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A Success Formula

„Many thanks for the invitation to become a Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum. The economic development of an enlarged Europe is my special concern”

*H.E. Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer,
Prime Minister of the
Republic of Austria*



„Regional cooperation will lead to a stronger economic area”

*H.E. Dr. Sali Berisha,
Prime Minister of the
Republic of Albania*

„I highly appreciate the activity of Vienna Economic Forum ... to promote rapprochement of the peoples of Europe and to unite our continent”

*H.E. Ms. Yuliya
Timoshenko,
Prime Minister of Ukraine*



„I would like to express my best wishes for the success of Vienna Economic Forum and the conferences”

*Mr. Ali Babacan, Former Minister of
State in charge of Economy of the
Republic of Turkey*



„The economic development of the Western Balkans, which I hold crucial for fulfilling the European perspective ...”

*H.E. Mr. Janez Jansa,
Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia*



„This Forum will give a new impulse to the economic relations and investment opportunities”

*Dr. Vojislav Kostunica,
Former Prime Minister of the
Republic of Serbia*



„Great opportunity for strengthening and increasing economic development...”

*H.E. Mr. Calin Popescu-Tariceanu,
Prime Minister of Romania*



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„It is a great pleasure to give my personal contribution to the activities of Vienna Economic Forum“
*H.E. Dr. Nikola Spiric,
 Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina*



„Our region needs a center for making contacts, leading to investment development“
*H.E. Mr. Sergey Stanishev,
 Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria*



„The political and economic stabilisation of South-Eastern Europe is very important ... in this sense I am glad to accept your invitation to join the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum“
*H.E. Dr. Ivo Sanader,
 Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia*



„The significant role of this Forum lies in promoting and attracting foreign investments in these countries“
*H.E. Mr. Nikola Gruevski,
 Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia*



„Let me express the confidence that Vienna Economic Forum will enhance the collaboration between the states“
*H.E. Ms. Zinaida Greceanii,
 Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova*



„The countries will accelerate their economic development, emerging into the economic mainstream of Wider Europe“
*H.E. Mr. Milo Djukanovic,
 Prime Minister of Montenegro*

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Short history of a vision

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We welcome you on behalf of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum to our 5h Jubilee and we want to look back on five years of exchange of experience, regional cooperation and investment development in the Region of Vienna Economic Forum.

Our aim in October 2004 was to support from the basis Vienna the economic development of the countries from the Adriatic to the Black Sea – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine. The countries of the region had a different economic development and a different time frame regarding EU membership, and still have. We wanted to take the challenge to make these countries a special place in the process of a future European region. The melting pot of all their different forms was the basis for supporting the whole economic development in the region.

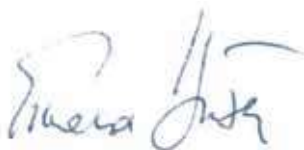
And we can say that we have successfully brought together decision makers and investors from Austria and other countries with the member countries of Vienna Economic Forum, thus giving impulses and supporting common projects and concrete activities.

After five years we already have a history as the Vienna Economic Forum, and traditionally we are holding one meeting in fall in Vienna and we are moving the other meetings to our regions. In the last five years we were happy to have been in Bucharest and Belgrade, in Ohrid in Macedonia, in Istanbul, in Chisinau, in Becici in Montenegro, in Tirana. So far our meetings have been a great success, the number of participants has been increasing from meeting to meeting, and the international response tells us that we are on the right way.

In the last years we were focussing on many precise subjects like investment, energy, transport, the regional infrastructure system, ecology, communication and technology, legal security etc. This is giving the best overview, which has already improved in the recent years and which topics still have to be discussed. We pushed forward also governments of the region to move on the one or the other subject, creating opportunities for investment. And that is the real task of the Vienna Economic Forum.

Today we want to thank first of all our founding Members, all our Patrons, the Prime Ministers of our Member Countries, the Ambassadors Committee, our Honorary Members and Members of Vienna Economic Forum for all their support and intense exchange we received in the years since the founding of Vienna Economic Forum. Many thanks to all our co-operations Partners. With your help we are creating many opportunities for further cooperation.

Thank you very much to all of you who have supported the Vienna Economic Forum in the last years to make it a renowned place of exchange and experience!



Dr. Erhard Busek
President



Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva
Secretary General



„a new idea was born“

„bright minds“

„open new horizons“



„focussing on many
precise subjects“

„Efficiency“



„a place for
intensive
regional
cooperation“

„based in
Vienna“





„Door Opener“



„giving impulses“



„opening
new
Markets“



„development
of regional
cooperation“

„Supporting
concrete projects“



„Strong
Engagement“



„international response“

„concrete results“

„motor towards the East“

„creating opportunities for further cooperation“



„define goals“



„bring together
decision makers
and investors“



„innovation“



„success stories“

„concrete activities“



„discuss Initiatives“



„successful story of privatisation“



„Economic and Social Progress“

„new ideas for the economic development of the region“

„long term engagement“



„initiatives“



„Courage
to go South East“

„find solutions“



„Investment
Development“

„push forward governments“





„real task“

„experience“

„Investment
Development“





„cooperation and development“

„Opening new Markets“



„investors experience“



„long term cooperation“



„Modern ideas“

„Networking“



„activities“



„give answers - find solutions“



„real regional engagement“



„meetings“

„Discussions“

„creativity“

„effective cooperation“



„infrastructure talks“



„development of regional cooperation“

„responsibility“



„Knowledge Management“



„real bilateral cooperation“



„success story“

„Regional cooperation supported from Vienna“



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„Vienna Economic Forum makes a substantial contribution to the cooperation process in the region“
*H.E. Dr. Martin Bartenstein,
Federal Minister for Economy and
Labour of the Republic of Austria*

„When you throw a stone into the water, you see its circles, and the same happens with the conferences of Vienna Economic Forum – you see concrete results“

*Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel,
Former Prime Minister of
the Republic of Austria*

„We have the chance of forming a region“
*Mag. Andreas Treichl,
Chairman and CEO Erste Bank,
Founding Member of
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„I am convinced that Vienna Economic Forum will make an essential contribution to the process of the realisation of an excellent investment climate in the region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.“

*Dr. Herbert Stepic, Chairman of Raiffeisen
International Bank-Holding AG, Vice Chairman of
RZB AG, Founding Member and Member of the
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„The region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea is the core region of OMV's growth strategy. For all of these investments we need a stable framework“

*Dr. Wolfgang Ruttenstorfer,
CEO OMV AG, Founding Member of
Vienna Economic Forum*

„Vienna Economic Forum for me is an important impulse in a puzzle which will sooner or later show the picture of a completely unified Europe, both economically and culturally.“

*Dr. Veit Sorger, President of the Federation
of Austrian Industries, Founding Member
of Vienna Economic Forum*



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