

The Danube region is a European cultural area, whose common history goes back many centuries. With the Danube as the vital connecting link, a region soon emerged at an early stage marked by brisk trade, cultural and scientific exchange and political interdependence. If at times, cultural diversity was the reason for political confrontations, it was also the driving force for innovation and economic development.

The region along Europe's second longest river of 2,800 kilometres today has 70 million inhabitants and is a central development corridor for the new Europe. The European Council has therefore initiated a European Danube Strategy to be developed by the end of 2010. It will cover the economy, culture, science, environment and administration and include national, regional as well as municipal levels of the states bordering the Danube all the way to Ukraine. In May 2009, the Bavarian State Government had already decided to draw up a development concept for the new macro region and together with the other states along the Danube it will play a leading role in providing initial input for the European Danube Strategy.

### **Programme:**

Welcome **Emilia Müller**, Bavarian State Minister of Federal and European Affairs

Introduction **Regina Hellwig-Schmid**, Initiator and Project Manager of the international festival for the arts and culture of the neighbouring Danube-states, the donumenta Regensburg

**Liveperformance „TransEuropa“** - Modern dance to classical music by Haydn, Scarlatti, Bartók along with improvisations:

**Nylea Mata Castilla**, dancer and choreographer, Spain/Germany, and **Gergely Földvári**, pianist and composer, Hungary

**Installation** by Regina Hellwig-Schmid in co-operation with 27 European (female) artists: „We're all sitting in the same boat“



The Bavarian State Minister of Federal and European Affairs

**Emilia Müller**

requests the pleasure of your company at a festive evening function to launch the Bavarian Danube Strategy

**„donumenta Regensburg“**

**Danube Worlds**

- from land to land
- from bank to bank
- from source to mouth

on Tuesday, 17 November 2009, 6.30 p.m.

at the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU

Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels.

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