

VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM
INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

MEETINGS 2011

INTRODUCTION

Dear Members of Vienna Economic Forum!
Ladies and Gentleman!

It is a special pleasure to rapport to you about the year 2011: It was an important and successful Vienna Economic Forum year! Allow us to thank you cordially for that, because we owe this success you, our members!

We are proud that the Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria as Authority according to § 1 of the Federal Law on the Grant of Privileges to non-governmental international organizations, BGBl. Nr. 174/1992, BMeiA-N9.8.19.12/0036-1.2/2010 has decided that Vienna Economic Forum has received the status INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION by the Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs, as a recognition for our years of activities in the region above all of South-Eastern Europe.

In 2011 we had the responsibility and the pleasure to organise our meetings in the format Vienna Economic Talks: Vienna Economic Talks – Istanbul Meeting in May 2011, and Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Kosovo in Vienna under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Hashim Thaci, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, in October 2011.

This year we celebrated the 10th Jubilee of our Traditional Garden Party „Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries of Vienna Economic Forum“ and we are proud of the growing interest of ever more countries: beside our member countries also Romania, Hungary and Kazakhstan were presented.

The 8th Vienna Economic Forum, our annual meeting in November, in cooperation with the Ministry for Economy, Family and Youth of the Republic of Austria and H.E. Federal Minister Dr. Reinhold Mitterlehner, took place in Palais Niederösterreich in Vienna, where we had the honour to welcome H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria and H.E. Mr. Nikola Gruevski, President of the Government of Macedonia, as well as H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, H.E. Dr. Liliyana Pavlova, Minister for Regional Development of the Republic of Bulgaria, Ms. Andreja Jerina, State Secretary for Development and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Domagoj Juricic, State Secretary for Investment of the Republic of Croatia, Ms. Dragijana Radonjic Petrovic, State Secretary for Regional Development and Entrepreneurship Promotion of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Dorin Dragutanu, Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, Mr. Bojidar Danev, President of the Industrial Association of the Republic of Bulgaria, Member of the Committee of the President of the Economic Chambers of Vienna Economic Forum, Amb. Daria Krsticevic of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, Mr. Hidajet Biscevic, Secretary General of Regional Cooperation Council, Ms. Daniela Paul of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania.

The 8th Vienna Economic Forum has been a great success, we have welcomed around 400 participants from 32 countries throughout the world, from 8 international organisations and 10 partner organisations and we are very proud that Vienna Economic Forum is growing further.

We want to thank all members, partners and guests of Vienna Economic Forum for their support and active participation in 2011! We are grateful to our Board members for their engagement in the region of Vienna Economic Forum! We are grateful to all our Members for their confidence and contribution to our common events.

Thank you!

Your



Dr. Erhard Busek
President



Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva
Secretary General



On behalf of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

we are proud to announce

that the Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria as Authority according to § 1 of the Federal Law on the Grant of Privileges to international non-governmental organizations has decided that Vienna Economic Forum has received the status **International Non-Governmental Organisation** by the Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs, as a recognition for our years of activities in the region above all of South-Eastern Europe.

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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – ISTANBUL MEETING

22–23 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey



Family Foto with H.E. Dr. Heidemaria Güre, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Turkey, Dr. Paul Jenewein, General Consul of the Republic of Austria to Turkey, Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum and Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum in Palais Yeniköy, Austrian General Consulate Istanbul

With support of Enerjisa Group, Turkey

VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – ISTANBUL MEETING

Vienna Economic Forum organized on 22–23 May already for the second time Vienna Economic Talks – Istanbul Meeting was organized. The event was supported by **Enerjisa Group**, Turkey, Joint Venture of **Verbund AG** and **Sabancı Holding, Turkey**.

The high-ranking delegation of Vienna Economic Forum was led by President **Dr. Erhard Busek**, Secretary General Amb. **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**, **Dkfm. Karl Fink**, Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum, General Manager, **Vienna Insurance Group** and DI Gunter Kappacher, Director of the Board, **Siemens AG Austria**, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, and consistet of about 20 participants from Austria who together with the other participants from 14 countries of the region contributed to the highly qualitative meeting.

