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QUO VADIS, EUROPE?
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PROGRAM

SUNDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 2012

LOCATION

Palais Niederösterreich,
Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna



5:30 p.m. **ADMISSION** and **REGISTRATION**

6:20 p.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitation)

6:30 p.m. **OFFICIAL OPENING of the 9th Vienna Economic Forum**

Moderation

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

Opening speeches

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,
Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

Dr. Georg PÖLZL, *CEO, Österreichische Post AG*

Speaker of Honour

H.E. Dr. Johannes HAHN, *European Commissioner for
Regional Policy*

Statements

Dr. Akkan SUVER, *President, Marmara Foundation,
Turkey, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

Prof. Agni VLAVIANOS ARVANITIS, *President and
Founder, Biopolitics International Organization, Greece,
Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mr. Rudi GURAZIU, *Chief Executive, International
Business and Diplomatic Exchange (IBDE), London,
Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

Ms. Seda (KÖKNEL) ÇATALKAYA, *Secretary General,
Union of Black Sea & Caspian Confederation of Enterprises
(UBCCE), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

**SIGNING CEREMONY of a
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between Vienna Economic Forum and
Strategic Partners**

**and
ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF
VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM –
Nomination of PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2012**

7:30 p.m.

WELCOME COCKTAIL

for the participants at the
9th Vienna Economic Forum hosted by
the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
and Österreichische Post AG

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MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 2012

LOCATION

Palais Niederösterreich,
Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna



8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION** and **COFFEE**

hosted by the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum
and Bären Batterie GmbH



8:30–8:45 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitation)

9:00–10:15 a.m. **FIRST OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**QUO VADIS, EUROPE?
REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.**

Moderation and Opening

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

Introductory Statements

H.E. Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER, *Federal Minister of
Economy, Family and Youth of Austria*

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,
Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

Speaker of Honour

H.E. Dr. Erwin PRÖLL, *Governor of the Province of Lower
Austria*

Main Statements

Mr. Emmanuel FOREST, *CEO, BOUYGUES Europe,
Belgium, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ, *Minister of Economic Develop-
ment of Kosovo*

Amb. Mr. Evgenij IVANOV, *Executive Director,
The Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in
Bulgaria (CEIBG)*

Mr. Thomas HANEDER, *Partner, TPA HORWATH,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mr. Matjaz RAKOVEC, *President of the Management
Board, Triglav Insurance Company, Ltd, Slovenia*

Mr. Zarko PRIMORAC, *Member of the Supervisory Board,
HRVATSKA ELEKTROPRIVREDA d.d., Croatia*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

10:15–10:45 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

hosted by the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum

10:45 a.m.–
12:30 p.m.**SECOND PLENARY SESSION****GROWTH AND FINANCE – MOTORS IN NEW FRAMEWORKS. INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATIVE LOCATIONS. THE FRESH WIND.****Moderation**

Mr. Alois STEINBICHLER, Director of the Board, Kommunkredit Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement

H.E. Dr. Maria FEKTER, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria

Statements

Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT, CEO VOLKSBANK International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Claus J. RAIDL, President, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Mr. Haris IHTIJAREVIC, Chairman of the Management Board, Banking Agency of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Marina BLEIBTREU-HAHN, Project Manager, FAA Holding GmbH, Austria

Dr. Roland FALB, Managing Partner, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants

Dr. Peter HAROLD, Chairman of the Management Board, HYPO NOE Gruppe Bank AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:30–1:30 p.m.

LUNCH BUFFET

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and SOPHARMA A.D.



1:30–3:15 p.m.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION**THE DANUBE REGION – EUROPEAN CHALLENGES. ENERGY, TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.****Moderation and Statement**

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

Introductory Statements

Dr. Karsten BENZ, CCO, Austrian Airlines AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

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

Panelists

Dr. Hannes AMETSREITER, CEO, Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Franz WOHLFAHRT, President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. İlker AYCI, President, The Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)

DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER, Member of the Board, Verbund, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Cristian DIACONESCU, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Presidential Adviser, Chief of the Presidential Chancellery of the President of Romania

Dr. Farid SIGARI-MAJD, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Johann SOLLGRUBER, Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Head of political department

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:15–3:45 p.m.

NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and DenizBank AG



4:00–5:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL SESSION**QUO VADIS, EUROPE? EXCHANGE OF IDEAS FROM THE SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE.****Moderation and Statement**

Dr. Herbert STEPIC, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Keynote Speaker

H.E. Mr. Werner FAYMANN, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

Statements

H.E. Mr. Igor LUKSIC, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Vjekoslav BEVANDA, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Neven MIMICA, Deputy Prime Minister for Home, Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

H.E. Ms. Mimoza KUSARI-LILA, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Industry of Kosovo

Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

5:30 p.m.

CONCLUSION

PERSPECTIVES after the 9th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, *President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

5:45 p.m.

END of the 9th VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

Followed by

COCKTAIL for all participants at the 9th VEF hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

7:30 p.m.

GALA DINNER (by invitation) hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum in the Federation of Austrian Industries, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum

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