



DANUBE ALLIANCE

ENGAGEMENT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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The Idea

Rotarian Danube Alliance for the Rotary Clubs, located on the Danube River coast

To promote teamwork and build long-lasting friendships through the realization of projects with humanitarian and charitable causes in correspondence with the seven areas of focus of Rotary International.



Aims of the Danube Alliance



**PROMOTE
LONG LASTING
FRIENDSHIPS**

**IDENTIFY AND
SUPPORT
REGIONAL
PROJECTS**

**SHARE
BEST PRACTICES**

**COLLABORATE
WITH REGIONAL
DISTRICT & CLUB
LEADERS**

Initial online meeting for the Danube Alliance 18 Nov 2022

1. Violina Kostova, DG of District 2482-Bulgaria
2. Hristina Malchevska, International Service Committee Chair District 2482
3. Veronika Botsova, Vice President Rotaract Europe
4. Cristian NICULAE, RC Braila, D2241-Romania
5. Vladimir Nikic, RC Novi Sad – Neoplanta, D2483-Serbia
6. Vladimir Matic, PDG, RC Beograd Cukarica, D2483-Serbia
7. Patrik Üveges, RC Budapest Metropolitan, D1911-Hungary
8. Peter Adler, PDG, President, RC Wien-Grinzing, D1910-Austria
9. Srđan Urisk, RC Vukovar 1932, District 1913-Croatia
10. Brigitte Öppinger-Walchshofer, DISC, D1910-Austria
11. Andrey Dimitrov, President, RC Ruse Danube, D2482-Bulgaria
12. Annamaria Tari, RC Budapest-Sasad, D1911-Hungary
13. Walter Ebner, ARC Reg.24, ICC National Coordinator, RC Gmunden, D1920-Austria
14. Erzsébet Kovácsné Gila, DGE, RC Szentés-Csongrad
15. Plamen Petrov, President, RC Svishtov, D2482-Bulgaria
16. Margarita Bogdanova, DGN, RC Svishtov, D2482-Bulgaria
17. Nikolay Kostov, President, RC Silistra, D2482-Bulgaria
18. Hirsto Sirashki, RC Svishtov, D2482-Bulgaria
19. György Thaler, RC Budapest-Sasad, D1911-Hungary
20. Erzsébet Kovácsné Gila, DGE, RC Szentés-Csongrad, D1911-Hungary
21. Ani Hristova, Member of International Service Committee, D2482-Bulgaria
22. Annamaria Tari, DGN, D1911-Hungary
23. Henning, RC Budapest-City, D1911-Hungary
24. Michael J. Sessier, RC Bad Bederkesa, D1850-Germany
25. Nasko Pekov, President, RC Vidin, D2482-Bulgaria
26. Zoltan Györök, RC Baja, D1911-Hungary
27. Radost Petrova, RC Russe, D2482-Bulgaria

27 presidents or representatives of the Rotary clubs, Districts from 7 countries participated.

All embraced the idea and we are happy to proceed.



JOINT PROJECT IDEAS

Ideas for joint Danube cause / project

Some of the ideas for a joint project shared at the meeting:

- A project in connection with the Danube river
- In the areas of Ecology / Environment – traffic wise, clean water, shipping road
- Tourism project



Proposal for joint Danube project – Austria, District 1910

Mag. Brigitte Öppinger-Walchshofer,

President RCVI

Chapter Chair ICC with Spain

International Service RCVI 2022/2023

International Service Chair, District 1910, Austria East and Bosnia and Hercegovina

shared European Danube River Strategy and proposed to be inline with it for the priority 10 which deal with institutional capacity and cooperation and gives room for Civil Society and the youth.



Goals of EUDS



Countries connected to the river



Proposal for a joint meeting in person



ROTARY DANUBE ALLIANCE MEETING and CHARTAR CEREMONY

CITY OF VIDIN, BULGARIA

Date (TBD) 5-7, May 2023

DRAFT PROGRAM

Short Draft program proposal Danube Alliance meeting Spring 2023 - Arrivals

Where:
Vidin in Bulgaria

Transportation to
Vidin, Bulgaria?

FRIDAY

SOFIA

All Day	Arrivals in Sofia (via plane) Hotel Accommodation / Rotarians Houses
15:00 – 17:30	Cultural program
19:30	Welcome Dinner with Rotarians from Sofia Rotary and Rotaract clubs

FRIDAY

VIDIN

All Day	Arrivals in Vidin (via cars) Hotel Accommodation / Rotarians Houses
19:30	Welcome Dinner with Rotarians from Rotary clubs of Vidin, Ruse, Tutrakan, Svishtov, Silistra

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SATURDAY VIDIN

09:00 – 12:00	Transfer from Sofia to Vidin – Rotarians who will arrive via plane in Sofia Arrivals in Vidin Hotel Accommodation and Registration
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
GOODNESS HAS NO BOUNDARIES	
14:00 – 17:00	Plenary Session Welcome by the District Governor of District 2482, Mrs. Violina Kostova Introductions – Participating Districts / Clubs Signing of Memorandum for Rotary Danube Alliance Establishment Next steps and Rotary projects for the Danube region
17:00 – 18:00	Country Booths - Each country has a table where it can present traditional foods and drinks, typical objects for their country, and the representatives may be dressed in national costumes
19:00	Fellowship Gala Dinner - Celebration of a traditional Bulgarian holiday and wine tasting

"BABA VIDA" MEDIEVAL CASTLE



BONONIA WINERY



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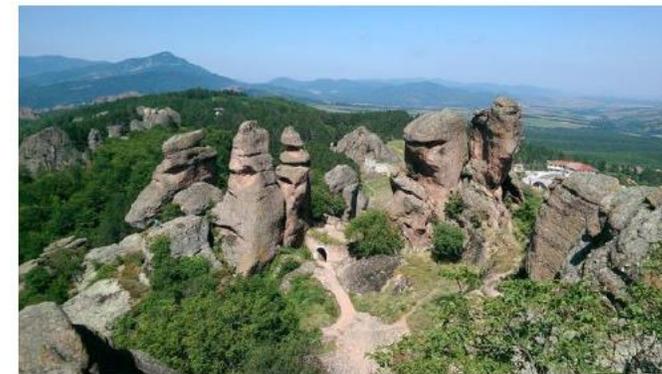
SUNDAY CULTURAL PROGRAM

10:00 – 12:30	Transfer to Belogradchik city Visit of Belogradchik Fortress and Rocks
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Visit of Magura/Veneca cave
16:00	Departures via cars Transfer to Sofia for flights/accommodation

BELOGRADCHIK FORTRESS



BELOGRADCHIK ROCKS



MAGURA CAVE



The earliest drawings from the late Paleolithic



DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