Topics of Vienna Economic Talks – Istanbul Meeting were

- The Economy as an Engine for the Development of the Austrian-Turkish Relations
- Development of Cooperation in different Sectors in the Countries from the Region of Vienna Economic Forum
- Turkish and CEE Energy 2023 – Building Bridges for Regional and Local Needs

Energy is an important topic for the Austrian-Turkish relations and several Austrian companies, members of Vienna Economic Forum, have been active in this area in Turkey: **Siemens AG Austria**, **Verbund AG**, **OMV AG**, **EVN AG**, **Vienna Insurance Group**, **Freshfields Bruckhaus-Deringer LLP**, represented by **Dr. Willibald Plessner**, who could also report about his long experience in Turkey. Many Turkish companies were presented, among them **Petrol Ofici**, **Ray Sigorta A.S.** and **Enerjisa Group**.

Numerous other international partners of Vienna Economic Forum, with whom there is a Memorandum of Understanding, were represented: Prof.Dr. Sedefhan Öguz – **Marmara Group**, F. Sadi Gücüm, Cafer Sait Okray and Nurlu Esemeli, Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK), Prof. Dr. Vlavianos Arvanitis – **Biopolitics International**, Athens.

The representative of the Kosovo Minister of Economic Development **Mr. Frymezim Isufaj** pointed out that the participation of so many distinguished leaders will strengthen international cooperation in all spheres of economic growth and promote a sustainable global development in the region.

Vienna Economic Forum thanks especially **H.E. Dr. Heidemaria Gürer**, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Turkey, and **General Consul Dr. Paul Jenewein** for their hospitality, to organize the First Festive Plenary Session in the location of the Austrian Consulate in Istanbul, Palais Yeniköy.

Vienna Economic Talks – Istanbul Meeting was a timely initiative, stimulating new ideas and strategies and Vienna Economic Forum is looking forward to a continuation of the exchange of experience next year in Vienna. Together with **DEİK** (Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey) Vienna Economic Forum plans the next step – „Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Turkey in Vienna“ in 2012, which will concentrate on Turkey and its important role for the economic and regional cooperation.

PROGRAM

22 MAY 2011

Palais Yeniköy**Austrian General Consulate Istanbul****Köybaşı Cad. No: 44 Pk.13 34464, Yenikoy, İstanbul**5:15 p.m. **ARRIVAL** of participants5:45–6:00 p.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitations)6:00–7:00 p.m. **FESTIVE PLENARY SESSION****THE ECONOMY AS AN ENGINE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUSTRIAN-TURKISH RELATIONS****Welcome Address and Opening****H.E. Dr. Heidemaria GÜNER**, *Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Austria to Turkey***Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,**Former Vice Chancellor of Austria***Prof. Dr. Sedefhan OĞUZ**, *Marmara Group Strategic & Social Research Foundation,**Partner of Vienna Economic Forum***Statements****Dkfm. Karl FINK**, *General Manager, WIENER STÄDTISCHE Versicherung AG**Vienna Insurance Group, Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum***Selahattin HAKMAN**, *SBU President Energy, Sabancı Holding and Chairman,**The Enerjisa Group**Successful Cooperation in Turkey*Followed by **WELCOMING COCKTAIL**

23 MAY 2011

Sakıp Sabancı Museum**Sakıp Sabancı Cad. No:42, Emirgan 334467, İstanbul****hosted by the ENERJISA GROUP**8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION** and **COFFEE**8:45–8:55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitations)9:00–10:30 a.m. **SECOND PLENARY SESSION****THE ECONOMY AS AN ENGINE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN DIFFERENT SECTORS IN THE COUNTRIES FROM THE REGION OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM****Moderation and Statement****Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,**Former Vice Chancellor of Austria***Welcome Address****Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**, *Member of the Board,**Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum***Main Statements****H.E. Taner YILDIZ**, *Minister for Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey***H.E. Dr. Besim BEQAJ**, *Minister of Economic Development of the Republic of Kosovo***Statements****F. Şadi GÜCÜM**, *Executive Director, ÇUKUROVA Holding A.Ş.; Chairman, DEİK (Foreign Economic Relations Board), Member of Vienna Economic Forum***Dr. Milan PARIVODIC**, *Former Minister of International Economic Relations of the Republic of Serbia, Chairman, Foreign Investors Services d.o.o.,**Partner of Vienna Economic Forum***Dr. Christian MAIER**, *Commercial Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Austria to Turkey Commercial Section***Q AND A SESSION**

