



Soroptimist International  
Club Ulm-Donaustadt, Deutschland  
Club Ruse, Bulgaria

## **“Soroptimists along the Danube stand up for Europe by Networking” (1. -3. May 2019)**

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

The first strategic conference of SI Danube is coming up! Titled **“Soroptimists along the Danube stand up for Europe by Networking”**. It will take place in **Ruse, Bulgaria, 1st of May (evening) to 3rd of May 2019 early afternoon (extended 4th of May)**. The international meeting is hosted by sisters of SI Club Ruse, Bulgaria, and SI Club Ulm-Donaustadt, Germany.

Preparations are in full swing. The program contains inspiring lectures, such as a keynote by Gerda Rosiers, chair of the Extension Committee of SI Europe and a scientific impulse by Prof. Rumiana Stoilova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences based on comparison of women’s life circumstances in the Danube region. In plenum and in moderated workshops in the fields of social welfare, culture, environment, education and Europe, conference members will discuss ongoing Soroptimist activities and develop key issues for common project work, on which SI Danube will build up for future joint initiatives. Enclosed, you can find the draft agenda of the conference.

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](http://www.si-danube-soroptimist.eu)

**Any club along the Danube that wants to join the network – please do!** Come and participate in this first strategic conference. We are very much looking forward to discussing with you our common issues. Also, we are curious to see the hometown of our sisters in Ruse - so are you, hopefully.



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We do not have external financial support for this meeting, it comes from the volunteer involvement of some members of the two inviting clubs. SI Ulm-Donaustadt gives a basic financial support.

We will invite you to a welcome dinner on 1st of May and a fare well dinner on 3rd of May, and two catering lunches on 2nd and 3rd of May.

If necessary, please look for financial support for participation by your club or your union or others.

You will get information of the logistics of the meeting in the attached letter and more assistance once you confirm your participation in the event.

**Please register until 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019.**

**Use attached form for your registration and send it to:**

[ruse.organisation@si-danube-soroptimist.eu](mailto:ruse.organisation@si-danube-soroptimist.eu)

Milena Popova and Miryana Dimitrova will answer you.

For other questions please contact:

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Anita Schlesak and Carmen Stadelhofer will answer you.

Let us join our power to improve the lives of women in Europe!

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Anita Schlesak