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18th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2021

Economy Meets Politics in a Digital World

During the Slovenian Presidency
of the Council of the EU 2021

Energy Transition Infrastructure and Financial Challenges for the Countries of the VEF Region

22 November 2021

Federation of Austrian Industries
House of Industry
Schwarzenbergplatz 4
1030 Vienna



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PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2021

LOCATION

Hotel Imperial
Kärntner Ring 16, 1015 Vienna

6:00–8:00 p.m. **WELCOME COCKTAIL (by invitation)**
hosted by the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum
and Verbund AG



MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2021

LOCATION

Federation of Austrian Industries, House of Industry
Schwarzenbergplatz 4
1030 Vienna

ONLINE Participants

via LIVE STREAMING LINK:

<https://juraczka-live.at/events/d1ykiEq2OelbYuom>
also available on the
Vienna Economic Forum Homepage:
www.vienna-economic-forum.com
and on Europe by Satellite (EbS)

Moderation

Ms. Daniela PHILIPP

9:00–9:30 a.m. **OPENING OF THE HYBRID EDITION OF THE
18th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM**

Welcome Words

Mr. Georg KNILL

President of the Federation of Austrian Industries, **onsite**

Opening

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

Greeting Words

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

Video Messages

H.E. Mr. Janez JANŠA, Prime Minister of Slovenia
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **Video message**

DI Dr. Erwin PRÖLL, Former Governor of Lower Austria
Honorary Consul of Slovenia with the Consular District
of Lower Austria, Honorary member of Vienna Economic
Forum, **Video message**

Outline

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria
Founding Father and Honorary President of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

9:30–10:40 a.m. **1st SESSION**

ENERGY TRANSITION

Impulse Statement

H.E. Ms. Kadri SIMSON

European Commissioner for Energy, **Video statement**

Keynote

H.E. Mr. Denys SHMYHAL, Prime Minister of Ukraine
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Statements

H.E. Mr. Kreshnik BEKTESHI

Minister of Economy of North Macedonia, **onsite**

Mr. Aleksandar VLAHOVIĆ, President of Serbian
Association of Economists, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Mr. Marko PERUNOVIĆ, State Secretary for Energy
and Mining, Ministry of Capital Investments of
Montenegro, **onsite**

Mr. Admir ANDELJIJA

General Manager of JP Elektroprivreda d.d.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, **onsite**

Onsite/Online Discussion

Dr. Achim KASPAR, Member of the Executive Board
COO, Verbund AG, Vice President of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

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

Ahmet Burak DAĞLIOĞLU, President, Presidency of
the Republic of Turkey Investment Office, Member of the
Board of Vienna Economic Forum, **online from Istanbul**
DI Peter UMUNDUM, Member of the Executive Board of
the Österreichische Post AG
President of Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

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

Session Summary

Dr. Janez KOPAC, Director

Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna, **onsite**10:40–10:50 a.m. **SHORT BREAK**10:50 a.m. **2nd SESSION**

12:30 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND
FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FOR THE
COUNTRIES OF THE VEF REGION

Keynote

H.E. Mr. Edi RAMA, Prime Minister of Albania

Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **online from Tirana**

H.E. Mr. Albin KURTI, Prime Minister of Kosovo
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Main Statement

Dr. Lilyana PAVLOVA, Vice-President
European Investment Bank (EIB), **onsite**

Onsite Discussion

Mag. Thomas ARNOLDNER, CEO, A1 Telekom
Austria Group, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Mr. Wilbert VERHEIJEN, Managing Director
Canon CEE GmbH, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Mag. Peter HÖFINGER, Member of the Board of
Vienna Insurance Group AG, Cooperation Partner of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT, Managing Director
MIFI GmbH, CEO Oikocredit Austria
Member of Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Participants Onsite/Online

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

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

Mr. Emmanuel FOREST, Member of the
EU Mission Board for Climate-neutral and Smart
City, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
online from Paris

Amb. Prof. Dr. Vasilka POPOSKA-TRENEVSKA
Honorary member of Vienna Economic Forum
Representative of OMEKS d.o.o. Slovenia, **onsite**

Dr. Nina DRAKIĆ, Acting President, Chamber of
Economy of Montenegro, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum, **onsite**

Dr. Dennis HESSELING, Head of Department
Infrastructure, Gas and Retail, EU Agency for the
Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) with
Headquarters in Ljubljana, **onsite**

Session Summary

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

12:30 p.m.

**END OF 18th Vienna Economic Forum –
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