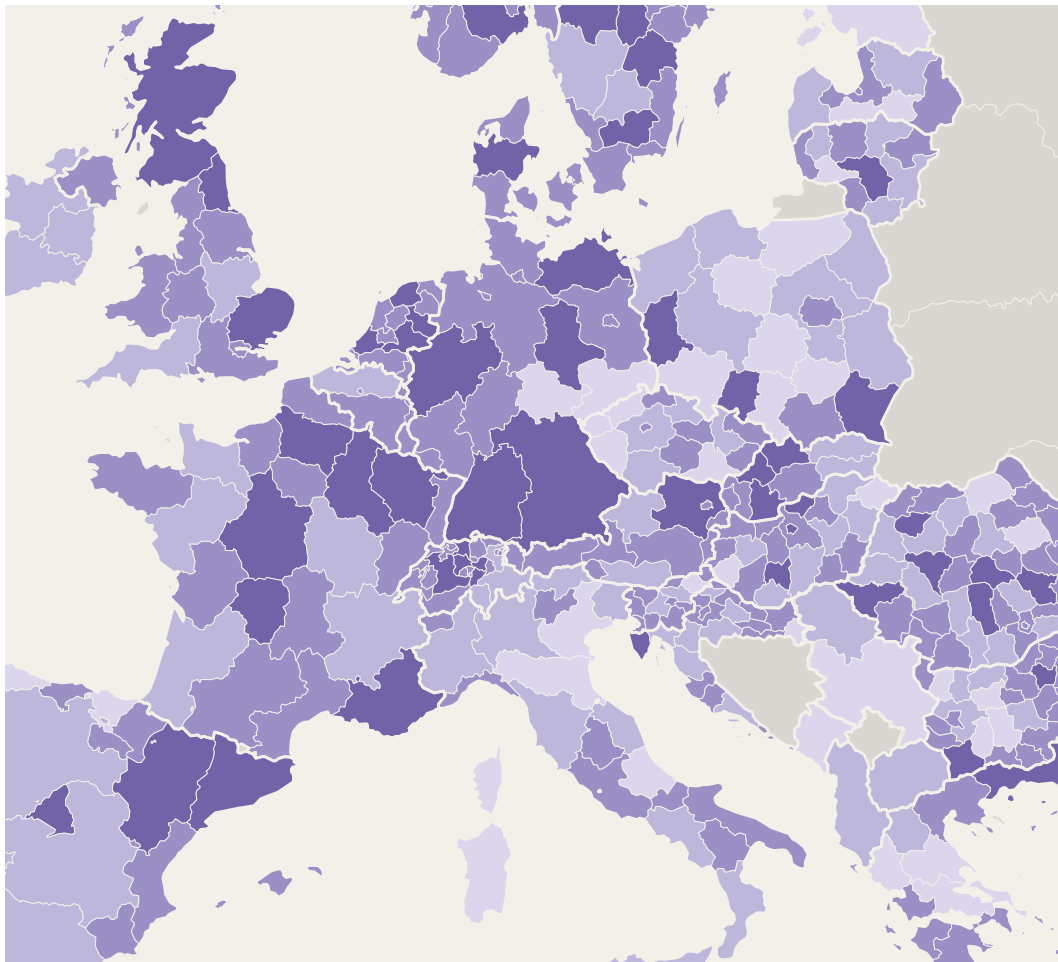


Mapping regional involvement in EU affairs

Academic conference · 20 – 21 October 2022

Danube University Krems



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With its final conference, the research project REGIOPARL seeks to address recent developments and open questions in the field of regional studies as well as regional politics with regards to their involvement on EU level. In three academic panels, an expert roundtable and during a workshop, questions such as: how and why do regional level political actors actually engage in EU affairs? Are they currently just bystanders or do they actively get involved in shaping European policy? What form of participation would they like to see in a newly constituted Europe? And could they act as a link between EU citizens and institutions within the multi-level polity? will be discussed with representatives from academia, politics and administration.

About the organizers

[REGIOPARL \(Regional Parliaments Lab\)](#) is a multi-annual international research project on the role of regional parliaments in the EU multilevel system of governance. REGIOPARL is hosted at Danube University Krems and funded by Forum Morgen (Austria). It cooperates with the following partner organizations: the European School of Governance in Berlin, the Jagiellonian University Kraków, the University of Tübingen, and the WZB Berlin Social Science Centre.



Key information

When: 20 – 21 October 2022

Day 1: Thursday, 20 October, 13.00 – 18.30 (followed by get together & dinner)

Day 2: Friday, 21 October, 10.00 – 15.00 (including lunch)

→ Participation is possible both online or in person at the conference venue in Krems. We kindly ask for registration via e-mail (info@regioparl.com) until 5 October 2022.

