



Club Ulm-Donaustadt, Germany
Club Brasov, Romania

The second Conference of SI DANUBE in BRASOV – ROMANIA
23rd -25th April 2020 (optional until 26th)
„Cooperation of Soroptimists by networking to foster solidarity between
women along the Danube”

Cancellation of the Conference and invitation to keep in contact by videoconferencing

Dear Soroptimist Sisters from Danube Countries,
Dear Sisters of SI Danube,

In these days and weeks, we are all experiencing a difficult and challenging situation. Europe has turned upside down. Many things have happened lately due to the current corona virus situation, such as closing borders in Europe and worldwide and the restrictions of our social life, which would have been almost inconceivable a while ago.

For this reason we will not be able to make our second strategic conference of SI Danube titled “Cooperation of Soroptimists by networking to foster solidarity between women along the Danube” as previewed in April 23rd -25th April 2020 in Brasov, frontiers are closed and who moves takes a lot of risks.

We regret a lot to come to this decision together with the team of SI Brasov because we appreciate a lot the work of preparation done by Rodica Maciuca, Ana Covaci and all the sisters from SI Brasov and we will miss a lot of interesting inputs and above all encounters between SI sisters. There is prepared a wonderful program, but corona virus is too strong in these days. Therefore we should transfer the date of the conference in late autumn. We will fix the date when we will have a clearer overview of the further course of the pandemic.

We have also to evaluate the results of our first common project “DANUBIUS” later, because in all European countries schools and Universities are closed and cooperation inside the Clubs is in the moment difficult and with schools is in the moment impossible.

The current situation surely takes many things away from us, but not our sense of community and our commitment to a peaceful, solidary Europe. The credo of the current situation shouldn't be for us isolation and exclusion, but cooperation, mutual support and caring.

Because we can't meet in the real life, as we'd want it to be we should make an effort to use the various possibilities of new media to continue our communication and cooperation. We can give locally support to those who need it and encourage national and international communication and exchange between us by videoconferencing.

Last Monday some members of SI Brasov and SI Ulm made a first attempt and it was much easier than expected. **So we propose to come together by videoconference at the date previewed for the conference in Brasov.**

For to prepare this virtual meeting in April and to exchange knowledge and experiences in times of corona in our countries updated, we invite you friendly to join a SI Danube videoconference **next Monday , 6th of May. 18.00 (German time, in some of your countries 19:00)**. We will use Zoom conference, it is free of costs and easy to handle. The entry link will be

Uhrzeit: 6.Apr.2020 06:00 PM Amsterdam, Berlin, Rom, Stockholm, Wien

join the SI Danube Zoom-Meeting, click on

<https://zoom.us/j/880707913> (Meeting-ID: 880 707 913)

For those who haven't practiced Zoom Videoconference before you can find instructions in several Danube languages under <http://codanec.eu/communication-tools/>, it is the webiste of the Danube-Networkers project "Connecting Danube-Neighbours by culture" (Codanec).

How such a videoconference functions, you can see in the video of the 1. session "Connecting people in times of Corona by culture" the Daube –Networkers performed last Sunday <http://codanec.eu/come-together/> . You are invited to test it on Sunday, the 5th of April at 15.30 (16.30), and if you like to participate in the second session at 16.00 (17:00), I will send you an invitation extra

Dear sisters from Soroptimist Clubs in the Danube Region, the actual crisis will shape our world for years (healthcare system economy, politics, culture,etc) let us stand up in time of Corona and reflect what we can do together!

Friendly yours,



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SI Danube is a non-formal network of SI Clubs along the Danube under the umbrella of Soroptimist International. It was founded in July 2018 in Ulm, Germany, when clubs of Danube countries signed a common resolution. They proclaimed an effective network on Soroptimist concerns in Danube countries -for the benefit of women, for a common and solidary Europe and for their own mutual benefit as sisters who get to know each other personally. More about: www.si-danube-soroptimist.eu

Any club along the Danube that wants to join the network – please do!