

## 28TH ITS EUROPEAN CONFERENCE 2017



28<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY 2017

On the evening of July 30, 2017, the 28<sup>th</sup> regional European conference of the International Telecommunications Society in Passau, Germany kicked off with a welcome reception in front of the historical town hall. Live music and a beautiful setting provided the right ambience to put the attendees in the right mood for the upcoming presentations and panel discussions.

In the next morning, Lord Mayor Jürgen Dupper welcomed us inside the town hall, followed by Prof. Ingo Vogelsang's keynote lecture about "Regulatory inertia versus ICT dynamics". He addressed how regulatory processes always lack behind technological developments, which can potentially stifle innovations in the ICT sector. An example he gave was the unnecessary, decade-long delay for mobile phone services in the United States imposed by the FCC. A possible solution, according to Vogelsang, is to gradually phase out regulations in favor of competition laws.

The parallel sessions, which were held at the Faculty for Economics at the University of Passau, covered various subjects including mobile communication, broadband penetration, privacy and IoT, often under the banner of regulation. Additionally, two main panel sessions were held about IP interconnection and personal information markets.

The conference dinner was held on board of the Regina Danubia, which cruised along the Danube river to Austria and back, where it finally berthed in Passau again. On the next day, after the last parallel sessions ended, the conference was concluded with an invitation to the 22<sup>nd</sup> ITS Biennial conference, which will take place from June 24 to June 27, 2017 in Seoul.

