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VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM MEETINGS 2012

INTRODUCTION



Dear Members of Vienna Economic Forum!

We have the pleasure to report about another successful Vienna Economic Forum year 2012!

Vienna Economic Forum is proud that the **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations** at its Substantive Session of **July 2012** adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to grant **Special consultative status** to Vienna Economic Forum. The Special consultative status of Vienna Economic Forum enables us to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programmes, funds and agencies in a number of ways.

In 2012 we **organized „Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting“** under the motto „Liberalisation of Markets in the Region South-Eastern Europe“ in cooperation with the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) in April, **„Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Turkey in Vienna 2012“** under the motto „Turkey – Important Player in the Regional Economy“ in cooperation with Vienna Insurance Group, Ray Sigorta A.S. Turkey and Verbund AG in June, and our **9th Vienna Economic Forum „Quo vadis, Europe? Regional Cooperation for European Integration“** in November 2012 in Palais Niederösterreich in Vienna, Austria.

This year our **11th Traditional Garden Party „Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries of Vienna Economic Forum“** took place in the garden of the Embassy of Ukraine. According to our motto „for a better understanding“ we had the reason to celebrate one event together, which also unites all people around the world, entrepreneurs, politicians, artists and sportsmen – the European Football Championship, which took place in this year both in Ukraine and in Poland and we want to thank the Ambassador of Ukraine and the whole **VEF-Ambassadors Committee** for our outstanding and intensive good cooperation.

The **9th Vienna Economic Forum** was another successful event of the year. We had the great pleasure to welcome in the wonderful location of Palais Niederösterreich around 480 participants from 36 countries throughout the world together with **H.E. Dr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner** for Regional Policy, **H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann, Federal Chancellor** of the Republic of Austria and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **H.E. Dr. Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria**, **H.E. Dr. Maria Fekter, Federal Minister** of Finance of the Republic of Austria, and several more **Prime Ministers, Ministers** and **high-ranking participants** from the whole region took part actively.

Let us congratulate **Dr. Georg Pölzl, CEO of Österreichische Post AG**, to the Nomination of Österreichische Post AG with the **„Vienna Economic Forum Award for the Partner of the Year 2012“**.

Thank you again and we are looking forward to another successful year and to the Jubilee 10th Vienna Economic Forum on 24-25 November 2013 in Palais Niederösterreich in Vienna!

Your

Dr. Erhard Busek
President

Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva
Secretary General

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Der Bundesminister für europäische und internationale Angelegenheiten als Behörde gemäß § 1 des Bundesgesetzes über die Einräumung von Privilegien an nichtstaatliche internationale Organisationen, BGBl. Nr. 174/1992, entscheidet wie folgt:

Spruch

Dem Vienna Economic Forum (VEF) wird die Rechtsstellung einer Organisation im Sinne des Bundesgesetzes über die Einräumung von Privilegien an nichtstaatliche internationale Organisationen (NGO-Gesetz), BGBl. Nr. 174/1992, eingeräumt.

Für den Bundesminister:

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27 July 2012

Dear NGO Representative,

I am pleased to inform you that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its Substantive Session of July 2012 adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to grant **Special** consultative status to your organization **Vienna Economic Forum**. On behalf of all staff of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, please accept our heartfelt congratulations.

Consultative status for an organization enables it to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programmes, funds and agencies in a number of ways. In order to better understand this relationship, we take this opportunity to provide some critical information about the **privileges** that consultative status with ECOSOC confers on your organization, as well as the **obligations** that your organization will be required to meet under this relationship. **We therefore urge you to take the time to carefully review the information we have provided below.**

Privileges and benefits of consultative status

1) ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31

- Arrangements for consultations with NGOs are regulated by ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, adopted by the Council on 25 July 1996. Please review the entire resolution at: <http://csonet.org/content/documents/199631.pdf> for detailed information . It provides information on ways to participate in the work of the Council, including opportunities to organizations such as yours to consult with Member States and the United Nations system at large, based on the nature and scope of work that your organization undertakes. Consultative relationship with NGOs also enables the Council or one of its bodies to seek expert information or advice from organizations with special competence in a subject matter.
- Consultative status allows you to be informed about the provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council;

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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – SOFIA MEETING 2012

„Liberalisation of Markets in the Region South-Eastern Europe“

3–4 April 2012

in cooperation with
the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)



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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – SOFIA MEETING 2012

„Liberalisation of Markets in the Region South-Eastern Europe“

Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum, and **Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**, Secretary General, had the pleasure to welcome approximately **190 participants from 16 states** (Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Kosovo, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, and Slovakia).

