

Stakeholder Forum: To Invest in People and Skills Empowerment through Co-operation and Networking in the Danube Region

13 - 14 June 2012 | Vienna, Locations Urania (Public Educational Institute) & Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

Draft Agenda

Day one Wednesday 13 June 2012

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

Plenary Session I: Urania, Uraniastraße 1, 1010 Vienna
Moderation: TBA

09.00 – 10.00

Welcome and Introduction

Claudia Schmied, Federal Minister for Education, Arts and Culture, Austria
Rudolf Hundstorfer, Federal Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection,
Austria
Republic of Moldova (*TBC*)
European Commission (*TBC*)

10.00 – 11.00

Key Note Speeches

Dessislava Gavrilova, The Red House Center for Culture and Debate, Sofia
Vladimir Gligorov, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.15

Challenges and Opportunities: the Role of the Priority Area Coordinators within the EU Strategy for the Danube Region; Introduction to the Conference and Working Groups

Priority Area Coordinators
European Commission
European Training Foundation

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Stubenring 1, 1010 Vienna

Parallel Working Groups

WG 1: Urania, Uraniastraße 1, 1010 Vienna

WGs 2-8: Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Stubenring 1, 1010 Vienna

13.30 – 17.00

Working Group 1: **To enhance performance of education systems through closer cooperation of education institutions, systems and policies**

Break:
15.00 – 15.30

Working Group 2: **To foster cooperation between key stakeholders of labour market, education and research policies in order to develop learning regions and environments**

Work Group 3: **To support creativity and entrepreneurship**

Work Group 4: **To support lifelong learning and expanding learning mobility**

Work Group 5: **To promote equity, social cohesion and active citizenship through education and training**

Work Group 6: **To improve cross-sector policy coordination to address demographic and migration challenges**

Work Group 7: **To fight poverty and social exclusion of marginalised communities in the Danube Region, especially the Roma communities**

Work Group 8: **To promote gender equality on the labour market, especially in payment**

19.00 Dinner

Day two Thursday 14 June 2012

Plenary Session II: Urania, Uraniastraße 1, 1010 Vienna
Moderation: Roland Arbter, Federal Chancellery, Austria

09.00 – 09.40 **Panel 1: Results from Working Groups 1,3,4,5**
Rapporteurs

09.40 – 10.20 **Panel 2: Results from Working Groups 2,6,7,8**
Rapporteurs

10.20 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 - 11.30 **Panel 3: Funding and Financial Aspects, Project Development**
European Commission

11.30 – 12.15 **Panel 4: Overall Results and Future Prospects; Discussion**
General Rapporteur

12.15 – 12.30 **Conclusions of the Meeting**
Priority Area Coordinators, EC

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection