dialogue at the National Bank of Slovakia in Bratislava

AGENDA

23-24 May 2016

Purpose

After the successful series of Danube Financing Dialogues at the National Banks of Austria, Serbia, Rumania and Croatia, we are proud to announce the 5th event in series. This time we invite you at the premises of the National Bank of Slovakia in Bratislava on 23rd and 24th May 2016.

How can you involve yourself?

- (1) Take part in the project competition.** Project promoters present their idea towards a jury and around 200 participants. The best project promoter will win an award of € 2000! Project developers are invited to send us their [project fiche](#) to financing-dialogue@metis-vienna.eu until 10. April. Application for the project competition is now closed!
- (2) Get information** about a wide range of financing opinions and the listen to success and failure stories of project developers.
- (3) Network** informally during breaks and the network dinner.

The DFD is FREE of charge!

For more information, you can also have a look at our website:

<http://www.danube-capacitycooperation.eu/pages/5th-danube-financing-dialogue>

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Opening of the 5th Danube Financing Dialogue on 23rd May 2016

Project competition: Who gets the Danube Region's Award?

This year's Danube Financing Dialogue is all about promising businesses and project ideas. At the project pitch, the selected entrepreneurs and project initiators will then be given a short time to convince the audience of the uniqueness and the relevance of their idea for the Danube Region and for potential financiers.

The best project gets a 2,000 EUR award.

After the project award the participants have the chance to connect at the networking dinner.

16:30 Registration and welcome drinks

17:00 Welcome and opening

How project developers can benefit from the new EU investment initiative
Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director, European Fund for Strategic Investments

17:30 Project competition

Presentations of the most promising start-ups and projects in the Danube Region

Jury:

Edina Csanyi, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Eden Mamut, Black Sea Universities Network

Vasina Radoslav, Investment Manager for Innovations and Technologies at the Slovak Business Agency (SBA)

Imre Hild, Digital Factory Accelerator

19:00 Buffet and award ceremony

21:00 End of the 1st conference day

24th May 2016

08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 Welcome statements

Jozef Makúch, Governor of National Bank of Slovakia

09:45 How to get money? What else beyond money is needed for supporting business ideas

Financial instruments and the EIF

Hubert Cottogni, European Investment Fund

Combining ESIF and EFSI in support of SMEs: implications for the Danube Strategy

Andrea Mairate, European Commission

How to support businesses getting ready for investment

Lena Gansterer, Impact Hub Vienna / Investment Ready Program

How crowd funding drives regional innovation

Brigitte Hatvan, ConPlusUltra

11:15 How to find the right fundig source? Launch of Euro Access Danube Region

Julie Dalmoro, Euro Vienna

11:30 Face-to-Face meetings and networking

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Share your story: Do's and Don'ts when setting up businesses and projects

Setting up a successful business in Romania

George Suciu, BEIA Consult

Doing business in South East Europe

Eugeniy Ivanov, Euroconsultants

Innovation in a box – How to guide business ideas to success within your organization?

Max Ditzel, WhatAVenture

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Creating an inspiring environment for businesses and innovative projects

Innovation policy and strategy for supporting smart industry

Zuzana Nehajova, Majerník & Miháliková s.r.o.

The new legal form in Slovakia - Simplified Joint Stock Company

Katarína Miháliková, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic

Danube-INCO.NET - can one project make a difference in the region? Informing, networking, supporting the coordination of funding

Elke Dall, Centre for Social Innovation

Presentation of KEEP: How to find information on Territorial Cooperation projects in different thematic areas

Janne Kiilunen, Interact Programme

16:30 Concluding statements and outlook

Rudolf Schicker, Priority Area10 Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region
Franz Nauschnigg, Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

17:00 End of the conference

The sessions will be moderated by Nikolaus Jilch, Journalist, Die Presse.