The meeting was organised under the Patronage of Prime Minister and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **H.E. Mr. Boyko Borissov**. The Bulgarian Government was strongly represented. The Bulgarian Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, **H.E. Lilyana Pavlova**, the Bulgarian Minister of Labour and Social Policy, **H.E. Totyu Mladenov**, the Bulgarian Minister for Transport and ITC, **H.E. Ivailo Moskovski**, the Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism, **Mr. Valentin Nikolov**, as well as the Deputy Mayor of Sofia, **Mr. Doncho Barbalov**, participated at the meeting.

The liberalisation of markets in the region is an important prerequisite to strengthen economic relations. The liberalisation of the energy market, of the labour market, of post service, of radio frequencies and of electronic services in the region, as well as the protection of competition and experiences of foreign investors in different sectors were the main topics of **Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting 2012**.

Interesting Statements and discussions about the conference topics led to numerous contacts and business of pragmatic character, to which all participants contributed actively.

Vienna Economic Forum thanks all its members for the active participation at „Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting 2012“ and especially the Embassy of Austria to Bulgaria and the following partners for their support:



PROGRAM

3 APRIL 2012

19:30 p.m. **RECEPTION** on the occasion of Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting, 2012
hosted by **H.E. Mr. Gerhard REIWEGER**, Ambassador of Republic of Austria to Bulgaria
(by personal invitation only)

4 APRIL 2012

LOCATION

Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Iskar Street 9, 1058 Sofia

8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members

8:45–8:55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO SESSION** (by invitation)

9:00–10:30 a.m. **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

**OVERVIEW AND VISIONS FOR THE LIBERALISATION
OF THE REGIONAL MARKET**

MODERATION and OPENING

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

WELCOME ADDRESS

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MAIN STATEMENTS

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria,
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H.E. Ms. Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister of Regional Development and
Public Works of the Republic of Bulgaria

STATEMENTS

Mr. Andreas MAIERHOFER, CEO, MobilTel AD Bulgaria

Mr. Tsvetan SIMEONOV, President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)

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

Prof. Dr. Agni Vlavianos ARVANITIS, Founder and President, Biopolitics International
Organisation, Athens, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum

Q and A Session

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

10:30–11:00 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 a.m.–
12:30 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

**LIBERALISATION OF THE ENERGY MARKET.
PROTECTION OF COMPETITION**

MODERATION

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

IMPULSE STATEMENT

H.E. Mr. Delyan DOBREV, Minister of Economy,
Energy and Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria

MAIN STATEMENT and CONCLUSION

Mr. Jörg SOLLFELNER, Country Manager, EVN AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

PANELISTS

Mr. Svetoslav IVANOV, Deputy Executive Director, Overgas Inc. AD, Bulgaria

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with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz

Mr. Peter Georg FINK, Case Handler, Austrian Competition Authority

Q and A Session

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:30–1:30 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK** hosted by INVEST BULGARIA AGENCY

13:30–3:00 p.m. **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

**EXPERIENCES OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS
IN THE REGION**

MODERATION and STATEMENT

Mr. Borislav STEFANOV, Executive Director, InvestBulgaria Agency

MAIN STATEMENTS

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Ms. Jordanka FANDAKOVA, *Mayor of Sofia Municipality*

STATEMENTS

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Dr. Michael ANGERER, *Trade Commissioner of the Republic of Austria, Bulgaria*

Ms. Teodora BOTEVA, *International Business Development Manager, OMV Gas & Power GmbH, Austria*

Q and A Session

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:00–3:30 p.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

3:30–5:00 p.m. **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION**

LIBERALISATION OF THE LABOUR MARKET IN THE REGION**MODERATION and STATEMENT**

Mr. Kiril ZHELJAZKOV, *Director, Bulgarian Industrial Association (BIA)*

IMPULSE STATEMENT

Dr. Barbara KOLM, *Director of the Board, F. A. v. Hayek Institute, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria*

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Q and A Session

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

CONCLUSION

Mr. Tsvetan SIMEONOV, *President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry*
Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, *Member of the Board, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum*

Followed by **COCKTAIL for all participants**
 hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

6:00 p.m. **END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – SOFIA MEETING 2012**

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First Plenary Session



Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Mr. Tsvetan Simeonov, President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), H.E. Ms. Liliyana Pavlova, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria



The Chair of the First Plenary Session



H.E. Ms. Liliyana Pavlova, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria



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*Intensive Talks during
Vienna Economic Talks –
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11TH TRADITIONAL GARDEN PARTY

„Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries of Vienna Economic Forum“

15 June 2012



Traditional folklore dances

11TH TRADITIONAL GARDEN PARTY

The Board of Vienna Economic Forum together with the Ambassadors of the Member Countries invited to the 11th Traditional Garden Party „Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries of Vienna Economic Forum“.

This year the Garden Party took place in the garden of the Embassy of Ukraine, and was organized together with **H.E. Mr. Andrii Berezhnyi**, Ambassador of Ukraine. According to our motto „for a better understanding“ we had the reason to celebrate one event together, which also unites all people around the world, entrepreneurs, politicians, artists and sportsmen – the European Football Championship, which took place both in Ukraine and in Poland.



The Ambassadors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum was represented by:

- **H.E. Dr. Vili MINAROLLI, Ambassador of Albania**
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- **Councillor Mag. Silvio KUS, Embassy of Croatia**
- **Councillor Ms. Ayse Selcan SANLI, Turkey**

The artistic presentations were the highlight of the evening as in the years before, and the guests enjoyed the artists from Ukraine, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Romania.

The audience of more than 350 participants celebrated with good mood, delicious culinary specialities and musical performances. The unique atmosphere was a proof of how much people have in common.

PHOTO GALLERY



Preparation of the Albanian stand



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Specialities from Bosnia and Herzegovina



*Mag. Rositsa Valcheva and
Mag. Eva Stockhammer of the
team of Vienna Economic Forum*



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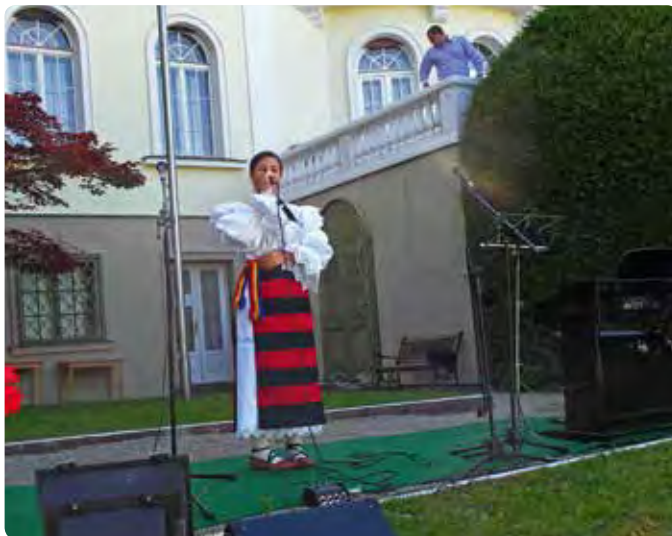
Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva and H.E. Dr. med. Zuheir Elwazer, Ambassador of Palestine



Musical performance of traditional songs from Macedonia ...



... Kosovo ...



