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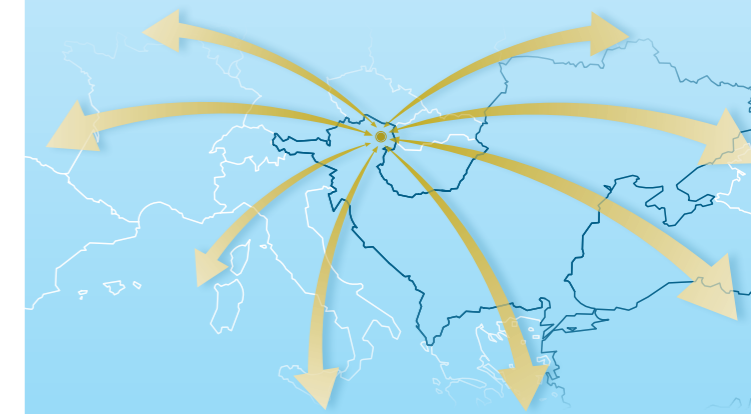
## 21<sup>st</sup> VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2024

REGIONAL ECONOMY AS PART OF THE  
EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL ECONOMY

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## PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2024

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

MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2024

**LOCATION**  
**Haus der Ingenieure**  
**Eschenbachgasse 9, 1010 Vienna**  
**Beletage**

8:00–8:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION**8:45–8:55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**9:00–9:30 a.m. **1<sup>st</sup> OPENING SESSION**

**REGIONAL ECONOMY AS PART OF THE**  
**EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL ECONOMY**

**Moderation**  
**Ms. Daniela PHILIPP**

**Opening Words**  
**Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**  
*Founder and Member of the Board*  
**Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum**

**Welcoming Words**  
**Amb. Dr. Emil BRIX**, *Director*  
*Diplomatische Akademie Wien (DA)*  
*Vienna School of International Studies*  
**President of Vienna Economic Forum**

**Greeting Words**  
**Mr. Walid FARGHAL**, *Director General*  
*AIM Congress, United Arab Emirates (UAE)*  
*Event Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*  
**Ms. Sujatha UG**, *Vice President, Global Partnership*  
*Team, Invest India, Senior Advisor of*  
**World Association of Investment Promotion**  
**Agencies (WAIPA)**

**Impulse Statement**  
**H.E. Mag. Karoline EDTSTADLER**  
*Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the*  
**Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria**  
*on behalf of the Federal Government of the*  
**Republic of Austria**

9:30–11:00 a.m. **2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION**

**DEVELOPING THE ECONOMY IN THE REGION**  
**FROM THE ADRIATIC TO THE BLACK SEA**  
**AS PART OF THE EUROPEAN AND**  
**GLOBAL ECONOMY**

**Moderation**  
**Ms. Daniela PHILIPP**

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

**Participants in the Discussion**  
**H.E. Mr. Kaspars BRIŠKENS**  
*Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia*  
**DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER**  
*Managing Partner – COO/CTO eHydro500*  
**Honorary President of Vienna Economic Forum**  
**Mr. Bekir POLAT**, *Vice-President, Presidency of the*  
*Republic of Türkiye Investment Office*  
**Cooperation Partner of Vienna Economic Forum**  
**Mr. Christoph DENK**, *Managing Director for Policy*  
*Strategy and Delivery, European Bank for*  
**Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), UK**  
**Dr. Stéphane STRAUB**, *Chief Economist for*  
*Infrastructure, World Bank Group, USA*

**Main Statement**  
**H.E. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin KOCHER**  
*Federal Minister of Labour and Economy of the*  
**Republic of Austria**

**Q AND A SESSION**  
 with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

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

11:30 a.m.–  
1:00 p.m.**3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION**

**SHARED RESPONSIBILITY OF ECONOMY AND**  
**POLITICS FOR A SECURE EUROPEAN FUTURE**

**Moderation**  
**Ms. Daniela PHILIPP**

**Main Statement**  
**Mr. Matteo RIVELLINI**  
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**Dipl. Ing. Dr. Sabine HERLITSCHKA**, *MBA*  
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**Mr. Sezgin BILGIÇ**, *Secretary General*  
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**Invest Moldova Agency**  
**Mr. Nikola VUJOVIĆ**, *Vice President of the*  
**Chamber of Economy of Montenegro**  
**Cooperation Partner of Vienna Economic Forum**

**Q AND A SESSION**  
 with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

1:00–2:00 p.m. **NETWORKING LUNCH**  
**Possibilities for BILATERAL TALKS**  
 (organized by VEF)

2:00–3:45 p.m. **4<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

**ECONOMIC COOPERATION**  
**IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER**

**Discussion led by**  
**Amb. Victor JACKOVICH**  
*Former President of Vienna Economic Forum*  
*President of Jackovich International LLC, USA*

**Impulse Statement**  
**H.E. Mr. Albin KURTI**  
*Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo*  
**Patron of Vienna Economic Forum**

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**Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum**  
**Dr. Olegas NIAKŠU**, *Vice-Minister of Health of the*  
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**Mag. Frank SCHUSTER**, *Director*  
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*Group Office in Austria, Vienna*  
**Amb. Dr. Emil BRIX**  
*Director, Diplomatische Akademie Wien (DA)*  
*Vienna School of International Studies*  
**President of Vienna Economic Forum**

**Q AND A SESSION**  
 with the Audience

3:45–4:00 p.m. **Concluding Words**  
**Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**  
*Founder and Member of the Board*  
**Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum**

**Followed by**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PARTNERSHIPS**  
**and**  
**ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY**

4:00 p.m. **END OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM –**  
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