The very idea of the excursion is to ask the question: **what we can learn from former poor regions along the iron curtain in Austria with a lot of problems in relation to other regions, for instance on the Balkans?** This year we are continuing our traditional excursion and program from previous years, but we will also visit University of Graz and put special attention to brownfields as an actual urban development issue.

In Spatial planning we will discuss again the different positions of the planning universities and directorates in three cities Graz, Vienna and Bratislava in order to visualize spatial development visions for proper infrastructure, economic competitiveness and a combined integrative approach for natural and cultural heritage. Last time there was a symposium about “Spatial Planning in the Danube Region, A comparison of Serbia and Austria.” The strategic concept of this conference was to promote a higher degree of territorial integration across European regions, with the target to achieve a sustainable, harmonious and balanced development. This excursion will be an opportunity to check where are we several years later. New generation of students will try to give unbiased assessment.

From an ecological point of view we will visit sustainable models of integrated spatial planning, ecological agriculture and renewable energy systems. But again, a basic idea during the excursion will be to explain our common history from Austria and Serbia related chronologically to every period of human history – thus we will visit Stift Melk, Gozzoburg, Schlosshof…

We will discuss the potentials of ‘EU Strategy for the Danube Region’ which is describing in the document ‘action plan’ concrete priorities for the macro-region. The action plan ‘Protecting the Environment in the Danube Region and especially focusing on preserving biodiversity, land-scapes and the quality of air and soils.'
BUS TRIP BEOGRAD – GRAZ AND DISCOVER GRAZ WALKING TOUR

(1) 8:00 Bus tour BEOGRAD – GRAZ. Meeting point Studentski trg 3/III, Beograd.
(2) 18:00 Arrival in GRAZ, accommodation.

OEKOTEL Kalsdorf/Graz, Forsterstr. 70, 8401 Kalsdorf, Tel.: +43 3135/57600, Fax: +43 3135/56222, www.oekotel.com, kalsdorf@oekotel.com
18 students, 2 professors, 2 national experts – 2 drivers – (22+2 persons) in total.
Prof. dr Velimir Secerov, Ass. Dr Aleksandar Djordjevic

(3) 19:00 - 19:30 Bus transfer Oekotel – Graz city center.


(5) 21:00 – 23:00 Graz, free time.
(6) 23:00 - 23:15 Bus transfer Graz city center – Oekotel.

Main topic: AUSTRIAN PLANNING SYSTEM/ UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ/RENEWABLE ENERGY

(7) 8:30 – 9:00 Bus transfer OEKOTEL – University of Graz

The University of Graz, which was founded in 1585, is Austria's second oldest university and one of the largest in the country. Many excellent scientists, amongst them six Nobel laureates, have taught and researched here.

With some 31,500 students and 4,000 employees the University of Graz contributes significantly to the vibrating life of the Styrian capital. Its location in Europe encourages a lively scientific, economic and cultural exchange with South-East Europe, from which not only the city benefits, but also its educational institutions.

Facts and Figures Founded in 1585 / 6 faculties / 76 institutes / 32,000 students / 5,100 new students / 3,700 graduates per academic year, which approximately 200 receive a doctor’s degree / 120 study courses / 4,000 employees, of which 2,700 are scientists / 180,000 m2 net floor area / A budget of 205.4 million euros per year

University of Graz, Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz, +43 (0)316 380 – 0 +43 (0)316 380 – 9030, info(at)uni-graz.at , www.uni-graz.at , Opening hours Mon–Fri 7am–10pm, Sat 8am–5pm

(8) 09:00 – 09:10 Welcome speech representatives of two Universities
(9) 09:10 – 09:30 Fischer Wolfgang, Mag.phil. Dr.rer.nat. Institut für Geographie und Raumforschung - Introduction of University and Department
(10) 09:30 – 10:00 Fischer Wolfgang, Mag.phil. Dr.rer.nat. Institut für Geographie und Raumforschung - Brownfields in Graz – lecture
(11) 10:00 – 13:00 Fischer Wolfgang, Mag.phil. Dr.rer.nat. Institut für Geographie und Raumforschung - Brownfields in Graz – excursion.


