



Invitation to Panel Discussion:

Bottom up in the EUSDR: How to improve Participation in the Danube Region?

The **Danube Civil Society Forum; DCSF** wishes to invite you to join us for a panel discussion ***Bottom up in the EUSDR: How to improve Participation in the Danube Region?*** Our five panellists include, **Kristine Kern**, Professor in 'Governance of Urban Infrastructure and Global Change', University of Potsdam and Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS), **Gábor Schneider**, Expert in European Macro Regions, Stockholm/Budapest, **Strahil Karapchanski**, Vice Mayor Russe (European Development) and Institute for European Studies, University of Ruse, **Igor Studenikov**, Director of the Centre for Regional Studies, Odessa, and **Christian Baumgartner**, Secretary General of Naturefriends International. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Stefan August Lütgenau**, President of the **DCSF**. Experiences and strategies to further participation and bottom-up approaches in the EUSDR, will be in the centre of the discussion. A link will be drawn to lessons learned in the Baltic Sea Strategy.

NGOs are invited to present themselves and their projects (leaflets, posters, roll-ups, Info desks) within the EUSDR framework in the vestibule. Prior registration will be appreciated due to limited space.

Panel discussion and NGO Presentation

11:30 – 13:45

27 November 2012

(a lunch buffet will be offered)

Venue: Melanchton Hall,

House of the Lutheran Church

Am Ölberg 2, Regensburg

(400 m from the Annual Forum venue)

Side event to the Annual Forum organized by the **Danube Civil Society Forum**

to the first EUSDR Annual Forum, 27-28 November, Regensburg, Bavaria

"How can the Danube Region help to have a more competitive Europe?"

→ Please note: in order to take part in the official Annual Forum you have to [register](#)! ←

→ For registration to the panel discussion please contact [Ms Laura Sztár](#), **DCSF** ←