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

10:30–11:00 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK** offered by VERBUND International

11:00 a.m.–

12:30 p.m.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION**TURKISH AND CEE ENERGY 2023 – BUILDING BRIDGES FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL NEEDS****Moderation****Bernhard RABERGER**, *Vice Chairman, The Enerjisa Group***Keynote Presentations****Gunter KAPPACHER**, *Director of the Board, Siemens AG Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum**Key Trends in the Energy Sector***Rona YIRCALI**, *Chairman of the Executive Board, DEİK (Foreign Economic Relations Board), Partner of Vienna Economic Forum***Panelists****Oktay BÜLENT ŞEN**, *General Manager, OMV Gaz ve Enerji Ltd. Şti.***Dr. Matthias KOLLATZ-AHNEN**, *Vice-President, European Investment Bank***Ebru ÖZDEMİR**, *Chairperson, Limak Investment Group, Turkey***Gerhard GAMPERL**, *Managing Director, VERBUND International GmbH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum***Q AND A SESSION**

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

12:30–1:30 p.m. **LUNCH** offered by SIEMENS AG AUSTRIA and OMV Gaz ve Enerji Ltd. Şti.Possibility for **BILATERAL MEETINGS**

1:30–2:30 p.m. **CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**

**CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES
AFTER VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – ISTANBUL MEETING**

Moderation and Conclusion

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

Statements

Ali RIZA ERSOY, *Deputy General Manager, Siemens A.Ş. Turkey
Sustainable Cities*

Cafer Sait OKRAY, *Chairman, UDAŞ International Consulting Inc.; Board Member,
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Dr. Willibald PLESSER, *Co-Head CEE/CIS, Country Partner Turkey, FRESHFIELDS
BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

Possibility for **BILATERAL MEETINGS**

END of Vienna Economic Talks – Istanbul Meeting

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Dr. Elena Kirtcheva*



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Mr. Cafer Sait Okray, Chairman, UDAŞ International Consulting Inc., Board Member, DEİK (Foreign Economic Relations Board), Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, with H.E. Dr. Heidemaria Güreer, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Turkey



High-ranking speakers at Third Plenary Session "Turkish and CEE Energy 2023"



Dr. Willibald Plesser, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Dr. Paul Jenewein, General Consul of the Republic of Austria to Turkey



Dr. Willibald Plesser, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Dr. Paul Jenewein, General Consul of the Republic of Austria to Turkey

10TH JUBILEE OF THE TRADITIONAL GARDEN PARTY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

„Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries
of Vienna Economic Forum“

10 June 2011



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Dkfm. Karl Fink, Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum and Members of the Ambassadors Committee with Amb. Dr. Hans Winkler, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

10TH JUBILEE OF THE TRADITIONAL GARDEN PARTY

It was a pleasure of the team of Vienna Economic Forum, to welcome the guests to a musical and culinary journey, members of the Board, members, partners and friends of Vienna Economic Forum, as in every summer in the past 10 years, especially to this jubilee. The traditional garden party took place in the garden of Diplomatic Academy Vienna, for which we want to thank the Director of the Diplomatic Academy, Amb. Dr. Hans Winkler.



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva had the pleasure to welcome the ambassadors who were attending:

H.E. Dr. Vili MINAROLLI, *Ambassador of Albania*
 H.E. Kairat ABDRAKHMANOV, *Ambassador of Kazakhstan*
 H.E. Dr. Sabri KIQMARI, *Ambassador of Kosovo*
 H.E. Gordana BAKOTA, *Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia*
 H.E. Prof. Dr. Gjorgji FILIPOV, *Ambassador of Macedonia*
 H.E. Valeriu CHIVERI, *Ambassador of Moldova*
 H.E. Dragana RADULOVIC, *Ambassador of Montenegro*
 H.E. Silvia DAVIDOIU, *Ambassador of Romania*
 H.E. Aleksander GERZINA, *Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia,*
represented by Ms. Zorica BUKINAC CIMPERSEK
 H.E. Andrii BEREZNYI, *Ambassador of Ukraine*
 S.E. Haris HRLE, *Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina,*
represented by Mr. Neven KULENOVIC, Envoy
 H.E. Vince SZALAY-BOBROVNICZKY, *Ambassador of Hungary,*
represented by Mr. Sandor Csaba MAZAK, Envoy

Vienna Economic Forum has opened its doors wide on the occasion of the 10th jubilee of the traditional garden party and was pleased to welcome, in addition to “our” ambassadors of the countries of the region of Vienna Economic Forum also the ambassadors of Kazakhstan and Hungary as co-hosts.