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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET TURKEY IN VIENNA

„Turkey – Important Player in the Regional Economy“

18–19 June 2012, Vienna

in cooperation with Vienna Insurance Group,
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*Family Foto in Ringturm with high-ranking representatives of the Turkish economy and
Members of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET TURKEY IN VIENNA

„Turkey – Important Player in the Regional Economy“

After two successful conferences of Vienna Economic Talks in the years 2007 and 2011 in Istanbul, and as an answer to the more and more intensive Austrian-Turkish economic relations and to welcome high ranking representatives of the Turkish economy in Vienna, Vienna Economic Forum was proud of the large interest of companies and decision makers from Austria, Turkey and the whole region to this special edition of Vienna Economic Talks about Turkey in 2012.

Topics were:

- Turkey – Partner with Dynamic Economic Development
- Turkey – Important Player in the Regional Economy
- Experiences and Concrete Success Stories – Ask the Pioneers of Regional Cooperation
- Share your Visions – Economic Perspectives for the Region

President **Dr. Erhard Busek** and Secretary General **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** could welcome 200 participants from 16 countries (apart from Austria and Turkey also Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland).

The opening on the first day took place in Ringturm of Vienna Insurance Group and **Dr. Martin Simhandl**, Member of the Board of Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum welcomed the high-ranking participants. On the second day the meeting took place in Beletage, with support of Verbund AG and we are proud about the participation and hospitality of Verbund AG and **Dr. Günther Rabensteiner**, Member of the Board of Verbund AG and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum.

Also a high-ranking delegation from Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK) under **Mr. F. Sadi Gücüm**, Member of the Board of Cukurova Holding A.S. and Member of Vienna Economic Forum was welcomed, and a high delegation of Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED) under its President **Mr. Erdem Cenesiz**.

During „Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Turkey in Vienna 2012“ a **Memorandum of Understanding** between Vienna Economic Forum and Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (**TÜRKONFED**) was signed, to deepen the cooperation between the two organisations.

In the frame of the event and as an important sign of the growing economic relations in different sectors of the regional cooperation, the **opening of a new branch of DenizBankAG**, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, was celebrated in Baden. The opening took place with **Mr. Hakan Ates**, CEO of DenizBank Financial Services Group, together with **Mr. Ahmet Mesut Ersoy**, CEO of DenizBankAG Austria and Member of Vienna Economic Forum. As representative of the Government of Lower Austria and representing Governor **Dr. Erwin Pröll**, **Ms. Dipl. Päd. Erika Adensamer** welcomed the many participants.



PROGRAM

18 JUNE 2012

LOCATION

Ringturm – Vienna Insurance Group,
Schottenring 30, 1010 Vienna

16:30 p.m. **REGISTRATION**
Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings,
organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members

16:45 p.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitation)

17:00-18:45 p.m. **DAY 1 – OPENING SESSION**

TURKEY – PARTNER WITH DYNAMIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moderation and Opening

Dr. Martin SIMHANDL, *Member of the Board, Vienna Insurance Group,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Welcome Address

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

Main Statement

Mr. Levent SISMANOGLU, *General Manager, Member of the Board Ray Sigorta A.S.*

Statements

Mr. Selahattin HAKMAN, *President of Energy Unit, Haci Ömer Sabanci Holding A.S.,
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Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER, *Member of the Board, VERBUND AG,
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Mr. Hakan ATES, *CEO, DenizBank Financial Services Group*

Mr. Franz BICHLER, *CEO, Erste Securities
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Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT, *CEO, Volksbank International AG,
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Mr. Alp Halil YÖRÜK, *Head of Corporate Communications and Government Affairs,
Siemens Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.*

Mr. Gokce KABATEPE, *Managing Director, Raiffeisen Investment Turkey*

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

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

Followed by

**RECEPTION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS –
MEET TURKEY IN VIENNA**

19 JUNE 2012

LOCATION

Beletage – Vereinshaus des Österreichischen Ingenieur- und Architekten-
Vereins, Eschenbachgasse 9, 1010 Vienna

8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION** and **COFFEE** hosted by BÄREN BATTERIE GMBH

8:45–8:55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitation)

9:00–10:45 a.m. **DAY 2 – FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

TURKEY – IMPORTANT PLAYER IN THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