DAY 3. WEDNESDAY 22. APRIL 2015.
Main topic: CULTURAL HERITAGE, IDENTITY, TOURISM

(18) 8:30 – 11:30 Bus transfer Oekhotel – Stift Melk

(19) 11:30 – 14:30 Visit of Stift Melk

(20) 14:30 – 15:00 Bus trip Stift Melk – Duernstein

(21) 15:00 – 17:00 The Danube region in the context of world cultural heritage site Municipal Office of Duernstein - lectures and guided walk through the old town of Duernstein, including Abbey church (designed by Jakob Prandtauer, frescos from Josef Munggenast and Mathias Steinl) and access to the Danube River. URL: http://www.duernstein.at/images/plaene_duernstein_loiben.pdf

Address: Duernstein 132, Tel.: ++043 (0)2711/219-11 Web: http://www.duernstein.at/

(22) 17:00 – 17:30 Bus transfer Duernstein – Krems

(23) 17:30 – 19:00 Gozzoburg
The city castle is one of the outstanding historic buildings of the gothic times. When the judge of the city Mr. Gozzo [http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gozzo_von_Krems](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gozzo_von_Krems) was completing the building in the lat 13th century, it became an imposing palace. [kulturamt@krems.gv.at](mailto:kulturamt@krems.gv.at)

(24) 19:00 Arrival in Krems, accommodation in Krems Bicycle Youth Hostel, free time.

Visiting CITY OF KREMS an der Donau. It’s the eastern gateway to the Wachau Valley, one of Europe’s loveliest river landscapes. This history extending back more than a thousand years is evident everywhere. The historical center of Krems is one of the most beautiful in Europe. In 1975 Krems was singled out as a "Model City for Historical Preservation" and in 2000 it was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. [http://www.krems.at/](http://www.krems.at/)

Krems Bicycle Youth Hostel contact: Frau Baumgartner
Ringstraße 77 A-3500 Krems Niederösterreich [office.3500@hostel.or.at](mailto:office.3500@hostel.or.at)

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**DAY 4. THURSDAY 23. April 2015.**

**Main topic:** UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES KREMS AND ASPERN VIENNA’S URBAN LAKESIDE

(25) 8:45 – 09:00 Bus transfer Krems Bicycle Youth Hostel - University of Applied Sciences Krems

(25) 9:00 – 14:00

9:00 – 9:30 IMC Fachhochschule Krems - University of Applied Sciences Krems, Room G.3.12,
- Jens Peter Ennen, MSc, Project Manager, International Relations,
- Mag. Patrick Stärke, Project Manager, International Relations,
- Guided tour IMC (main) building (on Campus Krems) and campus tour.
- Welcome address by CEO Prof.(FH) Dr. Karl Ennsfellner (presentation of IMC international activities)

9:30 – 10:15 Prof. (FH) Dr. Georg Christian Steckenbauer - tourism as a research field.
- discussion: geographical/urban planning of tourism planning.

10:15 – 14:00 Visit of IMC International Campus (in old town, by bus) and walk through old town
- Lunch in the city center (5.80 EUR)

University of Applied Sciences Krems, Piaristengasse 1, A-3500 Krems, Austria, Europe, Office: Am Campus Krems, Building G, Room 3.12, [www.fh-krems.ac.at](http://www.fh-krems.ac.at)

(26) 14:00 – 14:45 Lunch break

(27) 14:45 – 16:00 Bus transfer University of Applied Sciences Krems – Aspern

(28) 16:00 – 18:00 Aspern Vienna's Urban Lakeside - Austria's largest construction site! Lectures and walking tour.