As in every year the garden party of Vienna Economic Forum was the popular event of the season. More than 400 guests attended; founding members, members of the Board, members, partners and friends of Vienna Economic Forum enjoyed the culinary specialities, dances and music from the region and the unique atmosphere, which united the common but also the differences between the countries.

The numerous guests welcomed the members of Vienna Economic Forum :

Dkfm. Karl Fink, *Member of the Extended Executive Board of the Group General Manager, Wiener Städtische Versicherung AG, Vienna Insurance Group, Vice-President and Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Rudolf Gruber, *Former General Director, EVN AG, Founding Member and Honorary Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Karl Stoss, *General Director, Casinos Austria AG and General Director, Österreichische Lotterien Ges.m.b.H., Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Burkhard Hofer, *Chairperson of the Supervisory Board of EVN AG, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

DI Gunter Kappacher, *Director of the Board, Siemens AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mag. Stefan Szyszkowitz, *Member of the Board, EVN AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

KR Ing. Otto Musilek, *MEC Management Energy Consulting, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

DI Hansjörg Tengg, *smart technologies, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mag. Heinz Messinger, *Managing Director, AME International GmbH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum and Auditor*

Mag. Gregor Höppler, *Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Auditor of Vienna Economic Forum*

Prof. Dr. Suzanne Rödler, *Cardiologist, Medical University Vienna AKH, Honorary Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Günther Ofner, *Director of the Board, EVN Macedonia Holding, EVN AG*

Dr. Josef Mayer, *Vice Minister, Federal Ministry for Economy, Family and Youth of the Republic of Austria, Honorary Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

DI Dr. Richard Schenz, *Vice President of the Federal Economic Chamber of Austria, supporter of Vienna Economic Forum for many years*

Dr. Franz Kosyna, *General Director, Donau Versicherung, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Bernhard Hulla, *Human Dynamics, Mitglied des Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Barbara Kolm, *Secretary General, Hayek Institut, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

MMag. Gregor Schusterschitz, *Federal Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, supporter of Vienna Economic Forum*

The first garden party of Vienna Economic Forum took place in 2004, still in the residence of the Bulgarian ambassador in Austria, **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**. Already then the garden party was a sign that this informal meeting contributes to the communication of the South-East European countries and Vienna Economic Forum is glad about the popularity of its yearly party.

The development of a united Europe is one of the targets of Vienna Economic Forum and Vienna Economic Forum is proud that its garden party presents the culture and cuisine of so many countries and thus to contribute to the communication of the nations.

PHOTO GALLERY



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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET KOSOVO IN VIENNA

24–25 October 2011, Vienna



Family Foto with H.E. Mr. Hashim Thaci, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Dr. Herbert Stepic, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Wolfgang Kindl, CEO, UNIQA International Versicherungs Holding AG, Member of the Management Board, UNIQA Versicherungen AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and high representatives

Kosovo Special Edition Meeting with High Ranking Delegation, led by H.E. Hashim THAÇI, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET KOSOVO IN VIENNA

Vienna Economic Forum organized on 24–25 October 2011 a “Special Edition – Meet Kosovo in Vienna” in the ever more popular format of Vienna Economic Talks in cooperation with the government of the Republic of Kosovo.

The first day of this conference was held at Studio 44 of **Austrian Lotteries**, and the second day at the ceremonial hall of **Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG**.

The high level Kosovar delegation under the leadership of Prime Minister and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum **H.E. Hashim Thaçi** comprised the First Deputy Prime Minister **H.E. Behgjet Pacolli**, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Industry **H.E. Mimoza Kusari-Lila**, the Minister of Economic Development **H.E. Besim Beqaj** as well as the Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning **H.E. Dardan Gashi**.

Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum, and Amb. **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**, Secretary General, had the pleasure to welcome approximately 170 participants from twelve states (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kosovo, Palestine, Serbia, and Zambia).

