



DANUBE SUMMIT 2004

Europe's lifeline in danger



10 - 11 December 2004

**Naturhistorisches Museum
1010 Wien, Burgring 7**



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Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends of the Danube!

20 years have passed since the successful campaign against the hydro-electric power plant in Hainburg. This does not mean that the status of the Danube River has been completely secured. On the contrary, the pressure on Europe's lifeline has increased, not only in Austria. In the name of the inland navigation, the Danube River is planned to be developed and channelized from the Bavarian stretch to the Ukrainian Danube Delta. More than 1,000 kilometres of valuable river ecosystems are threatened.

Also in the Austrian National park not everything is going the way it should. Roads are planned where nature should be protected.

For these reasons, we are cordially inviting you to an **International Danube Summit** taking place in **Vienna from 10-11 December 2004**.

Environmental organizations from 10 countries will participate. They will discuss problems and strategies for the protection of the Danube River. For instance, the foundation of an NGO network in relation to the waterway transport is planned. At 14:30h there will be the possibility of an excursion to the Danube National park near Vienna. The topic will be the construction of a passage through the Lobau and other traffic projects in the Danube region.

The Summit will be opened by a film evening on 10 December at 19:00h

On 11 December the **International Danube Summit** will take place.

Place: Naturhistorisches Museum **Time:** 10/12 at 19:00h
Burgring 7 11/12 at 09:00h - 17:30h
1010 Vienna
Cinema room (Kinosaal)

The Summit will be held in English!

We will end the day with a **Danube celebration:**

Place: Weberknecht **Time:** from 20:00h
Lerchenfeldergürtel 49
1160 Vienna

Program Danube Summit

Friday 10 December 2004 film evening at the "Naturhistorischen Museum"

18:30h Welcoming (Prof. Bernd Lötsch and Roberto Epple)

19:00h *"Widerstand am Strom - Hainburg, der österreichische Weg"* This awarded documentation from Roberto Epple has never been broadcasted on Austrian public television.

20:30h *"Hainburg – Liebe und Widerstand"* an impressive movie with environmental political background from Wolfgang Murnberger.

Saturday 11 December 2004

09:00h Welcoming (Prof. Bernd Lötsch)

09:15h Introduction: "Inland navigation, the new threat for Europe's Lifeline?": Ulrich Eichelmann (WWF Austria)

Reports from the Danube countries

09:35h Germany: Dieter Scherf (Bund Naturschutz Bayern)

09:50h Slovakia, Hungary N.N.

10:05h Croatia, Serbia: Martin Schneider-Jakoby (Euronatur)

10:30h – 11:00h Break with Buffet in the foyer

11:00h Romania, Bulgaria: Petruta Moisi (Danube Environmental Forum)

11:20h Moldavien, Ukraine: Olga Melen (Ecopravo, Ukraine)

11:40h - 12:00h Break

12:00h "The real needs of Danube navigation?" Helmut Hiess, transportation expert

12:30h "Modern inland shipping from the view of the European navigation" Karin de Scheppers - inland navigation Europe (INE) - inquired.

12:45h European Union DG TREN (possible)

13:15h - 14:30h lunch

*Between 09:30h and 14:30h there is the possibility for further discussion and information in the **Info-Cafe**.*

14:30h – 17:30h Two possibilities:

Workshop
"NGO- strategies against Danube destruction and for ecological sustainable navigation".

or

Excursion
Excursion to the Danube floodplains: "National park protection - is it as good as it looks?"

17:30h End of the Danube summit

20:00h Danube celebration at the „Weberknecht“



Registration form Danube summit 11.12.2004 Vienna

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- I will come to the Danube summit
- I need an accommodation
- from.....till.....December
- I will arrange an infostand
- I will participate on the Excursion
- I will participate on the Workshop

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