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DEAR MEMBERS OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM!

You surely can imagine how proud we are that in 2013 we celebrated our **10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum! From an Idea in 2004 to a International Non-Governmental Organization with a Special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) – this is the Vienna Economic Forum success story!**



Vienna Economic Forum will continue the good cooperation with the countries of the region and the international recognition dedicated to us is the reason for further expansion from Vienna in all directions worldwide.

We are especially glad that in 2013 we could welcome a new member country – the **Republic of Lithuania**, and **H.E. Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania** became Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum.

We experienced permanently the importance of cooperation its significance for achieving positive and concrete results on regional and subregional level, also during our meetings in 2013.

An important event of the year 2013 was **“Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Croatia in Vienna. New Member – New Opportunities”**, after the successful accession of Vienna Economic Forum-member country Croatia to the European Union. And we are very proud that this country experiences further support in Austria, by the nomination of **Dr. Franz Wohlfahrt**, CEO of **NOVOMATIC AG** and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum as Honorary Consul of Croatia with Consular District Lower Austria.

“Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Montenegro in Vienna”, which was organized in cooperation with **Casinos Austria AG** and **Vienna Insurance Group** was another mile stone for the good European and Atlantic development of the VEF Member Country Montenegro.

The **12th Traditional Garden Party “Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries of Vienna Economic Forum”** with its unique atmosphere has become a popular summer event in Vienna and a proof of how much people have in common and how important the good economic development and the peaceful relations between neighbouring countries are for all.

For the **10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum** we had the pleasure to welcome 550 participants from 34 countries and 19 international organisations from the region of the Vienna Economic Forum and beyond, to celebrate its first decade of existence. **H.E. Milo Djukanovic**, Prime Minister of **Montenegro** and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **H.E. Edi Rama**, Prime Minister of **Albania** and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, **H.E. Daniela Bobeva-Filipova**, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Development of **Bulgaria**, **Ms. Rasa Noreikiene**, Vice Minister of Economy of the Republic of **Lithuania** and many more high-ranking participants from the region participated. **H.E. Dr. Heinz Fischer**, **Federal President** of the Republic of Austria and **H.E. Dr. Erwin Pröll**, **Governor** of Lower Austria, sent special addresses.

Let us cordially congratulate **Mr. Werner Anzengruber**, CEO of **Verbund AG**, as **Partner of the Year 2013**; **Montenegro** as **Partner Country of the Year 2013**; **Dr. Herbert Stepic** and **Raiffeisen Bank International AG**, as **Partner of the Decade 2004-2013**.

We want to thank all members, partners and friends of Vienna Economic Forum for their continuous support and active participation in all these **10 successful years** and we are looking forward to meet all of you at the **11th Vienna Economic Forum on 23-24 November 2014 in Palais Niederösterreich!**

Dr. Erhard Busek
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Der Bundesminister für europäische und internationale Angelegenheiten als Behörde gemäß § 1 des Bundesgesetzes über die Einräumung von Privilegien an nichtstaatliche internationale Organisationen, BGBl. Nr. 174/1992, entscheidet wie folgt:

Spruch

Dem Vienna Economic Forum (VEF) wird die Rechtsstellung einer Organisation im Sinne des Bundesgesetzes über die Einräumung von Privilegien an nichtstaatliche internationale Organisationen (NGO-Gesetz), BGBl. Nr. 174/1992, eingeräumt.

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27 July 2012

Dear NGO Representative,

I am pleased to inform you that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its Substantive Session of July 2012 adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to grant **Special** consultative status to your organization **Vienna Economic Forum**. On behalf of all staff of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, please accept our heartfelt congratulations.

