

Universities' Roles and Tasks in the Danube eRegion Development

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Priority Area 7:

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

Action - “To strengthen the capacities of research infrastructure”.

The aim is to upgrade regional innovation systems throughout the Region, to reinforce the capacity of research infrastructure and to link better existing science foundations in order to improve innovation conditions.

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Action - “To strengthen cooperation among universities and research facilities and to upgrade research and education outcomes by focusing on unique selling points”.

Universities and research institutes in the Danube Region should engage in stronger cooperation in various fields, such as analyzing existing education and research programmes in the Region and developing joint programmes of common interest, mobility schemes for students and researchers, common research projects, exchange of best practices or developing innovative education programmes for target groups new to universities.

Example of existing institutions and initiatives:

- *the Danube Rectors' Conference,*
- *the Rectors' Conference of the Alps-Adriatic Universities*

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Workshop:

Building Skills for Knowledge Economy through Implementation of University Reforms

13 May, 2011, Gorizia, Italy.

Organised by: Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia
Giulia, Municipality of Gorizia and University of
Trieste

Rapporteur: Giorgio Perini

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Tuesday 11 October 2011, 11:15 – 13:00 event **11B05**
Alps-Adriatic regions linking the Europe 2020 and Danube strategies through Universities

Venue: Liaison Office of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region in
Brussels,
Rue du Commerce 49, Brussels

Regional Partnership:

“Alps-Adriatic Regions and Universities 4 knowledge society”

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9th European Week of Regions and Cities
Brussels
10 - 13 October 2011

Carinthia- Prof. Dr. Hubert Lengauer, **University of Klagenfurt**

Croatian Pannonia- Dr. sc. Sanja Lončar Vicković, **University of Osijek**

South Transdanubian Region- Prof. Dr. László Imre Komlósi,
University of Pécs

West Slovenia- Prof. Dr. Stane Pejovnik, **University of Ljubljana**

Friuli Venezia Giulia- Prof. Dr. Sergio Paoletti, **University of Trieste**

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OPEN DAYS 2011, Side Event:

11th of October time: 16:30-17:30

**UNIVERSITIES FROM EUROPEAN MACROAREAS
FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY**

Friuli Venezia Giulia Liaison Office in Brussels in
collaboration with the “Alps Adriatic Rectors’
Conference (AARC)”

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To spread the knowledge about the recently established collaboration between the ALPS ADRIATIC RECTORS CONFERENCE (AARC) and the DANUBE RECTORS CONFERENCE (DRC), Professors PAVLE SEKERUŠ and SERGIO PAOLETTI, on behalf of the 2 conferences, will communicate their common initiatives at European level.

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They will illustrate their joint engagement, already welcomed by Commissioner Hahn, to booster knowledge Society in a wide area of the European continent and beyond.

The event will also mark the launch of the joint secretariat of the 2 Rectors Conferences, in Brussels, hosted by FVG Representation.

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Action - “To use *e*-content and *e*-services to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public and private services”.

Information and Communication Technologies in general, and more specifically *e*-government, *e*-education, *e*-culture, *e*-health, *e*-business and *e*-inclusion, addressing active and healthy aging as well as independent living, can make public services faster, more effective, more efficient and more accessible thus saving resources on the side of the provider and user.

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Examples of project –

- ***“To increase the use of electronic signatures/ e-identification for e-commerce and e-administration”***
- ***“To promote the availability of e-Government services across the region”.***
- ***“To promote the availability of e-Health services across the Region”.***

Action - “To stimulate the emergence of innovative ideas for products and services and their wide validation in the field of the Information Society, using the concept of Living Labs”.

A “best practice”:

ALADIN – **AL**pe **Ad**ria **D**anube
universities **IN**itiative

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ALADIN – the “ALpe ADria INitiative” Universities’ Network,

created in Ljubljana the 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.

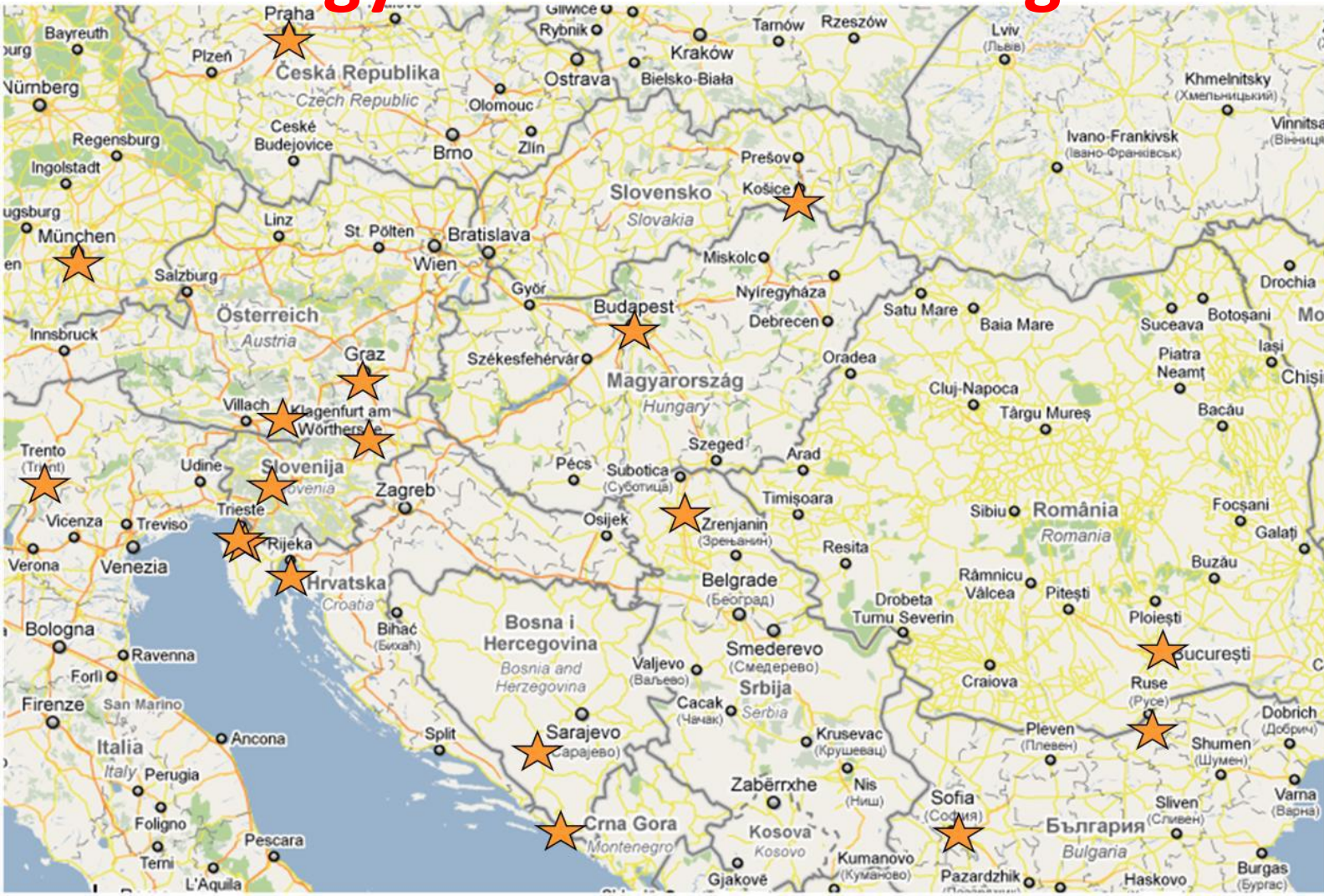
Extended to the **Medical University of Graz, the Novi Sad Business School (Serbia), the University BW München (Germany), the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), the Technical University of Košice (Slovakia), the University of Novi Sad (Serbia) and the University of Trento (Italy).**

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- **Position Paper** of the Alpe Adria Danube universities INitiative – ALADIN
- *Universities and Technology Providers Meeting: Opportunities for eCollaboration in the Danube eRegion.*

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