The following topics were covered in “Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Kosovo in Vienna”:

- Business and Investment Climate in Kosovo
- Investment Opportunities in Kosovo - Know-How for a Better Climate
- Experiences of Foreign Investors and Organisations in Kosovo

A great number of companies such as **Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Siemens AG, UNIQA Versicherungen AG, Vienna Insurance Group, AME International GmbH, Hulla&Co Human Dynamics, smart technologies, FAA Holding, FERTGAS GmbH**, which are already operating successfully in Kosovo, participated in this conference.

Kosovo is characterised by its young, educated and motivated population. Attractive labour costs, the Euro as the official currency as well as free access to the markets of the EU and USA are the prerequisites for an increased interest to further invest in Kosovo.

Interesting Statements and discussions about the reform of the legal system and its adjustment to EU legislation, low taxation and the government’s efforts to facilitate foreign direct investment, led to numerous contacts and business of pragmatic character, to which all participants contributed actively.

Vienna Economic Forum would like to thank all its members for the active participation at “Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Kosovo in Vienna”, especially AME International GmbH, Casinos Austria AG, Österreichische Lotterien GmbH, Raiffeisen Bank International AG.

PROGRAM

24 OCTOBER 2011

**Studio 44 der Österreichischen Lotterien, Rennweg 44,
1038 Vienna, Austria**
with the support of Casinos Austria, Österreichische Lotterien

5:00–6:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**5:45–5:55 p.m. **FAMILY PHOTO**6:00–7:00 p.m. **DAY 1 – OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**OVERVIEW OF KOSOVO'S ECONOMY
DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES**

Moderation and Opening

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

Welcome Address

Amb. Dr. Sabri KIQMARI, *Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo to Austria*

Main Statement

H.E. Hashim THAÇI, *Prime Minister of Kosovo*
Instruments available for the Government to improve the investment climate

Introductory Statement

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

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

Followed by **COCKTAIL** for all participants
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Österreichische Lotterien GmbH

8:00 p.m. **GALA DINNER** in honour of the Delegation from Kosovo hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and AME International GesmbH (by invitations only)

25 OCTOBER 2011

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8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION** and **COFFEE**8:45–8:55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO** (by invitations)9:00–10:30 a.m. **DAY 2 – FIRST OPENING SESSION**

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN KOSOVO

Moderation

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

Keynote Speeches

H.E. Hashim THAÇI, *Prime Minister of Kosovo*
Mr. Peter LENNKH, *Network Management, Raiffeisen Bank International AG (RBI)*

Statements

H.E. Ms. Mimoza KUSARI-LILA, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
of Trade and Industry of Kosovo*
H.E. Mr. Dardan GASHI, *Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning
of the Republic of Kosovo*
Dr. Wolfgang KINDL, *CEO, UNIQA International Versicherungs-Holding AG,
Member of the Management Board, UNIQA Versicherungen AG,
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H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ, *Minister of Economic Development of Kosovo*
Mr. Kujtim DOBRUNA, *President of Economic Initiative for Kosovo (ECIKS)*
Mr. Gani KOCI, *Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Republic of Kosovo*
Ms. Svetlana BOYANOVA, *Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food
of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

10:30–11:00 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**11:00 a.m.–
12:15 p.m. **DAY 2 – SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN KOSOVO
KNOW-HOW FOR A BETTER INVESTMENT CLIMATE**

Moderation

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

Impulse Statement

H.E. Mr. Behgjet PACOLLI, *First Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo*

Panelists

Mr. Safet GËRXHALIU, *President of Kosovo's Chamber of Commerce
Trade Opportunities with Kosovo, KCC Services*
Mr. Hansjörg TENGG, *CEO, smart technologies GmbH,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria*
Mr. Hamëz MORINA, *Project Manager at ECIKS/IPAK-Vienna
Attracting FDI to Kosovo – Experiences and Investment Opportunities*
Mr. Bernhard HULLA, *Executive Partner, Hulla&Co Human Dynamics KG,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria*
Mr. Dastid PALLASKA, *Attorney at Law, Pallaska&Associates, Kosovo*
Legal framework for foreign investments in Kosovo
Mr. Shkelzen LLUKA, *Managing Director of the Kosovo Privatisation Agency, Kosovo*
Investment Opportunities through Privatisation

Mr. Lorik FEJZULLAHU, *Head of the Department for Public Private Partnership, Kosovo*
Investment Opportunities in Infrastructure through Private Public Partnerships