Consultative status for an organization enables it to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programmes, funds and agencies in a number of ways. In order to better understand this relationship, we take this opportunity to provide some critical information about the **privileges** that consultative status with ECOSOC confers on your organization, as well as the **obligations** that your organization will be required to meet under this relationship. **We therefore urge you to take the time to carefully review the information we have provided below.**

Privileges and benefits of consultative status

- 1) ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31
 - Arrangements for consultations with NGOs are regulated by ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, adopted by the Council on 25 July 1996. Please review the entire resolution at: <http://csonet.org/content/documents/199631.pdf> for detailed information. It provides information on ways to participate in the work of the Council, including opportunities to organizations such as yours to consult with Member States and the United Nations system at large, based on the nature and scope of work that your organization undertakes. Consultative relationship with NGOs also enables the Council or one of its bodies to seek expert information or advice from organizations with special competence in a subject matter.
 - Consultative status allows you to be informed about the provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council;

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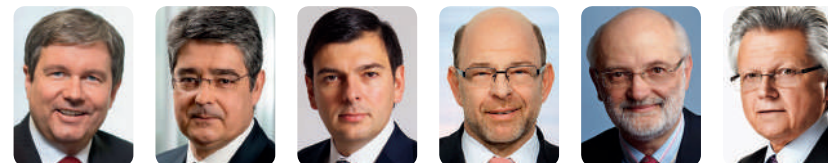
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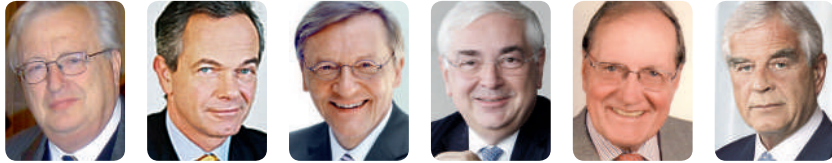


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12TH TRADITIONAL GARDEN PARTY

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

14 June 2013, in the Garden of the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna

On 14 June the Board of Vienna Economic Forum invited together with the Embassies of the Member Countries of Vienna Economic Forum to the “12th Traditional Garden Party”.

The “Culinary and musical journey through the countries of the region”, with participation of all the Member Countries of Vienna Economic Forum was held in the Garden of the Diplomatic Academy.

As in the years before, the Embassies did not spare any efforts to present the guest numerous country specific culinary specialties. The artistic parts with dances from Ukraine and Bulgaria, and musical folklore from Kosovo and Romania were the highlight of the evening. “Already at our first Garden Party in 2004 we were determined that this informal meeting is an important part of the cooperation of “our” countries and we are happy about the yearlong popularity of this yearly event. Today, almost ten years later, Vienna Economic Forum has grown and a lot has been done” said Secretary General **Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**.

A large number of members of the board of Vienna Economic Forum from Austria and the region, numerous partners, friends and esteemed guests of honour were present at the 12th traditional Garden Party.

Ambassadors present were:

- H.E. Dr. Vili MINAROLLI, Albania
- H.E. Mag. Elena SHEKERLETOVA, Bulgaria
- H.E. Tanja MILASINOVIC MARTINOVIC, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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- H.E. Silvia DAVIDOIU, Romania
- H.E. Aleksander GERZINA, Slovenia
- H.E. Ayse SEZGIN, Turkey

The good mood, the culinary delicacies, the musical pleasures and more than 300 participants are a good signal that there are many similarities that connect the people from the region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.



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Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva,
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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – CROATIA IN THE EUROPEAN UNION:

New Member – New Opportunities

16 September 2013, NOVOMATIC FORUM, Vienna

In cooperation with the Embassy of Croatia in Vienna and NOVOMATIC – GROUP OF COMPANIES

After Croatia's successful accession to the EU, **Dr. Erhard Busek**, President of Vienna Economic Forum and **Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum were proud and pleased to welcome on 16 September 2013 in the beautiful premises of Novomatic Forum a high-ranking Croatian delegation headed by **H.E. Prof. DSc. Branko Grcic**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of Croatia at Vienna Economic Talks in Vienna.

The welcome address was given by the host **Dr. Franz Wohlfahrt**, CEO of NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of the Vienna Economic Forum and Honorary Consul of Croatia with Consular District Lower Austria.

Topics were:

- Overview of Croatia's Economy following the EU Accession. European Perspective
- Business and Investment Climate. Investment Opportunities in Croatia

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister **Prof. DSc. Branko Grcic**, discussed together with **H.E. Dr. Johannes Hahn**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy and **Dr. Reinhold Lopatka**, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs.

