

# ResInfra@DR Synergy meeting

Perspectives for Research Infrastructures in the Danube Macro-region

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**12–13 JUNE 2019**

**VENUE:** FREYUNG 3, 1010 VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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## Rationale of the event

Since its start in 2017, ResInfra@DR contributed to a macro-regional dialogue on the topic of research infrastructure. It has offered capacity building actions and new resources and is still supporting “pilot actions” developing recommendations for organisations or assisting the knowledge gaining on national and regional level to contribute to new avenues of action.

This final event of the project aims to provoke and facilitate exchange among interested research infrastructure actors in the Danube macro-region. It offers a closer look at the achievements and challenges of the past 30 months of ResInfra@DR. Moreover, the meeting facilitates the further uptake of results by the countries and research organisations and reveals possible synergies with current initiatives. Dialogue sessions will allow mutual exchange among the participants on practical challenges and individually developed solutions. Beyond that, the event briefs about current developments in relation to research infrastructure and options to contribute to a macro-regional action plan for the Danube region focusing on the topic.

The event contributes to better addressing the complex topic of research infrastructures in the future and to the development of tools to reach this ambitious goal, also by using and exploiting the macro-regional opportunities and resources.

The participation at the event is free of charge. For a limited number of actively contributing participants travel costs can be covered upon request (a timely clarification with the hosting organisation Centre for Social Innovation - ZSI is necessary)

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## AGENDA (DRAFT)

**12 June 2019**

(11:30 – 12:30 *Press briefing session*)

12:30 – 13:30 *Welcome coffee and refreshments*

13:30 – 13:40 **Welcome by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research** (Heribert Buchbauer, Head of Department of International cooperation, BMBWF)

13:40 – 13:50 **Welcome by the organisers and briefing about the background situation** (Martin Felix Gajdusek, ZSI)

13:50 – 14:45 **ResInfra@DR achievements** (moderation by ResInfra@DR partner)

- Dialogue in the Danube macro-region (Attila Havas, CERS-HAS, Hungary)
- Capacity building actions (Marko Hajdinjak, ARC Fund, Bulgaria)
- Pilot Support engagements (Jan Balon, Czech Republic)
- Discussion: Needs for future joint activities in the Danube macro-region

14:45 – 15:15 *Coffee break (including preparation of the next session)*

15:15 – 16:15 **Direct exchange sessions (in two rounds) – Challenges and solutions of research infrastructure in the Danube Macro-region: Sharing practical experience** (Moderation: Martin Felix Gajdusek, ZSI)

All persons attending have a specific view on and experience with research infrastructure. A specific topic is offered by each participant (latest 10 days before the event active contributors are kindly requested to send their suggestion to the organisers). Such a topic can be a specific challenge concerning research infrastructure, a current approach, a solution or a recently taken action which can be shared (including relevant projects in all phases).

Your role as an active contributor: Up to 20 participants per session will be invited to act as information resource on small tables, whereas up to three participants can join the volunteers on their topic. The information resource person is not presenting but is “actively asked” by the joining participants to receive the most relevant information (contributors will act as “living books”).

No specific preparation is required.

*NB:* It is not necessary to be “the” specialist or “the” leader of a certain change or “the” core stakeholder to contribute in the sessions - your personal experiences will be a valuable contribution to this session! At the same time, you will gain insights from different view points.

The exchange sessions of 30 min. each are organised in two rounds. Further instructions are provided on site.

16:15 – 17:15 **Panel: Future needs in the Danube macro-region** (moderation by ResInfra@DR partner)

- The specific situation of RI funding and non-financial challenges of research infrastructure hosts as universities, academies, national- or regional research organisations – which experiences can be shared?
- Planning of investments and achievements – what is missing to go forward and what are challenges to overcome?
- Which developments and specific joint actions are needed to bring the Danube macro-region forward?

In this panel discussion, one participant per country is invited to present the current national viewpoint and developments (incl. challenges, strategies and policy initiatives, funding approaches, new internal arrangements of universities, etc.).

18:30 *Working and networking dinner for all participants*

## 13 June 2019

9:00 – 10:00 **Current projects focusing on research infrastructure in the region and EU wide initiatives. How to address effectively the Danube macro-region?** (moderation by ResInfra@DR partner)

Focus of contributions:

- Presentation of 3-5 initiatives active in the DR including EU funded actions, national actions that are considered as good practice (10-15 min. each)
- Questions: How to address the DR in future? How to use existing knowledge and experience? What are chances to take up existing results and capitalise?

10:00 – 10:20 **The Joint Action Plan for RI in the DR as proposed by ResInfra@DR**  
(Presentation: Martin Felix Gajdusek)

10:20 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 11:45 **Panel discussion: Current offers, needs and feedback by actors in the Danube region** (moderation by ResInfra@DR partner)

Questions:

- Current bottlenecks and how they are met by existing initiatives?
- What is most urgent needed and how can this be organised?

Contributing panel members include

- Country representatives
- Priority area actors
- Initiatives addressing the region

11:45 – 12:30 **Pathways for future actions**  
(Conclusions: ResInfra@DR partners)

12:45 – 13:45 *Farewell working lunch / end of the meeting*

(ResInfra@DR partners are kindly requested to stay for the partner coordination meeting)