Wien 3420 Aspern Development AG, Seestadtstraße 27/13, A 1220 Vienna,

(29) 18:00 – 18:45 Bus transfer Aspern – Neusiedl am See
(30) 18:45 Arrival in Neusiedl am See, accommodation at Huas am Tabor, free time

On the local level we are visiting Neusiedl am See. This is a small town in the ‘green middle’ of three countries, Austria-Hungary-Slovakia, with a fast and high increase of population, as well as therewith going expansion of commune territory and increase of traffic capacity. The junction offers the increase of continuity and connections between the lake and the national park, and the commune Neusiedl am See, which provides an optimal stability between an intact ecosystem and the settlement area. [http://www.neusiedlamsee.at/](http://www.neusiedlamsee.at/)

**Overnight**: Haus am Tabor / Neusiedl am See. See Mrs. Brunner

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**DAY 5. FRIDAY 24. April 2015.**

**Main topic: VIENNA UNIVERSITIES**

(31) 8:00 – 8:45 Bus trip Neusiedl am See – Wien/BOKU University

- Universität für Bodenkultur, Wien - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
- Department für Raum, Landschaft und Infrastruktur - Department of Spatial, Landscape and Infrastructure Sciences
- Institut für Raumplanung und Ländliche Neuordnung - Institute of Spatial Planning and Rural Development
- Peter-Jordan-Straße 82, A-1190 Wien, Austria, URL: [http://www.boku.ac.at/irub](http://www.boku.ac.at/irub)

(32) 09:30 – 10:15 Ass.-Prof. Dr. Walter Seher - *Welcome address by the Head of Institute and presentation about spatial planning and flood protection.*

(33) 10:15 – 11:00 Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Gernot Stoeglehner - *Presentation about integrated spatial and energy planning*

(34) 11:00 – 12:30 Senior Lecturer DI Franz Grossauer and Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Gernot Stoeglehner *Urban development in Vienna, excursion to Leopoldsberg.*

(35) 12:30 – 13:00 Transfer to TUW

- Technische Universität Wien- Department für Raumplanung
- 1040 Wien, Operngasse 11/ 5. Stock: [http://region.tuwien.ac.at](http://region.tuwien.ac.at)

(36) 13:00 – 13:45 Petra Hirschler, Dipl.-Ing. Dr. techn.,Fachbereich Regionalplanung und Regionalentwicklung - *Curricula at Technische Universität Wien-Department für Raumplanung.*

(37) 14:00 – 14:45 Prof. Dr Thomas Dilinger, Dipl.-Ing. Dr. techn.,Fachbereich Regionalplanung und Regionalentwicklung - *Overview on the challenges in spatial planning in Austria/with a special focus on Vienna*

(38) 15:30 – 19:30 Wien free time, sightseeing

(39) 19:30 Meeting at Schwedenplatz

(40) 19:30 – 20:20 Bus transfer Wien - Neusiedl am See

(41) 20:30 Neusiedl am See free time

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**DAY 6. SATURDAY 25. April 2015.**

**Main topic: BRATISLAVA/SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

(42) 8:00 – 9:00 Bus trip Neusiedl am See – Bratislava/ Slovak University of Technology
SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of the EU and Institute of Management Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava - e-mail: maros.finka@stuba.sk Web: www.stuba.sk, www.spectra-perseus.org , Address Vazovova 5, 81243 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

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<td>Ing. arch., PhD Juraj Berdis, architect, urban and spatial planner, 2nd Vicechairman of SSSCR / Slovak Tourist Guide Association</td>
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<td>Guided walk through the City of Bratislava: successes, prospects and planning challenges</td>
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<td>16:00 – 19:00 Visit Schlosshof</td>
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<td>The magnificent ensemble with its lordly palace, beautiful Terraced Garden and idyllic Manor Farm was laid out in the late 1720s as an impressive country home and hunting lodge for Prince Eugene of Savoy. We will also visit the Orangerie, Hof Palace possesses a real jewel with respect to both cultural history and technology. This greenhouse originally built for Prince Eugene and now authentically restored is one of the biggest and most impressive Baroque buildings of its kind. <a href="http://www.schlosshof.at">http://www.schlosshof.at</a></td>
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**DAY 7. SUNDAY 26. April 2015.**

**Main topic: Discover Vienna**

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