# Danube Civil Society Forum

## Working Group III
## "Building Prosperity in the Danube Region"

(Knowledge, Education, Invest in People and Skills)

Chairperson: Carmen Stadelhofer

## WG III - Subgroups

- Learning regions
  Speaker: Harald Kutzenberger

- Active ageing and intergenerational education and learning for cooperation of generations with the inclusion of disadvantaged groups
  Speaker: Carmen Stadelhofer

- Information policy
  Speaker: Sabine Geller

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## Learning Regions

- Create a decentral network of cooperating sub-urban and rural regions in the wider Danube region
- Foster competence in interdisciplinary working teams – socio-economic & land use, biodiversity & natural resources, spatial development & participation
- Raise mobility of local adminstrative staff in the learning regions
- Human capacity building for local actors (mentoring, entrepreneurship)

## Learning Regions

- Developing „regional sustainable development plans" in „Common research and planning camps" – international team with integration of students to multidisciplinary work
- Using the existing fundament of IAD (International Association for Danube Research) – FP7proposal SIDIS - and ARGE Donauländer (workgroup regional development)

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**Active ageing and intergenerational education and learning for cooperation of generations with the inclusion of disadvantaged groups**

- Stakeholders in this field are people of all generations

→ education and learning as a tool of bringing generations together and empowering them

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**Active ageing and intergenerational education, learning** **for**
**cooperation of generations with the inclusion of**
**disadvantaged groups**

**Common action areas identified**

- Intergenerational education for
  - raising employability and volunteering.
  - improving individual and community life through development of new fields of activity
  - academic-based education for the inclusion in the knowledge society

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**Active ageing and intergenerational education and learning for cooperation of generations with the inclusion of disadvantaged groups**

**Common action areas identified**

- Fostering transfer of knowledge between the generations
- Educating trainers
- Enabling equal access to education and training
- Transversal theme: promotion of linguistic and ICT skills

- Changing attitudes towards generations
  - Reducing negative and positive stereotypes

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## Information Policy - Goals

- To implement European policy
- To coach for better absorbsion of European funds
- To promote common regulation for legislation for media
- and freedom of press

## Information Policy - Actions

- Training for journalists
- Concentration on small projects at the beginning (eg. Workshops in the fields of ecology, tourism,…)
- Continuation of network DAME (Danube Media Network)
- Fostering a common identity for the Danube region – "being Danubian" with the use of new media (eg. via Facebook and XING)
- Organising a visit at the European Parliament with the European Journalist Association

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## Action Plan for the next 2 years

- Continuation of work within subgroups
- Regular exchange of interim results among subgroups
- Information sharing structure: communication and cooperation via Internet - mailing list, videoconferences, forum (all members/subgroups)
- Small personal meetings for active members (financial support will be applied for at Baden-Württemberg Foundation)
- Possibly a meeting in the framework of the International Ulm Danube Festival in July 2012

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## Action Plan for the next 2 years

- Exchange and cooperation with the governing board of DCSF and the other Working Groups
- Exchange and cooperation with experts and NGOs from all parts of the Danube Region
- Participation in national and international conferences to disseminate the Working Group's goals and results
- Development of joint model projects

**Outlook**

WG III, strengthened by the educational, social, cultural and ecological institutions of all Danube Region, will become an expert group that consults political representatives on local, national and European level.