There was a large interest of Austrian companies and companies from the region in the event, and we could welcome around 200 participants from 25 countries, which shows the large interest in the Vienna Economic Talks in the region, but also outside of the region of Vienna Economic Forum.

The high ranking managers of the Austrian business society, members of Vienna Economic Forum, have registered high interest for investments in Croatia and business contacts with Croatian companies, as well as with companies from many other countries from the region.



Family Foto with Mr. Werner Casagrande, EVN AG, Dr. Franz Wohlfahrt, President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Honorary Consul of Croatia in Lower Austria, Mag. Hermann Anderl, CEO, Canon CEE, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Dr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, H.E. Prof. DSc. Branko Grcic, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum, H.E. Mr. Gordon Bakota, Ambassador of Croatia to Austria



PROGRAM

16 SEPTEMBER 2013

	LOCATION Novomatic Forum Friedrichstraße 7, 1010 Vienna
8:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION & COFFEE Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members
9:00 a.m.	FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)
9:15-12:00 a.m.	MORNING SESSION
9:15-10:30 a.m.	EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE OF CROATIA'S ECONOMY Moderation and Opening Dr. Erhard BUSEK , <i>President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria</i> Welcome Address Dr. Franz WOHLFAHRT , <i>President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Honorary Consul of Croatia in Lower Austria</i> Main Statements Dr. Reinhold LOPATKA , <i>State Secretary for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria</i> H.E. Dr. Johannes HAHN , <i>European Commissioner for Regional Policy</i> H.E. Prof. DSc. Branko GRCIC , <i>Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia</i>
10:30-12:00 a.m.	Panel Discussion Ms. Bernadette GIERLINGER , <i>Vice Minister, Economic Policy and European Integration, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria</i> Dr. Hannes AMETSREITER , <i>CEO, Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum</i> Mr. Boris VUJCIC , <i>Governor of the Croatian National Bank, Member of the Governor Committee of Vienna Economic Forum</i> Dr. Gabriel LANSKY , <i>Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum</i> Mr. Mislav GALIC , <i>Executive Vice President for the Food Business Group, Agrokor d.d., Croatia</i> Mag. Werner CASAGRANDE , <i>Country Manager EVN Croatia, EVN AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum</i> Q AND A SESSION with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:00-1:30 p.m.	CLASSIC CROATIAN LUNCH hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and NOVOMATIC AG for the Croatian Delegation and Austrian investors Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organized for Vienna Economic Forum Members
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1:30-3:15 p.m.	AFTERNOON SESSION
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**BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE.
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CROATIA.****Moderation****Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**, *Member of the Board,
Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum***Impulse Statements****Mr. Damir NOVINIC**, *Managing Director of the Agency for Investments and
Competitiveness***Mr. Anton KOVACEV**, *President of the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development***Panel Discussion****Mag. Hermann ANDERL**, *Managing Director, Canon CEE GmbH,
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with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:15-3:30 p.m.	Conclusion Remarks Mag. Richard KÜHNEL , <i>Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria</i>
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3:30 p.m.	END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET CROATIA IN VIENNA
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Followed by	COCKTAIL for all participants hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and NOVOMATIC AG, with music from Croatia Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organized for Vienna Economic Forum Members
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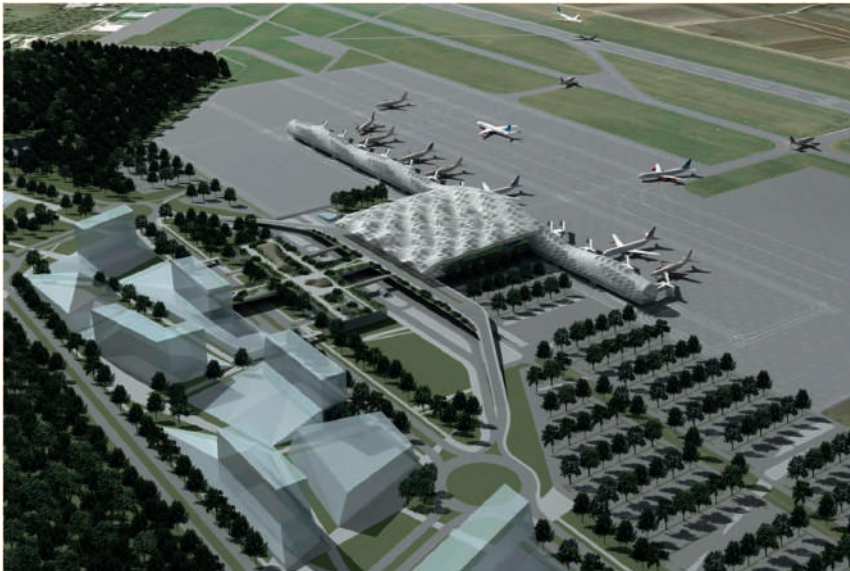
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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – MEET MONTENEGRO IN VIENNA

