



**EMBASSY OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

## **VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS**

### **CROATIA IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: NEW MEMBER – NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

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Novomatic Forum, Friedrichstraße 7, 1010 Vienna**

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**Monday, 16 September, 2013**

**Location:** Novomatic Forum, Friedrichstraße 7, 1010 Vienna

**8:30 REGISTRATION & COFFEE**

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**9:00 FAMILY PHOTO SESSION (by invitation)**

**9:15-12:00 MORNING SESSION**

**9:15-10:30 European Perspective of Croatia's Economy**

**MODERATION AND OPENING:**

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

**WELCOME ADDRESS:**

- **Dr. Franz WOHLFAHRT**, President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Honorary Consul of Croatia in Lower Austria

**MAIN STATEMENTS:**

- **H.E. Dr. Michael SPINDELEGGER**, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria
- **H.E. Dr. Johannes HAHN**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy
- **H.E. Prof. DSc. Branko GRČIĆ**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia

**10:30-12:00**

**PANEL DISCUSSION:**

- **Ms. Bernadette GIERLINGER**, Vice Minister, Economic Policy and European Integration, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria
- **Dr. Hannes AMETSREITER**, CEO, Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. Boris VUJČIĆ**, Governor of the Croatian National Bank, Member of the Governor Committee of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Dr. Gabriel LANSKY**, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. Mislav GALIĆ**, Executive Vice President for the Food Business Group, Agrokor d.d., Croatia
- **Mag. Werner CASAGRANDE**, Country Manager EVN Croatia, EVN AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

*Q and A Session with the Audience, led by the Moderator*

**12:00-13:30 CLASSIC CROATIAN LUNCH**

**hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and NOVOMATIC AG for the Croatian Delegation and Austrian investors**

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13:30-15:15

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Business and Investment Climate. Investment Opportunities in Croatia.**

**MODERATION:**

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

**IMPULSE STATEMENTS:**

- **Mr. Damir NOVINIĆ**, Managing Director of the Agency for Investments and Competitiveness
- **Mr. Anton KOVAČEV**, President of the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development

**PANEL DISCUSSION:**

- **Mag. Hermann ANDERL**, Managing Director, Canon CEE GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mag. Stefan HEIGLAUER**, Director SEE, Österreichische Post AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Dr. Axel REIDLINGER**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mag. Peter LENNKH**, Member of the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mag. Andrea KOVACS-WÖHRY**, Chairman of the Managing Board, Sberbank Croatia, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. Zvonimir MRŠIĆ**, President of the Management Board, Podravka d.d., Croatia
- **Mr. Neven VRANKOVIĆ**, Group Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Atlantic Grupa d.d., Croatia
- **Mr. Saša JOVICIĆ**, Attorney-at-Law, Partner, Wolf Theiss Zagreb, Croatia

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15:15-15:30

**CONCLUSION REMARKS**

- **Mag. Richard KÜHNEL**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria

15:30

**END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS - MEET CROATIA IN VIENNA**

Followed by

**COCKTAIL for all participants**

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with music from Croatia

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**From 2 – 18 September 2013 Novomatic Forum hosts Croatian artists Bane Milenkovic, Lidija Selcer and Vatroslav Kulis**