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**STRENGTHENING THE POSITIONS OF BUA IN
THE DANUBE REGION**

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- **Number of students: about 9000;**
- **Full-time academic staff: 420 (217 professors and associate professors; 18 Doctor of Sciences; 342 with a PhD degree);**
- **Number of degree programmes offered:
53 Bachelor and 93 Master degree programmes in 7 of the 9 fields of study in higher education in Bulgaria (Engineering and Technology, Agricultural sciences and veterinary medicine, Social Studies, Economics and Management, Law, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Health Care and Sport, Security and Defence).**
- **Number of PhD programmes - 52**



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Faculty of Mechanical and
Manufacturing Engineering

Faculty of Electrical
Engineering, Electronics and
Automation

Agrarian and Industrial
faculty

Faculty of Transport

**FACULTIES
EIGHT**



Faculty of Business and
Management

Faculty of Public Health and
Healthcare

Faculty of Natural Sciences
and Education

Faculty of Law

Razgrad Branch

**Branches
Two**



Silistra Branch



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Active international activities:

- **Signed about 70 frame agreements for cooperation with universities and research institutions from Europe, the USA, Russia, Japan, etc.**
- **Signed over 350 Erasmus agreements with universities from 44 countries;**
- **Strong position in Bulgaria in implementing projects with EU funding: 7th Frame Programme, Intelligent Energy for Europe, COST, Cooperation in the Black Sea Basin, Cooperation in innovations and research with Central and Eastern Europe, Programme for Cross-border Cooperation Bulgaria-Romania, numerous projects under OP „Human Resources Development“, etc.**



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**FUTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN COMPUTING:
HOW TO SUPPORT LEARNING AT ANYTIME ANYWHERE**

PARTNERS:

67 universities and companies from 35 countries





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The University of Ruse is a full member of:

- European University Association;**
- Danube Rectors' Conference;**
- Visegrad University Association;**
- Interuniversity Center-Dubrovnik;**
- Balkan University Association;**
- Agency of Francophone Universities**



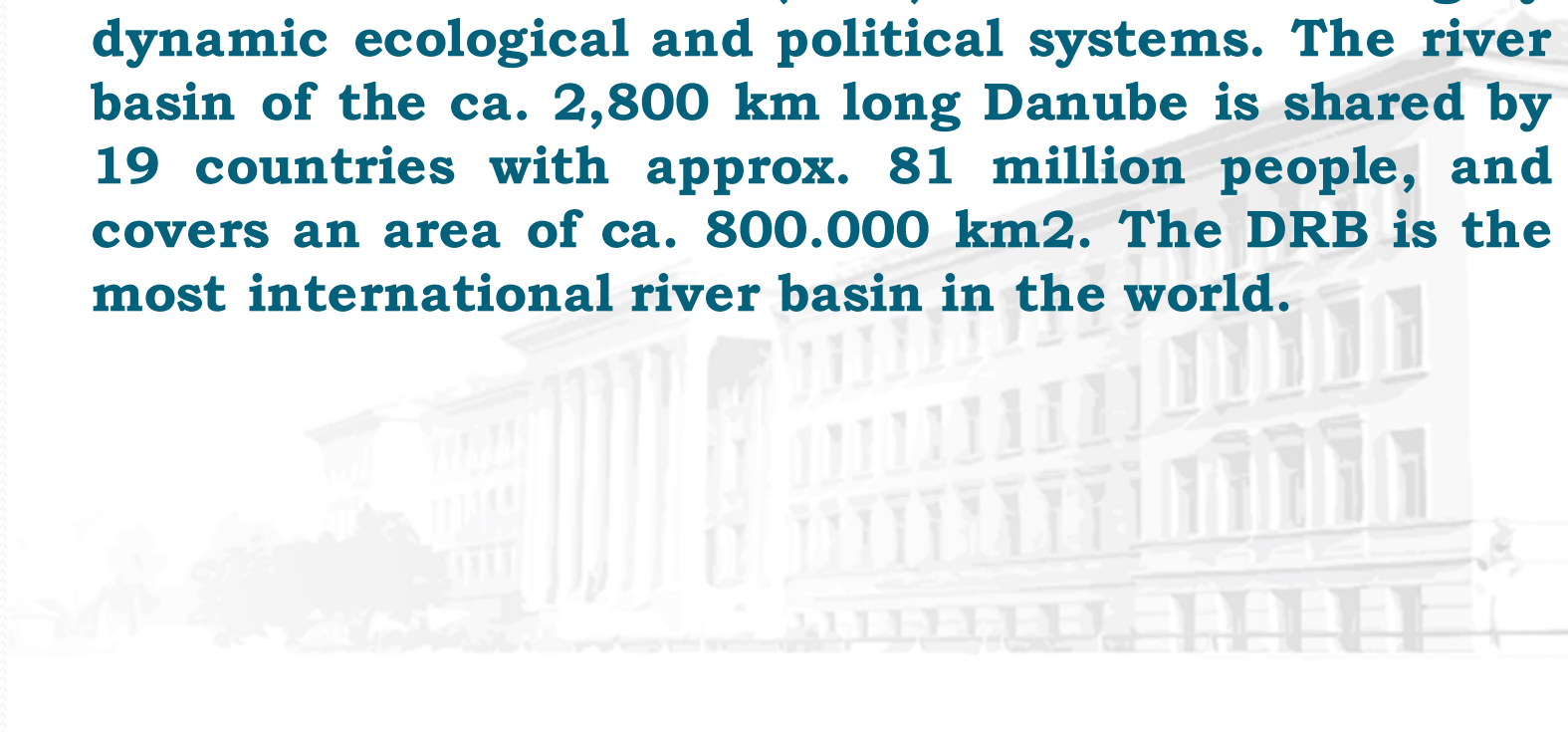


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PERSPECTIVES FOR STRENGTHENING THE POSITIONS OF BUA IN THE DANUBE REGION AND DANUBE RIVER BASIN (DRB)

Danube River Basin (DRB) consists of highly dynamic ecological and political systems. The river basin of the ca. 2,800 km long Danube is shared by 19 countries with approx. 81 million people, and covers an area of ca. 800.000 km². The DRB is the most international river basin in the world.





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Danube River Basin Map



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The Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) is a strong network of more than 70 universities in the Danube region. Its aim is to improve higher education in teaching and research, and the advancement of its member universities by establishing sustainable contacts.

The members of this organization are universities from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

The DRC arranges conferences, workshops, summer schools and participates in EU funded projects. The DRC also actively contributes to the Priority Areas Workgroups' of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The Strategy was jointly developed by the European Commission, together with the Danube Region countries and stakeholders, in order to address common challenges together. The Strategy seeks to create synergies and coordination between existing policies and initiatives taking place across the Danube Region.



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DRC Fund for Incentives – initiated in 2015

DRC - Partner of DIAnet



DRC - Partner of Danube:Future



DRC works in strong cooperation with Alps Adriatic Rectors' Conference (AARC) and IDM (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe)



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OPPORTUNITIES

- **Some countries represented in BUA are located in DRB.**
- **Some universities from these countries are members of DRC – the biggest and the strongest organisation of HEInstitutions in the Danube region.**
- **There are perspectives for establishing cooperation between DRC and BUA in the following aspects:**
 - 1. Joint initiatives – scientific conferences, research projects, summer schools, etc.;**
 - 2. Joint funds for project financing;**
 - 3. Joint degree programmes between partner universities, etc.**



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