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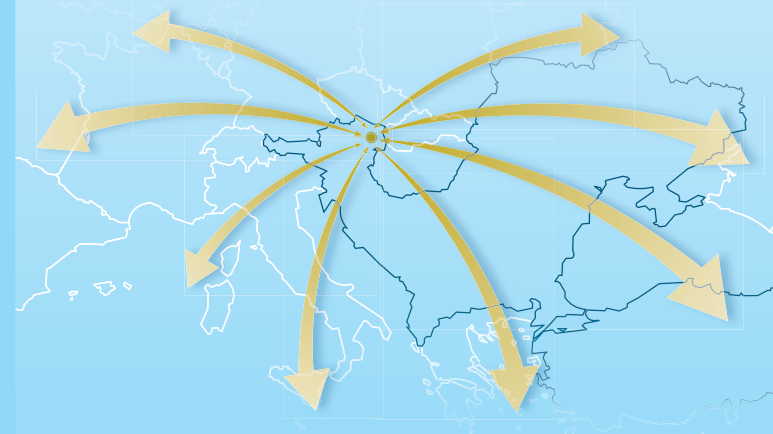
15th Jubilee VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2018

“Economy meets Politics”

Under the Patronage of
H.E. Mr. Sebastian Kurz
Federal Chancellor of Austria

19 November 2018
House of Engineers, Ceremonial Hall
Eschenbachgasse 9
1010 Vienna



Working Language: German and English
Simultaneous Translation will be provided

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2018

LOCATION

Hotel Imperial
Kärntner Ring 16, 1015 Vienna

6:00–8:00 p.m. **WELCOME COCKTAIL (by personal invitation)**

hosted by the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum
and Verbund AG



MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2018

LOCATION

House of Engineers, Ceremonial Hall
Eschenbachgasse 9, 1010 Vienna

8:45–9:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION**9:50 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**

10:00–10:45 a.m. **OPENING of 15th Jubilee
Vienna Economic Forum –
VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2018**

Moderation

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

Welcome Words

Dr. Kari KAPSCH, President of *Österreichischer
Verband für Elektrotechnik*
DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER,
Member of the Board of *Verbund AG*
President of Vienna Economic Forum

Impulse Statement

H.E. Mag. Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister
for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media, Austria

External View

Dr. Ivan KRASSTEV, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal
Strategies in Sofia, Permanent fellow at the *Institute of
Human Sciences IWM in Vienna*

10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. **PODIUM DISCUSSION – Economy meets Politics**

**REGIONAL COOPERATION AS A PART
OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.
DIGITALISATION – BRIDGING GAPS
AND CHANCE TO LEAPFROG**

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Moderation of the Discussion

Mr. Heinz MESSINGER, Managing Director,
AME International GmbH
Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement

H.E. Ms. Mariya GABRIEL, European Commissioner
for Digital Economy and Society

Participants from the Side of the Politics

H.E. Mr. Edi RAMA, Prime Minister of Albania
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Dr. Denis ZVIZDIĆ, Chairman of the Council
of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Ramush HARADINAJ, Prime Minister
of Kosovo

Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Zoran ZAEV, Prime Minister of Macedonia
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Duško MARKOVIĆ, Prime Minister
of Montenegro

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Participants from the Side of the Economy

DI Peter UMUNDUM, Member of the Board of
Österreichische Post AG, Vice-President of
Vienna Economic Forum

Mag. Stefan SZYSZKOWITZ, CEO, Spokesman
of the Executive Board, *EVN AG*, Member of the Board
of Vienna Economic Forum

Mag. Hermann ANDERL, Managing Director,
CANON CEE GmbH, Vice-President of
Vienna Economic Forum

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

Mag. Thomas ARNOLDNER, CEO, *AI Telekom
Austria Group*, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

Signing of a

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for establishing a Digital ICT School

1:00–2:00 p.m. **INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS for all participants**

in the framework of a
GET-TOGETHER LUNCH

hosted by the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum
and Österreichische Post AG

2:00–4:00 p.m. **AFTERNOON WORKING SESSION**

**A STRONG EUROPE THROUGH
A STRONG ECONOMIC CONNECTION:
BUILDING BRIDGES**

Moderation of the Discussion

Amb. Victor JACKOVICH, President,
Jackovich International, LLC, USA
Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Impulse Statement

Mag. Harald NEUMANN, CEO, *Novomatic AG*,
Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum, Honorary
Consul of Romania with consular district Lower Austria

External View

Dr. Daniel THORNILEY, President *DT-Global
Business Consulting*

Participants from the Side of the Politics

H.E. Mr. Damian GJIKNURI, Minister
of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania

H.E. Dr. Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister of the
Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

H.E. Mr. Kreshnik BEKTESHI, Minister
of Economy of Macedonia

H.E. Prof. Dr. Anton ANTON, Minister of Energy
of Romania

H.E. Mr. Zdravko POČIVALŠEK, Minister
of Economic Development and Technology
of Slovenia

Participants from the Side of the Economy

Dr. Ognian DONEV, Chairman of the Board of
Directors and Executive Director, *Sopharma PLG,
Bulgaria*, Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Emmanuel FOREST, CEO,
BOUYGUES Europe SA, Belgium

Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Ludwig NIESSEN, Member of the Board,

COO/CTO Wiener Börse AG

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Dr. Stephan PACHINGER, Partner, *Freshfields
Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*

Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Kurt GOLLOWITZER, CEO,

Wien Holding GmbH

Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

4:30–5:00 p.m. **ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY
of Vienna Economic Forum**5:00 p.m. **INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS for all participants**

in the framework of a
FAREWELL COCKTAIL

hosted by the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum
and Novomatic AG


6:00 p.m. **END OF 15th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum –
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