

ForeDanube
Foresight for Danube Region's future-oriented
Competitive Planning

Having reached the first milestones within the project “Foresight for Danube Region’s future-oriented Competitive Planning”, conducted by the partners University of Maribor, Faculty of Technical Sciences University of Novi Sad, and Steinbeis 2i GmbH, and wishing to make you acquainted with the progress of the Foresight activities and to evaluate the possibility of a joint research project with partners of the two European Universities EUGLOH and ATHENA, as well as regional academic and enterprise partners, the University of Maribor, Faculty of Organisational Sciences, invites you to the conference and discussion in the hybrid

DISSEMINATION AND NETWORKING CONFERENCE

STAKEHOLDER EVENT

on June 10th and 11th, 2025

The event will be organised as a side event in the framework of the
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PROGRAMME

June 10th, 2025:

- 14:00-15:00** **Arrival of participants and registration**
- 15:00-16:00 Meeting of ForeDanube Partners (LP & PPs only)
- 16:00-18:00 Social Programme
- 19.00 (TBA) Welcome and Matching Dinner (in the framework of the 38th Bled eConference)

June 11th, 2025:

- 9.30 – 10:00** **Registration of late Arrivals**
- 10:00-10:30** **Welcome Addresses**
Prof. Dr. Polona Šprajc, Dean of the Faculty of Organizational Sciences
Prof. Dr. Tomaž Kern, University of Maribor, Faculty of Organizational Sciences,
hosting coordinator
Prof. Dr. Miroslav Vesković, coordinator at University of Novi Sad, Faculty of
Technical Sciences
Dr. Jonathan Loeffler, executive director Steinbeis 2i
Karmen Hawkins, Priority Area Coordinator PA8 EUSDR, Ministry of Economy

of Baden-Württemberg

10:30-11:00 **Opening Speech**

Prof. Dr Bojan Cestnik, "Artificial Intelligence and Foresight!"

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:15 **Perceptions and Expectations towards Foresight in the Danube Region – moderated by prof. dr. Tomaž Kern**

Janja Jerebic and Alenka Brezavšček, Faculty of Organizational Sciences of University of Maribor "Outcomes of the Foresight Questionnaire"

Miroslav Vesković, Faculty of Technical Sciences of University of Novi Sad "Foresight in the Context of the Danube Region Strategy"

Iztok Podbregar, Faculty of Organizational Sciences of University of Maribor "A foresight for a time of crisis!"

12:15-14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00-15:00 **Opportunities for Support for Foresight activities in the Danube region – moderated by Prof. Dr. Miroslav Vesković**

Jonathan Loeffler, Steinbeis Europa-Zentrum "Danube Transfer Centre as Foresight network fostering Competitiveness of the Danube region"

Dušan Mežnar, Faculty of Organizational Sciences of University of Maribor "Concept of the Future Study Programme on Foresight"

Milan Martinov, Faculty of Technical Sciences of University of Novi Sad "Draft Work Plan for Foresight Development in the Danube region"

(TBA) Steinbeis 2i GmbH "EU Calls for Co-financing of Foresight Activities"

15:00-16.30 **Discussion/Takeaways and Conclusions – moderated by Mladen Kraljić, UM**
Networking Meeting/Brainstorming Session

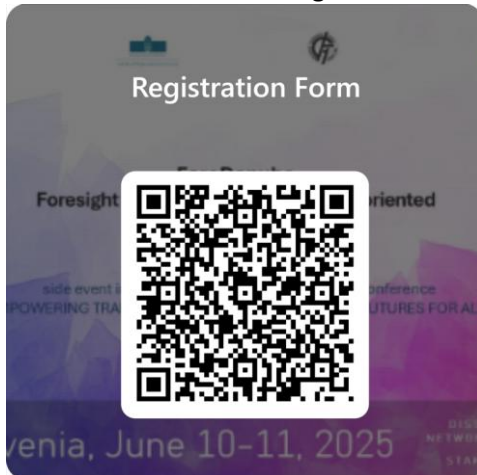
16.30-17.00 Final Meeting of ForeDanube Partners (LP & PPs only)

REGISTRATION

To register, fill the registration form under the following link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TkbxjrYonUSVvuZp7j0lrAqVHthBF8NGjdEZzGhYfudUQkdFOVNSWVJKMDhJNEw4WkdPWERPTTZESy4u>

or scan the QR Code to register



till May 15th, 2025.

The conference venue is [Hotel Astoria Bled](#), Prešernova 44, 4260 Bled, SI.

How to get there? [Google Maps](#)

Special rate bookings are available for participants 155,74 EUR including VAT.

Travel to Bled:

Plane

- Plane; The closest airport to Bled is Ljubljana airport. From there, we can arrange the transport participants to the conference venue
- Train; Connections to Bled can be found under <https://www.bled.si/en/information/how-to-get-to-bled/20190920131930/by-train/>.
- Car; Information on road connections to Bled can be found under <https://www.bled.si/en/information/how-to-get-to-bled/20190920131932/by-car/>-