



**EUROPEAN ACADEMY**  
of Sciences and Arts

# DANUBE ACADEMIES CONFERENCE



## 14<sup>th</sup> DANUBE ACADEMIES CONFERENCE (DAC) NOVEMBER 4-6, 2026

University of Mostar, SUMIT Center building/Campus 2,  
88000 Mostar, Bosna i Hercegovina

### First Announcement

#### Hosts

University of Mostar, European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA)  
and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts

#### Location

SUMIT Center building/Campus 2, Trg hrvatskih velikana 1,  
Rodoč bb, 88000 Mostar, Bosna i Hercegovina

#### Contact

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### 1. Organizing Committee

Prof. Dr.DDr.h.c. Klaus Mainzer, EASA President

Prof. Dr.sc. Ivo Čolak, Rector of the University of Mostar

Prof.dr.sc. Sanja Bijakšić, Assistant to the rector for international relations, University of Mostar

Prof.Dr.Mladen Bevanda, President of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Doris Klinda, BA, International Relations, EASA



## 2. Schedule

November 4-6, 2026

### Day 1

Welcome “Cocktail”/ Meeting of the representatives of Danube Academies

Opening and Welcome Speeches

Session I

*Historical experiences with conflicts in the Danube region and former Yugoslavia*

Lunch break

Session II

*Initiatives for peaceful local cooperation of Science in the Danube region*

Dinner

### Day 2

Session III

*Initiatives for peaceful local cooperation of Arts in the Danube region*

Lunch break

Session IV

*The global perspective of Science and Arts for Peace -Europe*

Closing of the Conference

## 3. Conference Themes

### “SCIENCE FOR PEACE”

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The world today faces a series of interconnected crises growing in number, intensity and complexity, outpacing the ability of traditional diplomacy to manage and receive them. This conference seeks to mobilise research, art, media, opinion makers, religious leaders, educational institutions to identify practical measures to reverse the direction and reduce the intensity of confrontation by a global peace offensive focusing on incremental, reciprocal steps for conflict resolution, emphasizing cultural, economic, educational and environmental diplomacy as well as political, economic and media systems which have real power and also responsibility in the proportion to their power.



Information, scientific knowledge, and technological innovation and the arts play a central role in education and social evolution. Scientists and artists are uniquely responsible for fostering global peace and human coexistence. Through creative expression and the ability to move hearts and minds, artists shape the narratives that define cultures and influence public sentiments. This responsibility has become more significant than ever in the contemporary world, given the increasing power and impact of global digital communication and intelligent machines, large language models and other artificial intelligence applications.

To avoid wars, we should address the powers of all fields of education, research and technological advancement to promote peaceful coexistence and human security for all via quiet diplomacy and public events to promote peace on local, regional, and global scales.

### **Main Topics:**

In the past and running new century, the countries along the Danube river and former Yugoslavia had made experiences with conflicts and wars. What can we learn from these experiences, to shape a peaceful future locally, regionally, and globally? What should be the challenging topics?

- Historical experiences with conflicts in the Danube region and former Yugoslavia
- Initiatives for peaceful local cooperation of Science in the Danube region
- Initiatives for peaceful local cooperation of Arts in the Danube region
- The global perspective of Science and Arts for Peace

## **4. Call for Papers and Length of Presentation**

The deadline for abstract submission (max. 200 words) is September 15, 2026.

Abstracts should be sent to Prof. dr.sc. Sanja Bijakšić: [sanja.bijaksic@sum.ba](mailto:sanja.bijaksic@sum.ba)

and Ms Doris Klinda, BA (EASA): [dac@euro-acad.eu](mailto:dac@euro-acad.eu)

Each participant is entitled to deliver a 15-minute presentation.

The official language of the conference is English.

## **5. Accommodation**

We recommend for accomodation:

Hotel Mostar: [https://maps.app.goo.gl/OzjNwhJmiXESnKVY9?g\\_st=iv](https://maps.app.goo.gl/OzjNwhJmiXESnKVY9?g_st=iv)

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Please, return this form to

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Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend 14<sup>th</sup> Danube Academies Conference

☐ Yes

☐ No

I would like to participate at the Conference with contribution

☐ Yes

☐ No

Tentative title of contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 14<sup>th</sup> Danube Academies Conference

Salzburg & Mostar, May 18, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure and a special honour to cordially invite you to the 14th Danube Academies Conference that will be jointly organised by the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and the University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Mostar from 4-6 November 2026.

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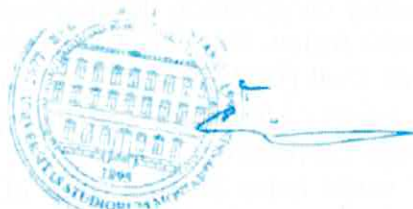
We look forward to seeing you in Mostar.

With distinguished regards,

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Klaus Mainzer  
President of the  
European Academy of Sciences and Arts



Academician Prof. Dr. Ivo Čolak  
Rector of the University of Mostar

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