



The **Council of Danube Cities and Regions** (CoDCR) was founded in 2009 in Budapest in the frame of the IV. European Conference of Danube Cities and Regions. Further conferences took place in Ulm 2003, Novi Sad / Serbia 2005, Vidin / Bulgaria 2007, Belgrade 2011, Vienna 2012, and Bucharest October 2013. The CoDCR gives an organizational framework to the local and regional cooperation network along the Danube initiated from the City of Ulm and grown over the years

The EU - Strategy for the Danube Region stresses the special significance of the cities and regions in establishing institutional capacity and cooperation and requires the active participation of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions as a strategic partner in communicating of joint projects in the fields of environment, renewable energies, culture and tourism, economic development and civil society.

This function as a networking organization for the Danube Region will be consolidated and further developed through the creation of binding structures - an 'Urban Platform for the Danube Region' - and due to the close cooperation with the Working Group of Danube Regions (ARGE Donauländer). Currently about forty cities and regions in the Danube Region take part on CoDCR.

Current projects of the CoDCR:

- Information campaign "Rivershow: Democracy and Citizens Participation in the Danube Region" in cooperation with the Danube Civil Society Forum and the European Danube Academy
- Trainee Programme for the education as "Danube Managers" in City administrations
- Establishing of an "Urban Platform in the Danube Region" in cooperation with the City of Vienna and the EUSDR-PA 10

Executive Committee of the Council of Danube Cities and Regions (since 2013):

- Ivo Gönner, Lord Mayor of Ulm (President)
- Dr. Michael Häupl, Mayor of Vienna
- Milan Ftáčnik, Lord Mayor of Bratislava
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- Prof. Dr. Sorin Oprescu, General Mayor of Bucharest
- Istvan Pasztor, President of the Parliament of AP Vojvodina
- Zeljko Sabo, Mayor of Vukovar, Croatia
- Plamen Stoilov, Mayor of Ruse, Bulgaria
- Nicolae Barbu, Mayor of Giurgiu, Romania
- Peter Langer, General Coordinator and Speaker, Ulm/Vienna,
- Eric Bartha, Bucharest, Secretary-General
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