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

12:15–1:00 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00–2:00 p.m. **DAY 2 – THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

INSIDE STORIES

EXPERIENCES OF FOREIGN INVESTORS AND ORGANISATIONS IN KOSOVO

Moderation and Statement

Mr. Heinz MESSINGER, *Managing Director, AME International,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria*

Panelists

Amb. Ms. Brigitte ÖPPINGER-WALCHSHOFER, *Managing Director,
Austrian Development Agency – ADA*

The engagement of the Austrian Development Cooperation in Kosovo

Emmanuel MITSOU, *Managing Director, Sharr Beteiligungs GmbH*

The Experience of Sharr Austria as a foreign investor in Kosovo

Mr. Mergim PRISHTINA, *Executive Director, Trepfarm*

The Experience of Trepfarm as an investor in Kosovo

Ms. Anita BAVDAZ, *Deputy Attaché, AußenwirtschaftsCenter Skopje,
Austrian Chamber of Commerce*

Institutional Cooperation with Kosovo

Mr. Valon BERISHA, *Head of Siemens Office Pristina, Kosovo*

Mr. Samir KRASNIQI, *Managing Director, Xella Kosovo*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

2:00–2:30 p.m. **DAY 2 – FOURTH CONCLUDING SESSION**

CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES AFTER VET – KOSOVO MEETING IN VIENNA 2011

Conclusions

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

H.E. Hashim THAÇI, *Prime Minister of Kosovo*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

3:00–6:00 p.m. **Possibility for BILATERAL MEETINGS** of the Delegation of Kosovo with entrepreneurs,
Members of Vienna Economic Forum in Stubenring 16/3, 1010 Vienna

END of Vienna Economic Talks – Kosovo Meeting

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8TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

20–21 November 2011, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna, Austria



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8TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM 20–21 November 2011, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna

For the 8th time, President **Dr. Erhard Busek** and Secretary General Ambassador **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** had the great pleasure to welcome in the wonderful location of **Palais Niederösterreich** around 400 participants from 32 countries throughout the world and from ten international organisations and eight partner organisations to Vienna Economic Forum under the heading “**The Economy as an Engine of the Regional Development**”.

Vienna Economic Forum, this year granted with the status of **International Non-Governmental Organisation**, has once again obtained, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economy, Family and Youth of the Republic of Austria, great recognition due to its constantly increasing activities to support the regional economy, its choice of hot topics and its organisation of several Vienna Economic Talks for countries of the region.

Dr. Erhard Busek, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria and President of Vienna Economic Forum, emphasized the opportunities of the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and reiterated the necessity of cooperation and harmonization of Southeast European countries in order to develop the long-term projects of the strategy.

In her welcome address, **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** underlined the role of the 8th Vienna Economic Forum as a milestone when many states of the region have to face the challenges of a highly difficult and uncertain business environment. In times when European integration is called in question, she is convinced that the willingness of all regional actors to intensify their cooperation for economic development is of the utmost importance. Therefore Vienna Economic Forum has the clear objective to pay close attention to the interests and the potential of economic development in the region of Vienna Economic Forum – extended to the countries along the river Danube and the Black Sea region – and continue to actively work towards those goals. European countries, both EU and non-EU-Members, are more and more being regarded as sub-regions, which enables Vienna Economic Forum to offer new horizons to its members and partners.

When **H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann**, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, opened the **Austrian “Mini-Davos” for Southeast European Countries** for the third time, he pointed out the importance of cooperation in the region and praised the positive and concrete results that can be achieved during and with the help of Vienna Economic Forum – a tradition he expects to keep up in the coming years.

Dr. Herbert Stepic, CEO of Raiffeisen Bank International AG and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, presented in a very insightful manner the consequences of the worldwide economic crisis, the perspectives of the region, and ways of acting to shape the future of Southeast Europe.

In the main statement of the second plenary session, **H.E. Reinhold Mitterlehner**, Federal Minister of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria, presented ways of developing the region with the help of the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region.

