

## EU-Strategy for the Danube Region

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Between April 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 an EU-Conference on the Danube Region took place in Vienna and Bratislava under the patronage of the European Commission / Directorate General for Regional Policy with large attendance of European, national and regional decision makers. The conference was related to the proposed strategy „EU 2020 (A European strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth)“ and had a major focus on

the topic “transport”. It was one of five events co-ordinated with each other in cities alongside the Danube River (Ulm, Budapest, Vienna/Bratislava, Ruse and Constanta) in the first half-year of 2010. The EU-Strategy for the Danube Region follows the EU-Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region having been comprehensively developed for a macro-region.

In the actual region not only the Danube River is an important lifeline, but also the Pan-European Corridor X. Thus, thematic affinity arises between both transport routes and – as a consequence – a basis for co-operation and concerted advancement mainly with regard to intermodality. For this reason, a mutual exchange of ideas, viewpoints and proposals proves to be very useful. In this way, an increase of transport capacity on the Danube River – e.g. in the ports of Belgrade and Novi Sad – would have directly positive effects on Corridor X. On the other hand, a highly developed rail transport route can have high relevance for ports alongside the Danube River.

In the presentation of the Association “Korridor X PLUS” held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Bratislava possibilities how to continue to deepen the co-operation of these two partly parallel, partly tangential transport routes were shown.

For further information please take a look at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/cooperation/danube/conference/vienna\\_bratislava\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/danube/conference/vienna_bratislava_en.htm)