Moderation and Opening

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

Introductory Statement

H. E. Ms. Ayse SEZGIN, *Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the Republic of Austria*

Main Statements

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

Ms. Bernadette GIERLINGER, *Vice Minister,
Economic Policy and European Integration, Federal
Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria*

Statements

Mr. Erdem CENESIZ, *President, Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation
(TÜRKONFED)*

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

Mr. Konstantin BEKOS, *Commercial Counsellor, AußenwirtschaftsCenter Ankara,
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber*

Mr. Cafer OKRAY, *Chairman, Udas Consulting A.S.,
Member of the Marmara Group Foundation, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum,
Member of DEİK*

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

Ms. Canan CELEBIOGLU TOKGÖZ, *Deputy Chairman, Celebi Aviation Holding AS*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

Followed by

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Signing Ceremony between Vienna Economic Forum and Turkish Enterprise and
Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED)

10:45–11:15 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 a.m. –
12:45 p.m. **DAY 2 – SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

EXPERIENCES AND CONCRETE SUCCESS-STORIES ASK THE PIONEERS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

Moderation and Statement

Mr. Bernhard RABERGER, CFO, Enerjisa, Verbund/Sabancı Joint Venture,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement

Mr. Bruno DENIS, Head of Division Turkey, European Investment Bank

Statements

Mr. Ömer SÜSLİ, President, Turkish Businessmen Association in Romania (TIAD),
Chairman of DEİK, Turkish-World Business Council Balkan Region Committee,
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Mr. Otto MUSILEK, E-On Gas Storage GmbH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria

Ms. Dragijana Radonjic PETROVIC, State Secretary for Regional Development and
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Mr. Sava DALBOKOV, Member of the Managing Board, Steiermärkische Bank und
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Mr. Birol ERGÜVEN, CEO, Energy Trade and Business Development, Limak Energy Trade,
Turkey

Mr. Anton AUFNER, Head of Department, WIFI Team International, Austria

Mr. Bozidar LAGANIN, Director of Serbia Investment and Export Promotion Agency

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:45–13:45 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

13:45–15:30 p.m. **DAY 2 – THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

SHARE YOUR VISIONS : INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT – ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES FOR THE REGION

Moderation

Mr. F. Sadi GÜCÜM, Board Member, CUKUROVA Holding A.S., Chairman of DEİK/
Turkish-Austrian Business Council, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement

Amb. Dr. Heidemaria GÜRER, former Austrian Ambassador to Turkey;
Head of Department for Eastern Europe, Western Balkans, Southern Caucasus,
Central Asia and Central European Initiative, Federal Ministry for European and
International Affairs of the Republic of Austria

Statements

Mr. Nurlu ESEMENLI, President, ADBA Integrated Marketing Communications A.S.,
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Mr. Marco GARCIA, Commercial Counsellor, AußenwirtschaftsCenter Istanbul,
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of International Economic Relations and Finance of Serbia

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

Concluding Words

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

Followed by

COCKTAIL for all participants

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members

16:30 p.m.

END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET TURKEY IN VIENNA

17:00 p.m.

Bus – Transport to Baden

18:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF DENIZBANK AG BADEN BRANCH

18:30 p.m.

COCKTAIL WITH BUFFET

hosted by DenizBank AG

21:00 p.m.
and
21:30 p.m.

Bus – Return to Vienna – Karlsplatz/Opera

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Official Opening on the first day in Ringturm by Dr. Martin Simhandl, Member of the Board, Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum



Presentation of Lansky, Ganzger + Partner Attorneys and their activities in Turkey



Dr. Gabriel Lansky, Lansky, Ganzger + Partner Attorneys, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Family Foto on the second day in Beletage with Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H. E. Ms. Ayse Sezgin, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the Republic of Austria, Ms. Bernadette Gierlinger, Vice Minister, Economic Policy and European Integration, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria, Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Mr. F. Sadi Gücüm, Board Member, ÇUKUROVA Holding A.S., Chairman of DEİK/Turkish-Austrian Business Council, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Mr. Bernhard Raberger, CFO, Enerjisa, Verbund/Sabancı Joint Venture, Member of Vienna Economic Forum