It was an honour for **Vienna Economic Forum** to welcome **H.E. Mr. Nikola Gruevski**, President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, as well as:

H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro
H.E. Dr. Liliyana Pavlova, Minister for Regional Development of the Republic of Bulgaria
Ms. Tijana Stankovic, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Government of Montenegro
Ms. Andreja Jerina, State Secretary for Development and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
Mr. Domagoj Juricic, State Secretary for Investment of the Republic of Croatia
Ms. Dragijana Radonjic Petrovic, State Secretary for Regional Development and Entrepreneurship Promotion of the Republic of Serbia
Mr. Dorin Dragutanu, Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum
Mr. Bojidar Danev, President, Industrial Association of the Republic of Bulgaria, Member of the Committee of the President of the Economic Chambers of Vienna Economic Forum
Ms. Daria Krsticevic, Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Croatia
Ms. Daniela Paul, Counsellor in the Foreign Relations Department, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania
Mr. Hidajet Biscevic, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Bosnia and Herzegovina

Beside our honourable VIP-Guests, Presidents of Government, Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers from the Member countries, high ranking representatives from the following international institutions were present:

- Energy Community Secretariat,
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD),
- European Investment Bank (EIB),
- International Finance Corporation (IFC),
- International Sava River Basin Commission,
- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC),
- Regional Cooperation Council (RCC),
- Romanian Maritime and Danube Ports,
- World Bank,
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The following partner organisations of Vienna Economic Forum were present:

- Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI),
- The Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK),
- Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM),
- EastEuroCo Executive Search Group, Budapest,
- Federation of Austrian Industries (IV),
- Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe (BAC), Thessaloniki,
- European Center for Environmental Economy (ECEE), Sofia,
- Organisation for international Economic Relations (OIER)

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7:00 p.m. **WELCOME COCKTAIL**
for the participants at the 8th Vienna Economic Forum, hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Donau Versicherung AG Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum (by invitations)

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21 NOVEMBER 2011

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8:00–9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION and COFFEE –
FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING: TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE 8TH TIME**

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

9:00–9:45 a.m. **FIRST PLENARY OPENING SESSION**

THE ECONOMY AS AN ENGINE OF THE DANUBE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Moderation and Opening

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

Opening Statement

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

Opening Address

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

Main Statement

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

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

10:00–10:45 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK – Montenegro presents itself**

Official Opening by:

H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica LAZOVIC, *Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro*
Mr. Tijana STANKOVIC, *Deputy Minister of Finance of the Government of Montenegro*

10:15 a.m. –
12:15 p.m. **SECOND PLENARY SESSION:**

THE DANUBE STRATEGY – HOW TO DEVELOP THE REGION

Moderation and Statement

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

Main Statement

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

Statements

Dr. Georg PAMMER, *Head of Siemens One CEE, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mr. Hans-Peter HASENBICHLER, *General Manager,
via donau-Österreichische Wasserstraßen-Gesellschaft mbH, Austria*

Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER, *Member of the Board of VERBUND AG,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Dejan KOMATINA, *Secretary General, International Sava River Basin Commission*

Mr. Alexandru CAPATU, *Romanian Maritime and Danube Ports Representative, Romania*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:15–1:30 p.m. **LUNCH BUFFET**
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and the Embassy of Macedonia

1:30–3:00 p.m. **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

**TAPPING THE POTENTIAL OF A REGION – RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Moderation

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

Panelists

Mr. Georg WITTING, *Corporate Social Responsibility/Corporate Communications, Novomatic AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Milan PARIVODIC, *Chairman, Foreign Investors Services d.o.o., Republic of Serbia,
Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Wolfgang KINDL, *Member of the Board of UNIQA Versicherungen AG,
Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mr. Nadan VIDOSEVIC, *President, Croatian Chamber of Economy (CCE),
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Mr. Bojidar DANEV, *President, Bulgarian Industrial Association,
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Mr. Stefan SZYSZKOWITZ, *Member of the Board, EVN AG,
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Mr. Sorin DIMITRIU, *President, Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

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Ms. Daniela PAUL, *Counsellor, Foreign Relations Dep.,
Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Romania*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:00–3:30 p.m. NETWORKING BREAK

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Renovatio

3:30–5:00 p.m. WORKSHOP A**SECURE FINANCING AS A PRECONDITION FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECTS****Moderation****Dr. Karl SEVELDA**, Deputy CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum**Panelists****Ms. Gertrude TUMPEL-GUGERELL**, Former Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank, Former Vice-Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)**Mr. Ardian FULLANI**, Governor of the National Bank of Albania, Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum**Ms. Andreja JERINA**, State Secretary for Development and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia**Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT**, President of the Board, Volksbank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum**Mr. Dorin DRAGUTANU**, Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum**Prof. Guy ALAERTS**, Senior Water Resources Specialist, The World Bank**Mr. Andrey KONDAKOV**, President, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank**Q AND A SESSION**

