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## Challenges of Rural Areas in the Danube Region - international conference

**Date: May 28, 2025**

**Venue: Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Building K, Ceremonial Hall**

### 13:15 SECTION 1: **REGIONAL PLANNING FOR RURAL IDENTITY AND DEVELOPMENT**

Moderator: Dr. Bálint Kádár (Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Architecture, HU)

13:25 Dr. Bálint Kádár (Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Architecture, HU), Péter Wolf (Pest County Municipality, HU)

**Opening presentation: The Activities of the DANUrB Project along the Ipoly/Ipeľ river**

13:35 Tijana Živanović Milić (Agency for Spatial and Urban Planning of the Republic of Serbia, RS)

**Presentation of the Spatial Plan of the Special Purpose Area of Negotin Wine-growing Region**

13:42 Dr. Ivan Simić, Dr. Vladimir Mihajlov (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)

**Resilience of the Urban-Rural Network of Settlements in Banat, Vojvodina**

13:50 Dominika Kassai-Szoó (chief architect, Sopronhorpács, HU)

**The Development of the Architectural Landscape Image Manual for the Pilis Region**

13:57 Domonkos Wettstein PhD (Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Architecture, HU)

**Regional Architectural Strategies on the Urbanizing Shores of Lake Balaton**

14:05 PANEL DISCUSSION

14:35 SECTION 2: **SUSTAINABILITY GOALS IN RURAL SETTINGS: LOCAL MATERIALS and CRAFT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS, and CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES**

Moderator: Árpád Szabó DLA (Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Architecture, HU)

14:40 Dr. Vladimir Mihajlov, Dr. Ivan Simić (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)  
**Danube Ruralscape as a Place of Different Cultures – Culture as a Mirror of Houses**

14:47 Bihari Ádám (Naturarch, HU)  
**Naturarch and Earth Architecture**

14:54 Martina Yordanova (Foundation for Contemporary Art and Media, Sofia, BG)  
**TBD**

15:01 Vladimir Nedeljković (Serbia Green Building Council, RS)  
**The Potentials of Adaptable, Circular Innovations in Construction as Demonstrated by the 3R Modular House, a Circ-Boost Pilot**

15:08 Dr. Branislav Antonić (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)  
**Insights from Hydro-Heritage Cities URBACT Network: Water Infrastructure as a Linking Element between Urban and Rural, Nature and Culture, Communities and Experts, Heritage and Contemporaneity**

15:15 Prof. PhD Arch Angelica Stan, PhD Arch. Urb., Sorin Manea, Assoc. prof. PhD Arch. Mihaela Hărmănescu (Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism, RO)  
**Bioclimatic Design and Landscape Planning in Rural Spaces (The Results of the INCEPT Project)**

15:23 Desislava Mincheva (National Tourism Cluster “Bulgarian Guide”, BG)  
**The Danube Guides Network - A Bottom-Up Approach to Rural Sustainability**

15:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 SECTION 3: **PRESERVING RURAL HERITAGE AND TOWNSCAPES**

Moderator: Bíborka Kulcsárné Grócz (Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre, HU)

16:35 Aleksandar Grujičić, Nikola Mitrović (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)  
**Interdependencies between the Typology of Rural Settings and the Visual Assessments of Rural Landscape Along the Danube**

- 16:42 Dr. Ana Branea, Marius Găman PhD, Mihai Danciu, Ștefana Bădescu PhD (Politehnica University of Timișoara and the Non-Formal Workshop for Spatial Planning, RO)  
**The Eibenthal Initiative. A model for sustainable development through responsible tourism**
- 16:50 Alexandra Mocioiu (Front la Dunăre Association, RO)  
**Open Waterways 2025. Șimian Island and the waterfront of Drobeta-Turnu Severin reactivated**
- 16:58 Sanja Lončar-Vicković (Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek - Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture, HR)  
**Revitalization Opportunities of Planned Settlements in Baranya/Student Workshops in Engineering Education: Case Studies at the Faculty of Civil Engineering in Osijek, Croatia**
- 17:05 Dr. Margareta Turkalj Podmanicki (Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek - Academy of Arts and Culture, Centre for Cultural Heritage, HR)  
**Revitalization Opportunities of Planned Settlements in Baranya/Student Workshops in Engineering Education: Case Studies at the Faculty of Civil Engineering in Osijek, Croatia**
- 17:12 Dr Danijela Milovanović Rodić (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)  
**Architecture FOR & WITH the Other 90%: Revitalisation of Abandoned and Devastated Public Buildings in the Villages of Stara Planina**
- 17:20 PANEL DISCUSSION
- 17:50 SECTION 4: **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
Moderator: Eszter Dávida (Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre, HU)
- 17:57 Dr Biserka Mitrović (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)  
**Social, cultural, and economic innovations to empower youth in rural areas**
- 18:05 Emilija Jović (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture, RS)  
**Open (Micro)Spaces for Inclusion: Spatial Interventions Supporting Marginalized and Underrepresented Social Groups**  
**Small Traces of Big Change: Spatial Interventions for Inclusion**
- 18:13 Mihai Danciu, Ștefana Bădescu PhD (Politehnica University of Timișoara and the Non-Formal Workshop for Spatial Planning, RO)  
**The small town of Jimbolia. The valorization of the built heritage through community involvement**

- 18:21 Barbara Szij (Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre, HU)  
**The TÁJTÉKA Project: Cultivating Intelligent Landscape Practices in the Balaton Uplands, Hungary**
- 18:29 arh. Hildegard Brandl (Antreprenorești RO)  
**Antreprenorești – Adopt a Village**
- 18:37 Marius Voica PhD (Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism, RO)  
**Educational Approaches in Danube Delta Villages**
- 18:45 Cristina Lixandroi (National Institute of Research Development in Tourism, RO)  
**Cultural Port – Innovative Solutions for the Valorisation of Built Heritage in Rural Areas**
- 18:53 Milena Ivković (Placemaking Western Balkans, RS-NL)  
**The Power of Small Town Placemaking: Tools and Approaches That Work**
- 19:00 PANEL DISCUSSION**
- 19:30 CLOSING
- 20:00 Joint dinner reception for the speakers and consortium members