Audience



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Signing of a Memorandum of
Understanding between Vienna
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9TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

„Quo vadis, Europe? Regional Cooperation for European Integration“

18–19 November 2012, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna, Austria



Family Foto in Palais Niederösterreich with H.E. Ms. Mimoza Kusari-Lila, Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo, H.E. Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo, H.E. Dr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, Dr. Georg Pötlz, CEO of Österreichische Post AG, and Members of the Board and of the Ambassadors Committee and Partners of Vienna Economic Forum

9TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

18–19 November 2012, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna

For the 9th time, **President Dr. Erhard Busek** and **Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** had the great pleasure to welcome in the wonderful location of Palais Niederösterreich around 480 participants from 36 countries throughout the world.

The motto was „**Quo vadis, Europe? Regional Cooperation for European Integration**“

Topics:

- *Regional Cooperation for European Integration*
- *Growth and Finance – Motors in New Frameworks. Infrastructure and Innovative Locations. The Fresh Wind*
- *The Danube Region – European Challenges. Energy, Transport, Logistics. Social Responsibility*
- *Ministerial Session: Quo vadis, Europe? Exchange of Ideas from the Southeast European Perspective*

Former Vice Chancellor **Dr. Erhard Busek**, **President** of Vienna Economic Forum, and **Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** were pleased to welcome on the Opening Day of the Forum **H.E. Dr. Johannes Hahn**, **European Commissioner for Regional Policy** as Speaker of Honour, **Dr. Georg Pölzl**, **CEO of Österreichische Post AG**, and also numerous partners and members of Vienna Economic Forum, with whom Vienna Economic Forum has also a Memorandum of Understanding:

- **Ms. Mijgan Suver**, *President of the EU and Human Rights Platform, 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*
- **Amb. Mr. Alain Brian Bergant**, *Secretary General, Bled Strategic Forum, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia*
- **Mr. Alex Munteanu**, *Managing Director Private Equity at Dragon Capital, Chairman, Business Advisory Council (BAC SEE), Thessaloniki, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

It was a pleasure for President **Dr. Erhard Busek**, and Secretary General **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**, to congratulate **Dr. Georg Pölzl**, **CEO of Österreichische Post AG**, to the Nomination of Österreichischen Post AG with the „**Vienna Economic Forum Award for the Partner of the Year 2012**“, in the frame of the Opening Ceremony.

A **Memorandum of Understanding** with Strategic Partners of Vienna Economic Forum was signed with:

- **Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria – CEIBG, Sofia**
- **International Business and Diplomatic Exchange – IBDE, London**

On the second day of the Forum President Dr. Busek and Secretary General Dr. Kirtcheva welcomed **H.E. Dr. Erwin Pröll**, **Governor of Lower Austria** as Guest of Honour, who held a Welcome Statement in the First Opening Plenary Session. It was an honour for Vienna Economic Forum to welcome **H.E. Dr. Maria Fekter**, **Federal Minister of Finance** of the Republic of Austria, with a Main Statement on the 9th Vienna Economic Forum as a speaker with the topic „Growth and Finance – Motors in new Frameworks“.

In her Welcome Statement **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** underlined the role of the 9th Vienna Economic Forum in the region Southeast Europe and gave an overview on the success story of Vienna Economic Forum. **Dr. Herbert Stepic**, **CEO of Raiffeisen Bank International AG** and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum pointed out the strong role of the banks in the region and underlined the good relations between Austria and Southeast Europe.

H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann, **Federal Chancellor** of the Republic of Austria and **Patron of Vienna Economic Forum**, took part in the Forum for the fourth time. He pronounced the importance of cooperation in the region and the role of Vienna Economic Forum. The function of Austria and its neighbours in the heart of Europe was expressed with the words: „Austria is a reliable partner for its neighbours. The cooperation with the countries of Central and Southeastern Europe is a basis for the success. Also in economically difficult times.“

The „**Vienna Economic Forum Award 2012 – for his contribution to the economic development on the national and regional level in the countries of Vienna Economic Forum**“ was handed over in the frame of the Ministerial Session „Quo vadis, Europe? Exchange of Ideas from the Southeast European Perspective“ to:

H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann, **Federal Chancellor** of the Republic of Austria, **Patron of Vienna Economic Forum**, **H.E. Mr. Igor Luksic**, **Prime Minister of Montenegro**, **Patron of Vienna Economic Forum**, and **H.E. Ms. Mimoza Kusari-Lila**, **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of Kosovo**.

