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## **20<sup>th</sup> VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2023**

**CONTINUING TO BUILD  
ECONOMIC BRIDGES  
DURING DIFFICULT TIMES**

**13 November 2023  
Vienna City Hall/Wiener Rathaus  
Festive Hall/Festsaal**

**Lichtenfelsgasse 2  
1010 Vienna**



Working Languages: German and English  
Simultaneous Translation will be provided

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2023

5:00 p.m.	CEREMONIAL OPENING
6:00–8:00 p.m.	WELCOME COCKTAIL

MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2023

	LOCATION Vienna City Hall/Wiener Rathaus Festive Hall/Festsaal Lichtenfelsgasse 2, 1010 Vienna
8:00–8:45 a.m.	REGISTRATION
8:45–8:55 a.m.	FAMILY PHOTO (by personal invitation)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> OPENING SESSION  CONTINUING TO BUILD ECONOMIC BRIDGES DURING DIFFICULT TIMES  Opening Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTCHEVA, Member of the Board Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum  Welcoming Words Mr. Jürgen CZERNOHORSZKY Executive City Councillor of the City of Vienna H.E. Mag. Karoline EDTSTADLER, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria  Greeting Words Dr. Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL Federal Chancellor of Austria (2000–2007) Founding father of Vienna Economic Forum  DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER Honorary President of Vienna Economic Forum  Introduction Amb. Victor JACKOVICH President of Vienna Economic Forum President, Jackovich International LLC, USA

9:30–11:00 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> SESSION  ENSURING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL STABILITY ON THE PATH TO EUROPE CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES  Moderation Ms. Daniela PHILIPP  Main Statement H.E. Dr. Magnus BRUNNER, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria  Impulse Statements Mr. Kyriacos KAKOURIS, Vice President European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg Mr. Mark BOWMAN, Vice President European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), UK
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Q and A Session (led by the Moderator)

11:00–11:30 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK BILATERAL TALKS (organized by VEF)
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11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> SESSION  ACTING TOGETHER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EUROPEAN FUTURE – INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION  Moderation Ms. Daniela PHILIPP  Impulse Statements DI Wolfgang ANZENGRUBER Former CEO of Verbund AG (2009–2020) Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum Mr. Wilbert VERHEIJEN Managing Director, Canon CEE GmbH Cooperation Partner and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum  Participants in the Discussion Dr. Lilyana PAVLOVA Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria (2014–2017) Minister of Bulgaria’s Presidency of the Council of the EU (2017–2018) Vice-President of European Investment Bank (EIB) (2019–2023) Mr. Yiannis THOMATOS, Vice-President Delphi Economic Forum, Greece Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum H.E. Mag. Bogdan BOGDANOV Minister of Economy and Industry of Bulgaria Amb. Prof. Dr. Vesna BOROZAN, Head of Power Systems Department, University “Sts. Cyril and Methodius”, Skopje, North Macedonia Honorary Member of Vienna Economic Forum Prof. Dr. Danica PURG President IEDC-Bled School of Management, Slovenia Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum Ms. Līga ROZENTĀLE, Deputy State Secretary Ministry of Climate and Energy of Latvia Mr. Lulzim RAFUNA, President of the Managing Board, Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum President of Kosovo Chamber of Commerce
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Q and A Session (led by the Moderator)

1:00–2:00 p.m.	NETWORKING LUNCH BILATERAL TALKS (organized by VEF)
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2:00–2:05 p.m.	FAMILY PHOTO (by personal invitation)
2:05–4:00 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> SESSION  ALPHA SESSION – ASK THE DECISION MAKERS BUILDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN DIFFICULT TIMES  Moderation Mag. Christian ULTSCH, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Head of Foreign Policy Department, Die Presse  Opening Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTCHEVA, Member of the Board Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum  Impulse Statement H.E. Mr. Paolo GENTILONI European Commissioner for Economy  Participants in the Discussion H.E. Acad. Nikolai DENKOV, Prime Minister of BULGARIA, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum H.E. Mr. Albin KURTI, Prime Minister of KOSOVO Patron of Vienna Economic Forum H.E. Mr. Dimitar KOVACHEVSKI Prime Minister of NORTH MACEDONIA Patron of Vienna Economic Forum Mr. Dumitru ALAIBA, Deputy Prime Minister Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization of MOLDOVA H.E. Mr. Nik GJELOSHAJ, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy, Minister of Economic Development of MONTENEGRO  External View Dr. Ivan KRASTEV, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Permanent fellow at the Institute of Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna
Q and A Session (led by the Moderator)	
4:00–4:20 p.m.	Summary Amb. Victor JACKOVICH President of Vienna Economic Forum President, Jackovich International LLC, USA
4:20–4:30 p.m.	Concluding Words Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTCHEVA, Member of the Board Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum  SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY of the 20 <sup>th</sup> JUBILEE VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM
4:30 p.m.	END of the 20 <sup>th</sup> JUBILEE VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM – VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2023