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:30–5:00 p.m. WORKSHOP B**DANUBE STRATEGY AND THE BLACK SEA REGION****Moderation****Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria**Panelists****Ms. Monika UNTERHOLZNER**, Technical Management, the Port of Vienna**Mr. Milos BUGARIN**, President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce**Mr. Manfred SEITZ**, CEO Tethys Consulting & General Secretary of PRO DANUBE**Ms. Daniela SCHILY**, Project Leader, Regional Programme for the establishment of a Danube Competence Center**Mr. Hans-Peter HALOUSKA**, President, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Straßen- und Verkehrswesen**Dr. Vladimir PREVEDEN**, Partner, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Croatia**General Franz LANG**, Vice General Director for Public Security of the Republic of Austria, Head of Criminal Intelligence Service Austria**Mr. Yves Paul BERNHEIM**, General Manager, IRH Environment, France**Q AND A SESSION**

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

5:15 p.m.**COMMON CONCLUSION SESSION****PERSPECTIVES AFTER THE 8TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM****Moderation****Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria**Panelists****H.E. Mr. Nikola GRUEVSKI**, President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum**H.E. Mr. Vladimir FILAT**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum**H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica LAZOVIC**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro**H.E. Dr. Liliyana PAVLOVA**, Minister for Regional Development of Bulgaria**Ms. Dragijana Radonjic PETROVIC**, State Secretary for regional development and entrepreneurship promotion of the Republic of Serbia**Mr. Domagoj JURICIC**, State Secretary for Investment of the Republic of Croatia**Mr. Hidajet BISCEVIC**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Bosnia and HerzegovinaFollowed by **COCKTAIL** for all participants at the 8th VEF, hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and the Embassy of Slovenia**7:00 p.m.****END** of the 8th Vienna Economic Forum**8:00 p.m.****GALA DINNER** hosted by**Dr. Veit SORGER**, President of the Federation of Austrian Industries Founding Member and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum (by invitations)

Special Guest:

Dr. Wilhelm MOLTERER, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB), Former Vice Chancellor of Austria

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Ms. Dragijana Radonjic Petrovic, State Secretary for regional development and entrepreneurship promotion of the Republic of Serbia, President Dr. Erhard Busek, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva



Ms. Daria Krsticevic, Croatian Chamber of Economy, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, H.E. Dr. Liliyana Pavlova, Minister for Regional Development of Bulgaria, President Dr. Erhard Busek

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H.E. Mr. Gordan Bakota, Ambassador of Croatia, Ms. Daria Krsticevic, Croatian Chamber of Economy



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Dr. Herbert Stepic, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Mr. Werner Faymann, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum



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Official Opening of the 8th Vienna Economic Forum



Opening Speech by Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva



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H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, President Dr. Erhard Busek



Common Conclusion Session with H.E. Mr. Nikola Gruevski, President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum



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



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva and H.E. Mr. Nikola Gruevski, President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, greeting high-ranking guests and participants of the 8th Vienna Economic Forum



Dr. Klaus Liebscher, Former Governor of the Austrian National Bank, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Friedhelm Boschert, President of the Board, Volksbank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, President Dr. Erhard Busek, Dr. Karl Stoss, CEO, Casinos Austria AG, CEO, Österreichische Lotterien GesmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



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Dr. Herbert Stepic, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva

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In the traditional Annual Award Ceremony, Secretary General Ambassador **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** announced the winners of the year 2011:

At a national level and as representative of the Austrian Government:

H.E. Dr. Reinhold Mitterlehner, *Federal Minister of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria and co-organizer of the 8th Vienna Economic Forum*

At a regional level:

H.E. Dr. Erwin Pröll, *Governor of the Province of Upper Austria and long-term partner and supporter of Vienna Economic Forum*

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Dr. Franz Wohlfahrt, *Chief Executive Officer, Novomatic AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mr. Stefan Szyszkowitz, *Member of the Board, EVN AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

High Representative of a Member State:

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Federal Minister of Economy,
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