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Cancelled: 12th International Danube Festival from 3rd to 12th July 2020

Due to the current situation and prognosis we had to face the fact that under the given circumstances, it won't be possible to run a ten-day festival, with an estimated 350,000 guests from different countries of the world.

Central idea of the International Danube Festival Ulm & Neu-Ulm is the international encounter, and personal exchange between people of the Danube Region. But since personal contacts are to be reduced to a minimum in order to contain the virus this will be impossible.

There are simply too many factors and risks beyond our control that make it seem unacceptable to run the International Danube Festival 2020 under these circumstances. Also, we cannot predict when other countries will end the lockdown-mode, making it impossible to assess whether friends from the Danube countries are allowed or willing to travel to attend the festival at all.

We are obliged to contain the spread of the virus with all means at our disposal. To run an event of that dimension in the foreseeable future, would just be irresponsible and hardly justifiable in the opinion of the organizers.

Waiting any longer to come to a final decision whether the International Danube Festival can take place or not isn't within reason for everybody involved, especially for our partners.

Therefore, the International Donaifest Ulm / Neu-Ulm 2020 will be cancelled.

This decision was made by the management of the Danube Office in accordance with the Lord Mayors of the cities of Ulm and Neu-Ulm.

We very much regret this decision and kindly ask for your understanding. We would like to thank the entire team and all our partners for their great commitment, passion and excellent work in preparing the Danube Festival!

The next Danube Festival will take place in 2022, from 1st to 10th July, 2022.

Any planning and so far done work for the Danube Festival 2020 can and should also apply for the Danube Festival 2022, if feasible. Depending on the situation, synergy effects can and should be realized.

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Postponing the Danube Festival 2020 to 2021 is not supported for various reasons. We know that cancelling the festival without the chance of postponing it may seem hard, but we can assure you that this decision has been made very carefully and thoughtfully.

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