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**20<sup>th</sup> VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM  
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**CONTINUING TO BUILD  
ECONOMIC BRIDGES  
DURING DIFFICULT TIMES**

**13 November 2023**

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Festive Hall/Festsaal**

**Lichtenfelsgasse 2  
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## 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. **1<sup>st</sup> OPENING SESSION**

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

**Opening**  
 Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, *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  
 Vienna Economic Forum*

**Q and A Session** (led by the Moderator)

11:00–11:30 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**  
**BILATERAL TALKS** (organized by VEF)

11:30 a.m.–  
1:00 p.m.**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 KIRTICHEVA, *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 KRASTEVEV, *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 KIRTICHEVA, *Member of the Board  
 Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum*

**SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY of the  
 20<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM**

4:30 p.m. **END of the 20<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE VIENNA ECONOMIC  
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