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Erste Bank Summer University Danubia: Economics Seminars, Practical Workshops and Network- ing right across Central and Eastern Europe

For the eighth year running, Erste Bank and the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration are delighted to invite students of economics and business administration to take part in the Erste Bank Summer University Danubia. Students from Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and, for the first time, Ukraine are encouraged to apply. In July, the programme, which focuses on Human Resource Management and Financial Services, will tour right across Central and Eastern Europe for an entire month.

Erste Bank's expansion into eight European countries with over 16 million customers is reflected by the continuous expansion of the "Danubia" network. The Ukraine joins the programme for the first time this year through the Kiev-based Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economics University. This is where the programme will kick off on 29 June. It will subsequently be held for four weeks at five of Central Europe's leading universities. In addition to Kiev Danubia 2008 will visit the economics universities in Bucharest, Bratislava, Prague and Vienna. According to the principle of rotation, Belgrade, Zagreb and Budapest will act as hosts again in 2009.

As part of the travelling summer university, the participants will not only have the opportunity to increase their academic knowledge and demonstrate their skills to experts from Erste Bank in workshops. They also will be able to get an up-close view of five countries (Ukraine, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Austria) and their cultures. In 2008 Kiev, Bucharest, Bratislava, Prague and Vienna will be Danubia's stops. *"A perfect combination of education, travel and culture; an incredible experience I will never forget,"* a 2007 graduate of "Danubia" said.

In addition to the academic programme, which will be held by leading economics experts from the partner universities, "Danubia" will offer students related practical workshops with experts from Erste Bank: the participants will visit the local offices of the Erste Bank subsidiaries at all stops and acquire practical expertise from the banking experts there. The summer university will be rounded off by an extensive cultural and leisure programme, which will culminate in the closing ceremony in Vienna on 29 July.

Students from the eight partner universities, who can demonstrate advanced knowledge of Human Resource Management and Financial Services, are eligible to apply for the Erste Bank Summer University Danubia 2008. Lectures, workshops and seminars will be conducted in English; the closing date for applications is 11 April (for applicants from Vienna: 7 March). All information and application documentation is available for download at <http://danubia.wu-wien.ac.at>.

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