

## Workshop

# Old Strategies and New Priorities. How Can Historical Research Inform Sustainable Development along the Lower Danube?

**Time:** 29.09. – 03.10.2023  
**Place:** Belene, Bulgaria  
**Venue:** Hotel Prestige, Hisarlaka Street, 5930 Belene

In 2020, the European Union updated its Strategy for the Danube Region (developed from 2010 onwards) to align with new strategies, notably the European Green Deal. A brief glance at the evolution of the Danube over the last 200 years confirms that goals such as inland navigation, biodiversity, economic disparities, and (flood) risk management had long been on the agenda. Given the unique history of the Lower Danube, this workshop aims to explore whether there is a form of sustainable development that finds a balance between infrastructural development, economic exploitation, nature conservation, and local empowerment.

This workshop is part of the project »Contested Waterway. Governance and Ecology on the Lower Danube, 1800-2018«, funded by the Leibniz Association (2020–2023).

## Preliminary Programme

### Friday, 29 September 2023

13:30 Transfer from Bucharest, Romania to Belene, Bulgaria  
17:45 Registration and Get-Together  
18:30 Dinner

### Saturday, 30 September 2023

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast  
09:30 – 12:30 Excursion by Boat: Persin Island, Former Prison Camp  
12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break  
14:00 – 15:30 Input: Prison Camp (Conference Room)  
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break  
16:00 – 17:00 Input: Protected Areas Project (Conference Room)  
17:00 – 18:00 Discussion  
18:00 Dinner

## **Sunday, 01 October 2023**

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:30 – 12:30	Excursion by Boat: Renaturalised Area
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Input: The Insides of Policy Making, Part I (Conference Room)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Input: The Insides of Policy Making, Part II (Conference Room)
17:30 – 18:00	Discussion
18:00	Dinner

## **Monday, 02 October 2023**

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:30 – 12:30	Internal Project Meeting (Conference Room)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Writing Session I (Conference Room)
15:30 – 15:45	Short Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:30	Writing Session II (Conference Room)
17:30 – 18:00	Final Discussion
18:00	Dinner

## **Tuesday, 03 October 2023**

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:30 – 09:45	Check-Out
10:00	Transport to Bucharest, Romania

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