Conference website: regioparl.com/mapping-regional-involvement-in-eu-affairs ([LINK](#))

Where: Krems an der Donau, Austria (one and a half hours from Vienna by train or one hour by car/cab).

Conference organizers: The conference is organized by the research project REGIOPARL at Danube University Krems.

Important addresses:

Conference venue

Haus der Regionen

Donaulände 56

3500 Krems

Hotel

arte Hotel Krems

Dr. Karl Dorrek-Straße 23

3500 Krems

You may reach Krems via train from Vienna (appr. 1 hour commute). Please visit the [conference website](#) for further details on travelling and directions.

Program overview

— DAY 1: 20 Oct —

- 13.00* Registration **All times are in CET [Central European Time]*
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- 13.30 Conference opening and welcome
Rector Mag. [Friedrich Faulhammer](#) (Danube University Krems)
[Elisabeth Donat](#) & [Sarah Meyer](#) (Danube University Krems)
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- 13.45 Introduction of the European Regional Democracy Map (ERDM)
Speakers: [Sarah Meyer](#) (Danube University Krems) and [Arjan Schakel](#) (University of Bergen)
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- 14.30 Keynote lecture: Regional voices in the European multilevel polity - towards a multilevel democracy?
[Simona Piattoni](#) is Professor of Political Science at the University of Trento
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- 16:00 Panel 1: Regional actors engaging in EU affairs?
Chair: [Arjan Schakel](#) (University of Bergen)
Discussant: [Anna-Lena Högenauer](#) (University of Luxembourg)
Paper 1: *Regional Governments and their Position-Taking on and Emphasis of EU Issues in Coalition Agreements: Empirical Evidence from Germany* – [Martin Gross](#) (LMU Munich)
Paper 2: *Understanding regional engagement in today's EU: Whatever happened to the German Länder?* – [Annegret Eppler](#) (University of Applied Sciences, Kehl), [Martin Große Hüttmann](#) (University of Tübingen), and [Carolyn Rowe](#) (Aston University)
Paper 3: *The European Offices of the UK Local authorities and Devolved Administrations Post-Brexit* – [Carlo Panara](#) (Liverpool John Moores University)
Paper 4: *Getting involved in EU affairs? Regional parliaments' participation in the EWS* – [Sarah Meyer](#) (Danube University Krems), [Mario Wolf](#), and [Paul Reimers](#) (REGIOPARL)
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- 17.30 Expert roundtable: The role of regions in the EU: Sharing expertise between politics and science
With [Antje Grotheer](#) (Bremen Parliament), [Justus Schönlaue](#) (CoR), [Yianis Koutsikidis](#) (European Commission), [Harald Bürger](#) (Representation of Vienna at the EU), [Benjamin Hurard](#) (CALRE), [Katrin Auel](#) (IHS, Vienna) – Chair: [Gabriele Abels](#) (University of Tübingen)
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- 18:30 Get together & dinner

10:00 **Panel 2: What role for regions in the multi-level EU polity?**

Chair: [Katrín Auel](#) (IHS, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna)

Discussant: [Eric Miklin](#) (University of Salzburg)

Paper 1: *Reconsidering the role of the CoR after CoFoE: the missing piece for a European transnational democracy?* – [Sandrina Antunes](#) (Universidade do Minho) and [John Loughlin](#) (University of Oxford)

Paper 2: *Regional MPs' perspectives on the Committee of the Regions* – [Simon Lenhart](#) (Danube University Krems)

Paper 3: *From prerogatives to practices. Explaining EU-related activities of German regional parliaments* – [Aron Buzogány](#) (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna) and [Jens Häsing](#) (Freie Universität Berlin)

Paper 4: *European Cohesion Policy in Times of Fiscal Consolidation: A Comparison of Four Regions in Germany and Portugal* – [Moritz Neujeffski](#) (WZB Berlin)

11:30 **Panel 3: What role for regions in the multi-level EU polity?**

Chair: [Katrín Praprotnik](#) (University of Graz)

Discussant: [Elisabeth Donat](#) (Danube University Krems)

Paper 1: *Second-order effects in European elections and the European multilevel electoral system* – [Alexander Verdoes](#) (University of Bergen) and [Arjan Schakel](#) (University of Bergen)

Paper 2: *The public value of Cohesion policy: A citizen perspective* – [Andreja Pegan](#) (University of Primorska)

Paper 3: *Regional identity, radical right support, and Euroscepticism in Central and Eastern Europe* – [Anna Brigevidh](#) (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

Paper 4: *'Closeness to citizens' as a multilevel and multidimensional concept. Empirical evidence from 12 European regions* – [Elisabeth Donath](#) (Danube University Krems) and [Gunnar Placzek](#) (REGIOPARL)

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **Scholarly workshop: Challenges and prospects in the comparative study of regions & the EU**

Moderator: [Marcin Zubek](#) (Jagiellonian University Kraków)

15:00 **End of conference**