



**European Danube Strategy expert conference  
Budapest, 18 March 2010  
King Sigismund College**

**Conference program**

**Rediscovering the Danube Region: The vital link in the EU  
between the Black Forest and the Black Sea**

*I. From the European Foreign Policy to the Multilevel Governance along the  
Danube: The Blue Ribbon Project*

**8.30 – 9.00 Registration**

**Welcoming words: József Bayer, rector of King Sigismund College**

**9.00 – 12.00 Chairperson: Attila Ágh**

*Engagement of Hungarian government:* - Csaba Molnár, Minister of Chancellery,  
followed by Péter Heil, Chef of Cabinet and József Czukor State Secretary

*EU and Hungarian preparations for the EDS:*

Olivier Baudalet (DG Regio) The Brussels process

László Simon (National Development Agency Vice President for Integration): The  
Hungarian view

József Kozma, President of South Great Plain Region – The region at the crossroads  
along the Danube, or the Heart and the Hub of the Danube Region

*The relevance of EDS for the old member states:*

Franz Kaps: “The role of Germany’s Southeast European Association  
(Südosteuropa Gesellschaft, SOG) in assisting in the elaboration and implementation of  
the EU Danube Region Strategy while taking in consideration earlier EU regional  
strategies. A stakeholder view”.

Paul Luif (Austrian Institute for International Relations): Austria and the Danube  
Strategy

Stefan Lütgenau (Foster Foundation, Austria): The EDS and civil society in a  
comparative approach

Comments: Johannes Jung (Karlsruhe)

**12.00 – 13.00 – Lunch break**



## *II. From Economic Development to the Promotion of Democracy and Confidence-Building in the West Balkan region*

### **13.00-16.00 Chairperson: Jürgen Dieringer**

*Perspectives for the Danube Valley cooperation, contributions:*

Tomas Strazay (Slovakia)

Juraj Marusiak (Slovakia)

Edita Stojic-Karanovic (Serbia):

Anna Molnár-András Ricz: Cooperation between Serbia and the South Great Plain Region

*Hungarian contributions to the EDS (papers prepared)*

Lívía Török - Ders Csaba (Studio Metropolitana): New challenges for Budapest in the frame of European Danube Strategy

Attila Ágh – Europeanization of localities – glocality in EDS

János Rechnitzer – City networks along the Danube

Boglárka Koller – Formation of “Danube” identity

Tamás Kaiser – Regional development in the EU and the EDS

Balázs Forman – Hungarian regions in the Danube Strategy

Gergely Romsics – From foreign policy to accession policy

Gábor Schneider – From the Upper Danube Regions to the EDS

(participants: János Rechnitzer, Gábor Bihary, Sándor Besenyi, Zoltán Hajdú)

### **16.00 – 18.00 – Closing debate**

**Chairperson: Boglárka Koller**

### **18.00 – Reception**

Venue: Budapest, III. Kelta Street 2 Building “B”, Hall of Pátria

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