7 Oktober 2013, Studio 44, Vienna

In cooperation with Casinos Austria AG and Vienna Insurance Group

After a successful Vienna Economic Talks – Montenegro Meeting: “Invest in Montenegro – Invest in the Region“ in Becici in April 2008, and as an answer to the more and more intensive Austrian-Montenegrin economic relations and a high interest from the Austrian side, Vienna Economic Forum was proud of the large interest of companies and decision makers from Austria, Montenegro and the whole region in this special edition of Vienna Economic Talks about Montenegro in 2013.

Topics were:

- Overview of Montenegro's Economy – Investors Chances
- Business and Investment Climate. Investment Opportunities in Montenegro: Energy, Tourism, Agriculture and Wood processing, ICT/New Technologies.
- Inside Stories. Experiences of Foreign Investors and Organisations in Montenegro.

Dr. Erhard Busek, President of Vienna Economic Forum and Secretary General **Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva**, could welcome 130 participants from 10 countries. This clearly shows the large interest in the Vienna Economic Talks on the promising pre-accession candidate to the European Union Montenegro.

The welcome address was given by the host **Dr. Karl Stoss**, CEO of Casinos Austria AG and of Österreichische Lotterien GmbH, and Member of the Board of the Vienna Economic Forum.

Vienna Economic forum was very pleased to welcome numerous high-ranking representatives and decision makers from both the Montenegrin and Austrian side, as well as from the region of Vienna Economic Forum. The high-ranking Montenegrin delegation led by **H.E Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, included **H.E Branimir Gvozdenovic**, Minister for Sustainable Development and Tourism, **H.E. Vladimir Kavacic**, Minister of Economy, **Darko Konjevic**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, **Marko Vujovic**, Deputy Minister of Economy, **Milojica Dakic**, Governor of the Central Bank of Montenegro and Member of the Governors committee of the Vienna Economic Forum and **Velimir Mijuskovic**, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro and Member of the Committee of Presidents of Chambers of Commerce of the Vienna Economic Forum. Numerous bilateral talks and the exchange of contacts and experiences at the “Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Montenegro in Vienna” meeting provided the basis for further cooperation between Montenegro, Austria, and the whole region of the Vienna Economic Forum.

Numerous contacts have been established, and experiences have been exchanged and therefore, also by organising bilateral meetings, we could contribute to a further good cooperation between Montenegro, Austria and the countries of the region.

After the successful conference **Dr. Franz Kosyna**, Deputy General Manager of the Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, invited the participants to a Gala Reception.

We were proud to organize this event in cooperation with Casinos Austria AG and Vienna Insurance Group.



