



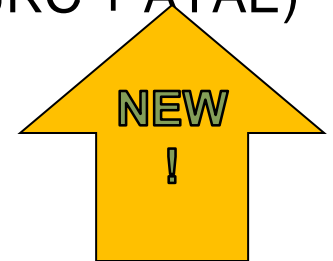
# **Report from the CASEE president, Martin H. Gerzabek**

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## Report from the CASEE president

1. CASEE involvement in the EU Strategy for the Danube region
2. CASEE activities 2015/16
  - Co-operation with other networks (ICA, DRC, JRC + ATAE)
  - Board meetings
  - Promotion
  - CASEE projects
3. Fund for Incentives
4. Changes in the membership
5. Conference 2017



# 1. CASEE involvement in the EUSDR

1. CASEE is one of the few academic networks mentioned in the EU Strategy for the Danube region (EUSDR)
2. BOKU / CASEE is actively involved in the Austrian working groups for the EUSDR (co-ordinated by the Federal Chancellery and the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs)
3. PA 7 flagship project:  
“Danube River REsearch And Management – DREAM”  
+ Subproject: SEDDON: Sediment Research and –  
management at the Danube River
4. Danube INCONet Project on a bioeconomy RTI strategy for the Danube Region <https://danube-inco.net/object/event/16581>
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Austrian EUSDR Dialogue Forum,  
9.9.2016, at BOKU TULLN Campus

## 2. CASEE Activities 2015/16

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### a) Co-operation with other networks:

- **ICA:**

- CASEE president = ICA Vice-President
- **MoU with ICA has to be signed**

- **DRC:**

- DREAM project links both networks
- the Danube-Agri-Food Master (DAFM) will be presented at DRC conference 10.11.2016

- **JRC** – Co-operation for macro-regional strategies; ideas for co-operation in PhD training and research

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### a) NEW co-operation with ATAE:

- **ATAE** (Actual Tasks in Agricultural Engineering;  
<http://atae.agr.hr/> )
  - link the Agricultural Engineering experts within CASEE
  - ATAE-Session at CASEE Conference (WULS 2017);  
CASEE-co-operation in ATAE-conference in Opatija 2018

### b) Board Meetings

- Videoconferences in March, April and September
- 2015-11-05 Maribor and 2016-05-22 in Timisoara

## 2. CASEE Activities 2015/16

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### c) Promotion activities

- newsletters sent out to members (~ every 2nd month)
- CASEE flyers distributed at the member universities and at several conferences
- New website layout

### d) Projects :

- ✓ **CASEE Master „Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Technology and Food Production in the Danube Region“,** with 9 CASEE members

(ERASMUS+ Joint Master Degree application submitted 2016)  
(presented as Best practice at FFG event on Funding options for the Danube Region, 22.4.2016)

- ✓ CASEE = partner in the **FOODSTA E+ Knowledge Alliance Project** (European Food-Studies and Training Alliance)  
<https://www.food-sta.eu/>

## 2. CASEE Activities 2015/16

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### d) **Projects :**

- ✓ **IMPULSE project: Internationalizing CASEE network by introducing innovative mobility activities and defining quality criteria (CASEE-In)**
  - ✓ **innovative student mobility** to increase employability : e-learning course “Introduction to Scientific Communication” (overview of CASEE Network, present guidelines for scientific writing and presentation, and IT based communication techniques) + master students attending CASEE conference
  - ✓ create a set of **indicators for quality assurance in internationalisation** ► self-assessment questionnaires for benchmarking; general guidelines will be developed

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e) Annual Meeting: at Banat's University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, „King Michael I of Romania“





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### 3. CASEE Fund for Incentives (Ffi)

- In 2016, no project applications were received
  - ▶ **New rules for Ffi developed:**
    - allow for bigger projects
    - open it up for PhD activities
    - CASEE Secretariat offers support to find Ffi-partners
  - ▶ **New call will be published in December**
    - to fund 2 projects à 8.000 € (= budget 2016 + 2017)
    - application deadline appx. 1<sup>st</sup> March (tbc)

## 4. Changes in the membership

### 1. Cancellation of membership:

- \* Corvinus University Budapest
- \* Warsaw University of Technology

### 2. No institutions are due to being suspended for non-payment of fees

### 3. New members since 2016:

- \* University of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

### ➤ 4. Decision on CASEE conference fees for CASEE members of the countries that do only pay half of the CASEE membership fee:

- Should only pay half of the registration fee for a CASEE member but limited to a maximum of 5 persons per Member university

## 5. The 8<sup>th</sup> CASEE Conference 2017

**"Sustainable development in Europe – cooperation between science and practice. What's the position of Central and South Eastern Europe?"**

at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences – SGGW  
from May 14 to May 16, 2017

The conference will comprise the following subthemes:

1. Modern agriculture and rural development
2. Renewable resources – possibilities and constraints
3. Sustainable food systems and quality
4. Environmental safety and climate change

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**Thank you for your attention!**

