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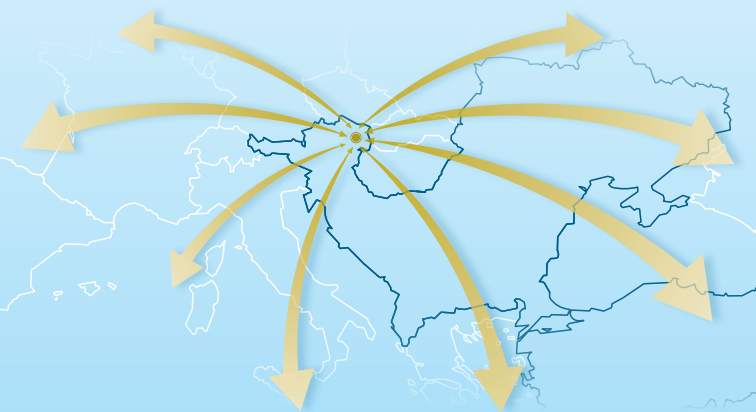


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## 9th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

QUO VADIS, EUROPE?  
REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR  
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

18–19 November 2012  
Palais Niederösterreich,  
Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna



In Cooperation with



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Simultaneous Translation will be provided

# PROGRAM

SUNDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 2012

## LOCATION

Palais Niederösterreich,  
Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna



5:30 p.m. **ADMISSION and REGISTRATION**

6:20 p.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitation)

6:30 p.m. **OFFICIAL OPENING of the 9th Vienna Economic Forum**

## Moderation

**Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**, *Member of the Board,  
Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum*

## Opening speeches

**Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,  
Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

**Dr. Georg PÖLZL**, *CEO, Österreichische Post AG*

## Speaker of Honour

**H.E. Dr. Johannes HAHN**, *European Commissioner for  
Regional Policy*

## Statements

**Dr. Akkan SUVER**, *President, Marmara Foundation,  
Turkey, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

**Prof. Agni VLAVIANOS ARVANITIS**, *President and  
Founder, Biopolitics International Organization, Greece,  
Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

**Mr. Rudi GURAZIU**, *Chief Executive, International  
Business and Diplomatic Exchange (IBDE), London,  
Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

**Ms. Seda (KÖKNEL) ÇATALKAYA**, *Secretary General,  
Union of Black Sea & Caspian Confederation of Enterprises  
(UBCCE), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

**SIGNING CEREMONY of a  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
between Vienna Economic Forum and  
Strategic Partners**

**ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF  
VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM –  
Nomination of PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2012**

7:30 p.m.

## WELCOME COCKTAIL

for the participants at the  
9th Vienna Economic Forum hosted by  
the Board of Vienna Economic Forum  
and Österreichische Post AG

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DANN LIEBER MIT DER POST.



MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 2012

## LOCATION

Palais Niederösterreich,  
Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna



8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION and COFFEE**

hosted by the Board of  
Vienna Economic Forum  
and Bären Batterie GmbH



8:30–8:45 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitation)

9:00–10:15 a.m. **FIRST OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**QUO VADIS, EUROPE?  
REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR  
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.**

## Moderation and Opening

**Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**, *Member of the Board,  
Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum*

## Introductory Statements

**H.E. Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER**, *Federal Minister of  
Economy, Family and Youth of Austria*

**Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,  
Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

## Speaker of Honour

**H.E. Dr. Erwin PRÖLL**, *Governor of the Province of Lower  
Austria*

## Main Statements

**Mr. Emmanuel FOREST**, *CEO, BOUYGUES Europe,  
Belgium, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

**H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ**, *Minister of Economic Develop-  
ment of Kosovo*

**Amb. Mr. Evgenij IVANOV**, *Executive Director,  
The Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in  
Bulgaria (CEIBG)*

**Mr. Thomas HANEDER**, *Partner, TPA HORWATH,  
Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

**Mr. Matjaz RAKOVEC**, *President of the Management  
Board, Triglav Insurance Company, Ltd, Slovenia*

**Mr. Zarko PRIMORAC**, *Member of the Supervisory Board,  
HRVATSKA ELEKTROPRIVREDA d.d., Croatia*

## Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

10:15–10:45 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

hosted by the Board of  
Vienna Economic Forum

10:45 a.m.–  
12:30 p.m.

## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

### GROWTH AND FINANCE – MOTORS IN NEW FRAMEWORKS. INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATIVE LOCATIONS. THE FRESH WIND.

#### Moderation

**Mr. Alois STEINBICHLER**, Director of the Board, Kommunkredit Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

#### Main Statement

**H.E. Dr. Maria FEKTER**, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria

#### Statements

**Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT**, CEO VOLKSBANK International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

**Dr. Claus J. RAIDL**, President, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

**Mr. Haris IHTIJAREVIC**, Chairman of the Management Board, Banking Agency of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Ms. Marina BLEIBTREU-HAHN**, Project Manager, FAA Holding GmbH, Austria

**Dr. Roland FALB**, Managing Partner, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants

**Dr. Peter HAROLD**, Chairman of the Management Board, HYPO NOE Gruppe Bank AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

**Dr. Gabriel LANSKY**, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

#### Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:30–1:30 p.m.

## LUNCH BUFFET

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and SOPHARMA A.D.



1:30–3:15 p.m.

## THIRD PLENARY SESSION

### THE DANUBE REGION – EUROPEAN CHALLENGES. ENERGY, TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

#### Moderation and Statement

**Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

#### Introductory Statements

**Dr. Karsten BENZ**, CCO, Austrian Airlines AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

**DI Peter UMUNDUM**, Member of the Board, Österreichische Post AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

## Panelists

**Dr. Hannes AMETSREITER**, CEO, Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

**Dr. Franz WOHLFAHRT**, President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

**Mr. İlker AYCI**, President, The Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)

**DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER**, Member of the Board, Verbund, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

**Dr. Cristian DIACONESCU**, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Presidential Adviser, Chief of the Presidential Chancellery of the President of Romania

**Dr. Farid SIGARI-MAJD**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

**Dr. Johann SOLLGRUBER**, Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Head of political department

#### Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:15–3:45 p.m.

## NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and DenizBank AG



4:00–5:30 p.m.

## MINISTERIAL SESSION

### QUO VADIS, EUROPE? EXCHANGE OF IDEAS FROM THE SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE.

#### Moderation and Statement

**Dr. Herbert STEPIC**, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

#### Keynote Speaker

**H.E. Mr. Werner FAYMANN**, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

#### Statements

**H.E. Mr. Igor LUKSIC**, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

**H.E. Mr. Vjekoslav BEVANDA**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

**H.E. Mr. Neven MIMICA**, Deputy Prime Minister for Home, Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

**H.E. Ms. Mimoza KUSARI-LILA**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Industry of Kosovo

**Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

## Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

5:30 p.m.

## CONCLUSION

**PERSPECTIVES** after the  
**9th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM**

**Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,  
Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

## ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

5:45 p.m.

## END of the 9th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

Followed by

**COCKTAIL** for all participants at the 9th VEF  
hosted by the Board of  
Vienna Economic Forum

7:30 p.m.

**GALA DINNER** (by invitation)  
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum  
in the Federation of Austrian Industries, Founding Member  
of Vienna Economic Forum

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