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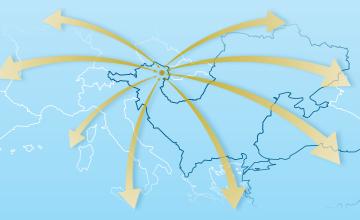
**VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2023** 

CONTINUING TO BUILD ECONOMIC BRIDGES DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

**13 November 2023** 

Vienna City Hall/Wiener Rathaus Festive Hall/Festsaal

> Lichtenfelsgasse 2 1010 Vienna



Working Languages: German and English Simultaneous Translation will be provided

# **PROGRAMME**

## SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2023

5:00 p.m. **CEREMONIAL OPENING** 

6:00-8:00 p.m. WELCOME COCKTAIL

## MONDAY. 13 NOVEMBER 2023

LOCATION

**Vienna City Hall/Wiener Rathaus** Festive Hall/Festsaal

Lichtenfelsgasse 2, 1010 Vienna

8:00-8:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION** 

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

9:00–9:30 a.m. 1st OPENING SESSION

### CONTINUING TO BUILD ECONOMIC BRIDGES **DURING DIFFICULT TIMES**

#### **Opening**

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

#### **Welcoming Words**

Mr. Jürgen CZERNOHORSZKY

Executive City Councillor of the City of Vienna

H.E. Mag. Karoline EDTSTADLER, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria

#### **Greeting Words**

Dr. Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL

Federal Chancellor of Austria (2000-2007)

Founding father of Vienna Economic Forum

DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER Honorary President of Vienna Economic Forum

#### Introduction

Amb. Victor JACKOVICH President of Vienna Economic Forum President, Jackovich International LLC, USA 9:30-11:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION

ENSURING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL STABILITY ON THE PATH TO EUROPE CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Moderation

Ms. Daniela PHILIPP

#### **Main Statement**

H.E. Dr. Magnus BRUNNER, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria

#### **Impulse Statements**

Mr. Kyriacos KAKOURIS, Vice President European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg Mr. Mark BOWMAN, Vice President European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), UK

#### **Participants in the Discussion**

Mag. Peter HÖFINGER, Deputy General Manager and Deputy Chairman of the Managing Board Vienna Insurance Group AG (VIG) Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Bekir POLAT, Vice-President, Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Investment Office Representative of the Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Georg BUCHER, Member of the Management Board Steiermärkische Bank and Sparkassen AG

Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum Mr. Aleksandar VLAHOVIĆ, President of

Serbian Association of Economists

Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum Dr. Barbara KOLM, President, Friedrich A. v. Hayek Institute, Vienna

Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum Mr. Kalin PESHOV, MBA, Chairman of the

Management Board of Glavbolgarstroy Holding (GBS) Bulgaria, Cooperation Partner of

Q and A Session (led by the Moderator)

11:00-11:30 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK** 

**BILATERAL TALKS** (organized by VEF)

Vienna Economic Forum

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## 3rd SESSION

ACTING TOGETHER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EUROPEAN FUTURE - INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION

#### Moderation

Ms. Daniela PHILIPP

## **Impulse Statements**

DI Wolfgang ANZENGRUBER

Former CEO of Verbund AG (2009–2020) Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Wilbert VERHEIJEN Managing Director, Canon CEE GmbH

Cooperation Partner and Member of the Board of

Vienna Economic Forum

#### Participants in the Discussion

Dr. Lilyana PAVLOVA

Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria (2014–2017)

Minister of Bulgaria's Presidency of the Council of the EU (2017-2018)

Vice-President of European Investment Bank (EIB) (2019-2023)

Mr. Yiannis THOMATOS, Vice-President

Delphi Economic Forum, Greece

Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum H.E. Mag. Bogdan BOGDANOV

Minister of Economy and Industry of Bulgaria Amb. Prof. Dr. Vesna BOROZAN, Head of Power

Systems Department, University "Sts. Cyril and Methodius", Skopje, North Macedonia

Honorary Member of Vienna Economic Forum Prof. Dr. Danica PURG

President IEDC-Bled School of Management, Slovenia Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum

Ms. Līga ROZENTĀLE, Deputy State Secretary Ministry of Climate and Energy of Latvia

Mr. Lulzim RAFUNA, President of the Managing Board, Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum President of Kosovo Chamber of Commerce

Q and A Session (led by the Moderator)

1:00-2:00 p.m. NETWORKING LUNCH

**BILATERAL TALKS** (organized by VEF)

2:00–2:05 p.m. FAMILY PHOTO (by personal invitation)

2:05–4:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> SESSION

ALPHA SESSION - ASK THE DECISION MAKERS **BUILDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN** DIFFICULT TIMES

#### Moderation

Mag. Christian ULTSCH, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Head of Foreign Policy Department, Die Presse

### Opening

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

# **Impulse Statement**

H.E. Mr. Paolo GENTILONI

*European Commissioner for Economy* 

# **Participants in the Discussion**

H.E. Acad. Nikolai DENKOV, Prime Minister of BULGARIA, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum H.E. Mr. Albin KURTI, Prime Minister of KOSOVO Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Dimitar KOVACHEVSKI Prime Minister of **NORTH MACEDONIA** 

Patron of Vienna Economic Forum Mr. Dumitru ALAIBA, Deputy Prime Minister Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization

of MOLDOVA

H.E. Mr. Nik GJELOSHAJ, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy, Minister of Economic Development of MONTENEGRO

## **External View**

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

Q and A Session (led by the Moderator)

4:00–4:20 p.m. **Summary** 

Amb. Victor JACKOVICH

President of Vienna Economic Forum President, Jackovich International LLC, USA

4:20–4:30 p.m. Concluding Words

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

SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY of the 20th JUBILEE VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

4:30 p.m.

END of the 20th JUBILEE VIENNA ECONOMIC **FORUM – VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2023**