

# Solstice on the Danube 2017

Become a part of the *Solstice on the Danube* by organizing your own public event on the Danube and let others know about your activities and your community. Uncover the river's values and potential by showing who you are and what you do on the river either as a non-profit association, a sport club, a public authority, or a public or private enterprise.

By joining the overarching *Solstice on the Danube* initiative you will be able to reach out to various audiences in the wider river border area between Austria, Slovakia and Hungary and learn about others who are active on the same river upstream or downstream from you.

## Chain of public events

The second *Solstice on the Danube* to be held in 2017 (upon the arrival of summer, i.e. around June) builds upon the previous successful chain of events taking place on the Slovak section of the Danube in 2016. More than 40 public and private organisers voluntarily joined the initiative and organised outstanding sports, artistic, experiential, educational and other public events on the river or on its banks. Just like in the first year, in addition to the series of events, one bigger central highlight for a wider audience is planned.

## Aim of the initiative

The Danube Fund has initiated the *Solstice on the Danube* with an aim to improve networking between general public, communities and various stakeholders who operate along the river, and to draw more attention to the issues of public spaces, infrastructure and unique Danube eco-systems. Deepening authentic relations between people and communities is a way how to achieve a higher quality of physical space for life on the river. The Danube Fund wishes to expand the chain of events to a close Austrian and Hungarian neighbourhood (approx. from Wachau to Visegrad) and create a sense of shared space and community and tighten relations between the fans of the river. Help us to achieve this and make your event a part of the *Solstice on the Danube*!

## Why to join?

By joining *Solstice on the Danube* you will show your understanding for a commonly shared river space and your openness towards others – and you will increase the general awareness of what you do.



## How to join?

It is simple. Let us know about the event you are planning to organize and we will add it to the list of events promoted under the headline of *Solstice on the Danube*. If you organise your event on a regular basis (and under your own brand) you are very much welcomed to join while fully retaining your own identity.

It is up to you to decide how exactly your event will look like, you just need to follow four simple principles:

(1) follow the best safety practice, (2) be sensitive to the place of your event and its values, (3) be fair to others on the river (banks) and follow legal requirements, and (4) let others know that you are a proud participant of the Solstice on the Danube.



## Meeting of organisers and partners of the *Solstice on the Danube*

Just like the last year, the Danube Fund will search for possibilities of bringing all the organisers and partners together to an event dedicated to them, so that contacts can be made and activities can be presented. The wheres and whens will be published in due course.

The Danube Fund is open to all media and other partnerships for managing the umbrella campaign and media coverage of all the events.

**Web:** <http://slnovratnadunaji.sk> (in Slovak, the English version is being prepared)

**Video:** <http://slnovratnadunaji.sk/?p=1477>

**Gallery:** [http://slnovratnadunaji.sk/?page\\_id=112](http://slnovratnadunaji.sk/?page_id=112)

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