Further high-ranking guests were:

- **H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ**, *Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo*
- **Ms. Bernadette GIERLINGER**, *Vice Minister, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of the Republic of Austria*
- **Dr. Cristian DIACONESCU**, *Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Presidential Adviser of the President of Romania*
- **Dr. Johann SOLLGRUBER**, *Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Head of political department*

Besides the VIP guests, Prime Ministers, Deputy Prime Ministers and Ministers from the member states also the following strategic partner organisations of Vienna Economic Forum were represented:

- **Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe (BAC)**, Thessaloniki, **Greece**
- **Bled Strategic Forum**, **Slovenia**
- **The Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK)**,
- **EastEuroCo Executive Search Group**, Budapest, **Hungary**
- **European Center for Environmental Economy (ECEE)**, Sofia, **Bulgaria**
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- **Organisation für Internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen (OiER)**, **Austria**
- **Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI)**, Sofia, **Bulgaria**

Vienna Economic Forum thanks all cooperation partners, members and partners of Vienna Economic Forum for the continuous support and also for the support of the 9th VEF:



PROGRAM

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 , <i>Member of the Board, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum</i>
	Opening speeches Dr. Erhard BUSEK , <i>President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria</i> Dr. Georg PÖLZL , <i>CEO, Österreichische Post AG</i>
	Speaker of Honour H.E. Dr. Johannes HAHN , <i>European Commissioner for Regional Policy</i>
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	SIGNING CEREMONY of a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Vienna Economic Forum and Strategic Partners and 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 9 th Vienna Economic Forum hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Österreichische Post AG

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 , <i>Member of the Board, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum</i>
	Welcome Statement H.E. Dr. Erwin PRÖLL , <i>Governor of the Province of Lower Austria</i>
	Introductory Statements Ms. Bernadette GIERLINGER , <i>Vice Minister, Economic Policy and European Integration, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria</i>
	Dr. Erhard BUSEK , <i>President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria</i>
	Main Statements Mr. Emmanuel FOREST , <i>CEO, BOUYGUES Europe, Belgium, Member of Vienna Economic Forum</i> H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ , <i>Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo</i> Amb. Mr. Evgenij IVANOV , <i>Executive Director, The Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria (CEIBG)</i> Mr. Thomas HANEDER , <i>Partner, TPA HORWATH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum</i> Mr. Matjaz RAKOVEC , <i>President of the Management Board, Triglav Insurance Company, Ltd, Slovenia</i> Mr. Zarko PRIMORAC , <i>Member of the Supervisory Board, HRVATSKA ELEKTROPRIVREDA d.d., Croatia</i>
	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, Kommunalkredit 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 SBERBANK Europe 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,
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Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner,
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Mr. Vladimir CUPIC, Chairman of the Executive Board, Hypo Alpe Adria Bank a.d.
Beograd, Serbia

Ms. Kori UDOVICKI, President, Center for Advanced Economic Studies (CEVES)
Belgrade, Serbia

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,
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DI Peter UMUNDUM, Member of the Board,
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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,
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Keynote Speaker

H.E. Mr. Werner FAYMANN, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria,
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Statements

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

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

Q AND A SESSION

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5:30 p.m.

