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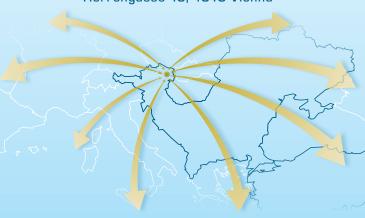
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PROGRAM

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2015

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8:30-9:15 a.m. REGISTRATION and COFFEE
9:15 a.m. FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)

9:30-10:00 a.m. OPENING of 12th Vienna Economic Forum -

Vienna Dialogue 2015

Moderation

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

Welcome Addresses

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

Mag. Othmar KARAS, Member of the European Parliament

Official Opening

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

10:00-12:00 a.m. FIRST OPENING SESSION

HOW CAN EUROPE GROW? CAN BANKS STIMULATE GROWTH? INVESTMENTS AS A MOTOR. HOW TO CREATE JOBS – REGIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND EUROPE-WIDE? IS A COMMON REGIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY POSSIBLE?

Moderation

Dr. Herbert STEPIC, Senior Advisor, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Honorary Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement

Ms. Bernadette GIERLINGER, Vice Minister, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy of Austria

Participants in the Discussion

H.E. Mr. Arben AHMETAJ, Minister of Economy of Albania

Mr. Holger MUENT, Director for Western Balkans, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

(EBRD)
H.E. Mr. Furkan CAKO, Minister for Foreign Investments of Macedonia

Mr. Fei CHEN, Chairman, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) Europe S.A., Luxembourg Ms. Hykmete BAJRAMI, Minister of Trade and Industry of Kosovo

Dr. Ognian DONEV, CEO, Sopharma AD, Bulgaria, Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum

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Ms. Flavia PALANZA, Director of Central and South Eastern Europe, European Investment Bank (EIB) Mr. Nikolay TSENKOV, Member of the Board of Directors, National Company Industrial Zones, Bulgaria, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Dragan KOSTIC, CEO, Free Zone Pirot, Serbia

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:00-1:00 p.m. Get together LUNCH BUFFET

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1:00-3:00 p.m. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

INVESTMENT AS A MOTOR FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH. THE EUROPEAN WAY IN A MORE PRAGMATIC ASPECT. VISIONS AND INVESTORS RESPONSE WORLD-WIDE.

Moderation

Mr. Aleksandar MEDJEDOVIC, Executive Board Member, Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Berlin/Germany; Board Member, Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement

H.E. Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Vice-President of the European Commission, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

Participants in the Discussion

H.E. Niko PELESHI, Deputy Prime Minister of Albania DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER, Member of the Board, VERBUND AG, Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum H.E. Meglena KUNEVA, Deputy Prime Minister for European Policies Coordination and Institutional Affairs of Bulgaria

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Dr. Bertram BURTSCHER, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, **Austria**, Cooperation Partner of Vienna Economic Forum

 ${\bf H.E.\ Vladimir\ PESHEVSKI,}\ Deputy\ Prime\ Minister\ of\ {\it Macedonia}$

Dr. Peter HAROLD, CEO, HYPO NOE Group Bank AG, Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, Partner, LANKSY, GANZGER + partner, Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Emmanuel FOREST, CEO, BOUYGUES EUROPE, Belgium, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Milan PARIVODIC, CEO, ForInvest, **Serbia,** Partner of Vienna Economic Forum

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3:00-3:30 p.m. **CONCLUSIONS**

followed by

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for all participants of the 12th Vienna Economic Forum, hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Sopharma



4:00-6:00 p.m. POSSIBILITIES FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS

for VEF Members

6:00 p.m. END of 12th Vienna Economic Forum – VIENNA DIALOGUE 2015