



14th 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.

The conference will be dedicated to the theme “*Sciences for Peace.*”

The Danube Academies Conference (DAC) is a recurring forum organized by the [European Academy of Sciences and Arts \(EASA\)](#) and regional partners such as national academies, focusing on scientific development, environmental issues, and research cooperation in the Danube region. Since 2011, the Danube conferences have highlighted topics like the European Green Deal (Discussions on sustainable transport, circular economy, and climate neutrality) and Science Diplomacy (Strengthening the voice of science in Central and Eastern Europe through cooperation).

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.

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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

We look forward to seeing you in Mostar.

With distinguished regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Academician Prof. Dr. Ivo Čolak
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