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

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, President of Vienna Economic Forum,
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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)

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Main Statement of H.E. Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo



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Second Plenary Session „Growth and Finance – Motors in New Frameworks. Infrastructure and Innovative Locations. The Fresh Wind“ with H.E. Dr. Maria Fekter, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria



Main Statement of H.E. Dr. Maria Fekter, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria



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H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum welcoming H.E. Mr. Igor Luksic, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

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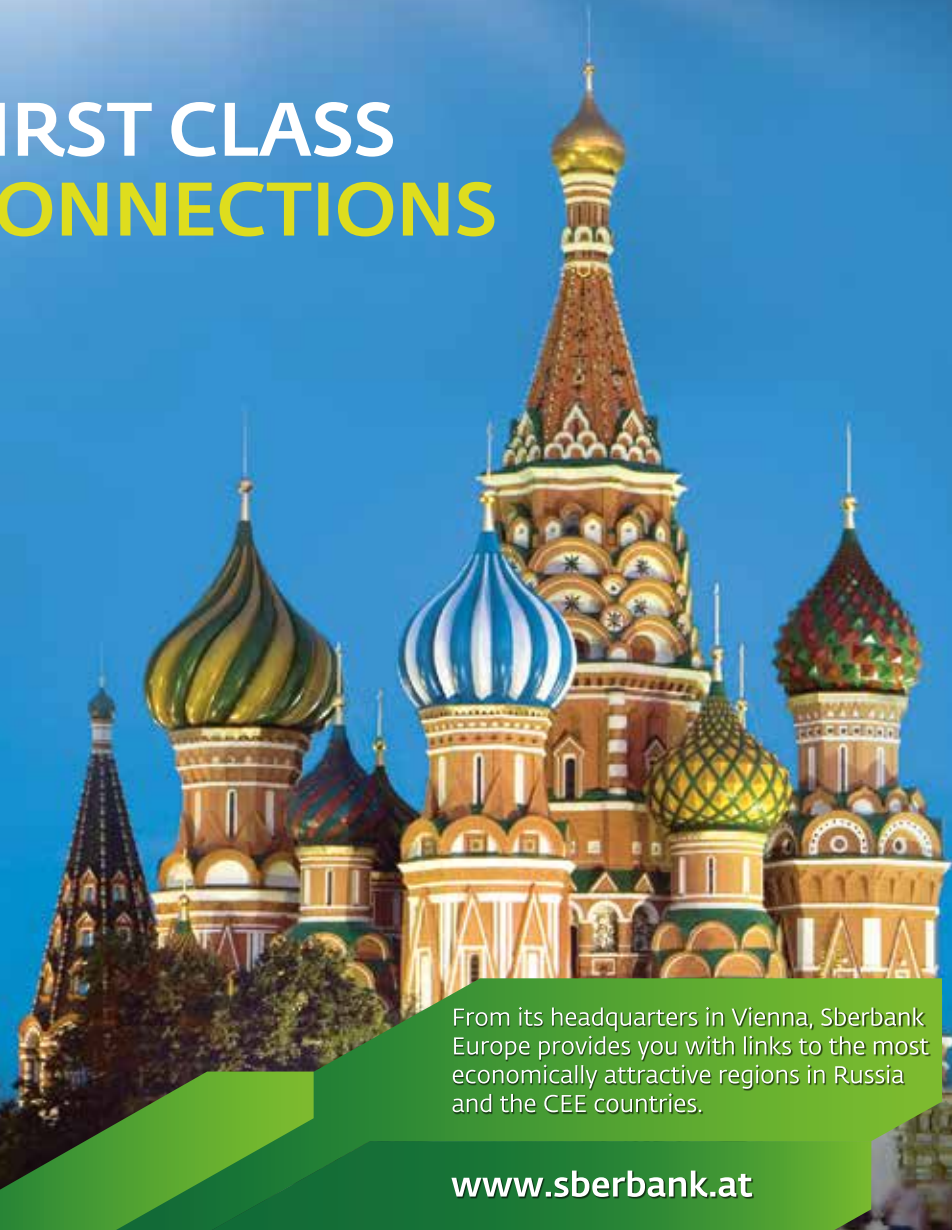
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Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva welcomed Ambassador Dr. Heidemaria Gürer, former Austrian Ambassador to Turkey and now Head of Department for Eastern Europe, Western Balkans, Southern Caucasus, Central Asia and Central European Initiative at the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria and Austrian Honorary Consuls in Turkey for a meeting in the premises of Vienna Economic Forum



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