

Invitation

Danube Financing Dialogue

22nd and 23rd of March 2012

Financing Projects of Small and Medium Enterprises
in the Danube Region



DANUBE REGION
strategy

Institutional Capacity

Danube Financing Dialogue

22nd of March 2012 | 13:00 till 20:00 |

23rd of March 2012 | 09:30 till 13:00 | Österreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

1st Danube Financing Dialogue

One of the actions planned under the EU Strategy for the Danube Region is to “examine the feasibility of a Danube Investment Framework”. In this context the Coordinator of the Priority Area “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation” organizes on behalf of the European Commission a series of Danube Financing Dialogues.

The first Danube Financing Dialogue aims to bring together Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) from the whole Danube Region with Financial Institutions.

Therefore, most promising SME investment projects relevant to the priorities of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region are selected covering a wide range of fields such as transport, energy, culture, environment, technologies, education and security.

The Danube Financing Dialogue will provide a platform for stimulating matchmaking of the SME's financing needs and financing possibilities offered by Financial Institutions. As for the SMEs the Danube Financing Dialogue provides a unique opportunity to identify the most suitable financing sources in order to realize their investment project by meeting personally the representatives of international financial institutions. At the same time financial institutions have the possibility to identify new fields of business.

On behalf of

European Commission
Directorate General Regional Policy

Chair

Kurt Puchinger
Director of Planning
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Agenda

Chair: Kurt Puchinger | EUSDR PA 10 Coordinator

Host: Österreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

1st day (22nd of March 2012)

13:00 **Registration**

14:00 **Welcome**

Ewald Nowotny, Österreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

14:15 **Session 1 (Key note speeches on the role of SMEs and International Financial Institutions within the EU Strategy of the Danube Region)**

Colin Wolfe (tbc), European Commission (DG REGIO):
The significance of SMEs in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region)

Hubert Cottogni (tbc), European Investment Fund (EIF): Financing SMEs
in the Danube Region

Emanuel Maravic (tbc), European Investment Bank (EIB):
Supporting private investment for public good(s)

Andreja Jerina (tbc), Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB):
The role of the CEB in financing investment projects in the Danube Region

15:45 **Coffee Break**

16:15 **Session 2 (Panel discussion including the SME's and financier's perspective)**

Representatives from development banks (KfW, AWS - tbc)

Entrepreneurs from different sectors such as transport, tourism, IT

Summing up the Panel discussion

Jose Palma Andres (tbc), European Commission (DG REGIO)

18:00 **Dinner in the City Hall of Vienna**

2nd day (23rd of March 2012)

09:30 **Session 3 (Match-making)**

Face to face meetings between representatives of SMEs and international
financial institutions

12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:30 **Closing Session**

Johann Sollgruber, European Commission (DG REGIO)

Kurt Puchinger, City of Vienna | EUSDR PA 10 Coordinator

13:00 **End of Conference**

How to get there?

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