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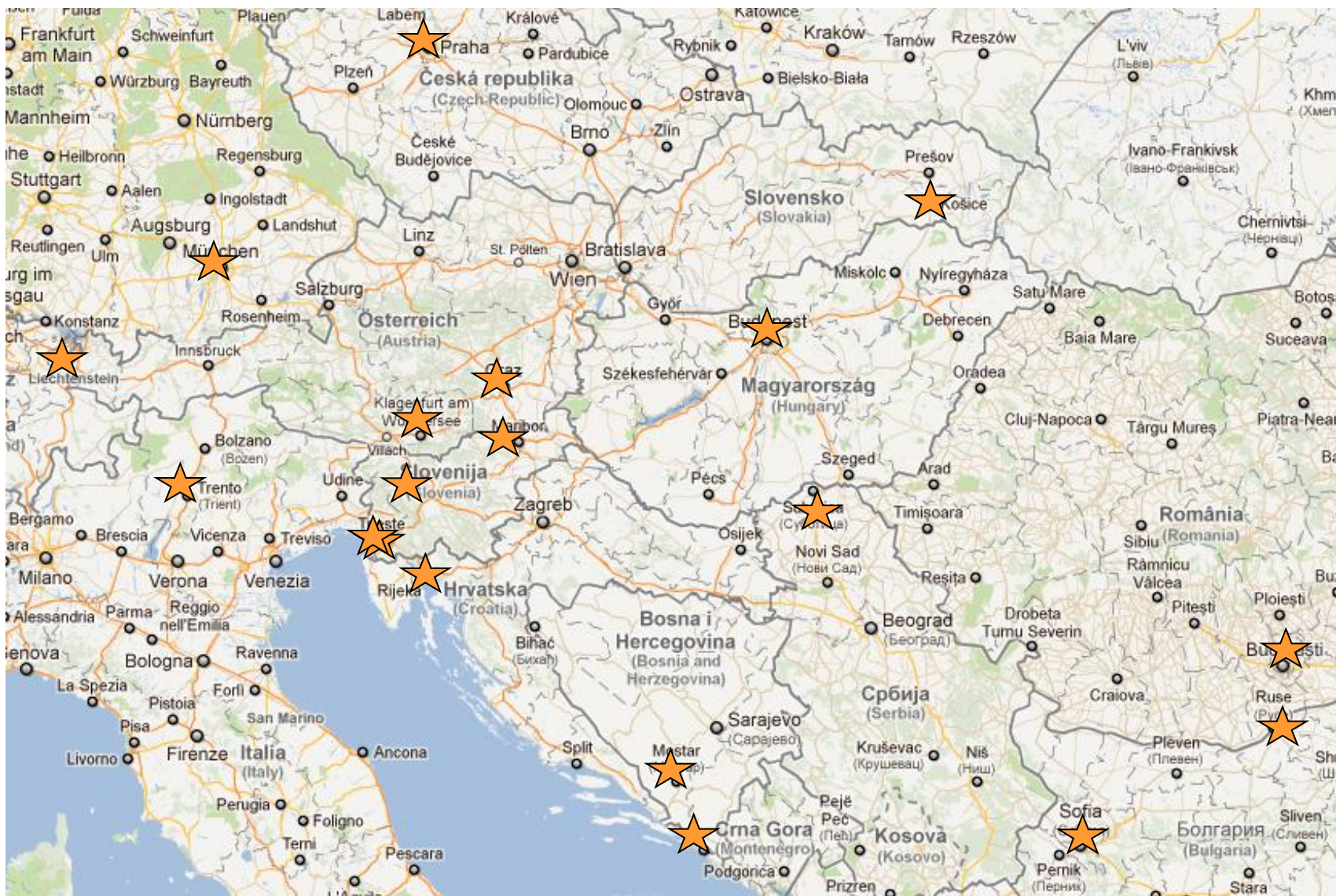
ALADIN was **created** in Ljubljana on **23rd October 2002** by **Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria), University of Rijeka (Croatia), University of Trieste (Italy) and University of Maribor (Slovenia)** as an international network working at regional level

- >to share common ideas and knowledge in teaching and research activities in the field of e-Commerce
- >and to cooperate creating mobility of students and professors, offering common lectures, creating virtual teams of students from different universities and professors lecturing at different universities,
- >in order to harmonize with global and international activities of e-Commerce,

From 2002 on the ALADIN network has **constantly grown, reflecting the need for cooperation in the ICT fields** which are **crucial for the development of the Enlarged Europe and promoting research cooperation with SMEs and Governments**, in order to harmonize with global and international activities of ICT in the Enlarged Europe.

Today, universities, associated centers of excellence and Living Labs located in 13 European countries, namely **Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland** are represented.

The ALADIN network represents 19 universities in the Danube Region.



The Action Plan for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region is based upon 4 pillars.

The 'EU Strategy for the Danube Region' is described in two documents:

- (1) a Communication from the European Commission to the other EU Institutions, and
- (2) an accompanying **Action Plan** which complements the Communication:

A) Connecting the Danube Region

- 1) To improve mobility and multimodality
- 2) To encourage more sustainable energy
- 3) To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts

B) Protecting the Environment in the Danube Region

- 4) To restore and maintain the quality of waters
- 5) To manage environmental risks
- 6) To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils

C) Building Prosperity in the Danube Region

7) To develop the Knowledge Society through research, education and information technologies

8) To support the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development

- 9) To invest in people and skills

D) Strengthening the Danube Region

- 10) To step up institutional capacity and cooperation
 - 11) To work together to promote security and tackle organised and serious crime
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Thank you very much for your attention!

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