PROGRAM

7 OCTOBER 2013

LOCATION

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

8:15 a.m. **Admission and REGISTRATION**
 Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings,
 organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members

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

9:00-10:30 a.m. **MORNING SESSION**

OVERVIEW OF MONTENEGRO'S ECONOMY – INVESTORS CHANCES**Moderation and Opening**

Dr. Karl STOSS, CEO, Casinos Austria AG, CEO, Österreichische Lotterien GmbH,
 Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Welcome Address

H.E. Ms. Slavica MILACIC, Ambassador of Montenegro in Austria

Main Statement

H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica LAZOVIC, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro

Statements

Mr. Milojica DAKIC, Governor of the Central Bank of Montenegro,
 Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum
Mr. Velimir MIJUSKOVIC, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro
Dr. Josef PETERLEITHNER, Spokesman, TUI Austria Holding and
 President of the Austrian Travel Association
Ms. Mijgan SUVER, President of the EU and Human Rights Platform,
 Marmara Foundation, Turkey, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum
Mr. Predrag KRUNIC, CEO, Voith-Siemens Montenegro

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

10:30-12:00 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**
 Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organized for Vienna Economic Forum Members

11:00 a.m.-
 1:00 p.m. **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MONTENEGRO: ENERGY. TOURISM.
AGRICULTURE AND WOOD PROCESSING. ICT/NEW TECHNOLOGIES.

Moderation

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

Main Statements

H.E. Mr. Branimir GVOZDENOVIC, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism
 of Montenegro
H.E. Mr. Vladimir KAVARIC, Minister of Economy of Montenegro

Statements

Mr. Darko KONJEVIC, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
Mr. Christian RUPP, Spokesperson for E- Government, "Digital Austria",
 Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria
DI Herwart WERMESCHER, Executive Director, Wireless Montenegro d.o.
Mr. Karlo PETELIN, Director of Montenegrin National Tourism Organization's Office
 in Germany
Mr. Franz SCHILLINGER, CEO, Masteryachting Montenegro
Ms. Verica MARAS, CEO, AD Plantaze
Mr. Hilmija FRANCA, General Director, MESO-PROMET, Montenegro
Mr. Manuel GEYER, Head of International Sales – CEE, Österreichische Post AG,
 Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

1:00-2:00 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK with Montenegrin Specialities**
 Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organized for Vienna Economic Forum Members

2:00-3:45 p.m. **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

INSIDE STORIES
EXPERIENCES OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN MONTENEGRO.**Moderation**

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

Impulse Statement

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

Main Statement

Mr. Marko VUJOVIC, Deputy Minister of Economy of Montenegro

Statements

- Dr. Franz KOSYNA**, Deputy General Manager, Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- Dr. Gabriel LANSKY**, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- Amb. Dr. Heidemaria GÜRER**, Head of Division II.3, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria
- DI Volker PACHAUER**, Historian and Tourism Advisor
- Mag. Andreas HAIDENTHALER**, Austrian Commercial Attache to Montenegro, Macedonia, Serbia, Austrian Economic Chamber – Wirtschaftskammer Österreich (WKO)
- Ms. Maja VUKICEVIC**, PR Manager of Montenegro Stars Hotels Group
- Dr. Peter STURZ**, COO, S&T AG
- Dr. Axel REIDLINGER**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- Ms. Alma ZADIC**, Attorney at Law, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

CONCLUSION

Perspectives after Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Montenegro in Vienna
H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica LAZOVIC, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro

Followed by

GALA RECEPTION for the participants
 hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Wiener Städtische and VIG in Montenegro

Vienna Economic Forum is proud to inform:
Dkfm. Karl FINK, Member of the Managing Board of Wiener Städtischer Versicherungsverein, Founding Member and Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, has become Honorary Consul of Montenegro for the federal province of Burgenland at the end of 2013.

PHOTO GALLERY



High-ranking Delegation of Montenegro with H.E. Ms. Slavica Milacic, Ambassador of Montenegro to Austria, H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Kavacic, Minister of Economy of Montenegro



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Dr. Franz Kosyna, Deputy General Manager, Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum



Mr. Mehmet Taner, Member of the Board, DenizBank AG, Mr. Marko Vujovic, Deputy Minister for Economy of Montenegro, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Kavacic, Minister of Economy of Montenegro, H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, Mr. Ahmet Mesut Ersoy, CEO, DenizBank AG



Panel with Moderator Mr. Alois Steinbichler, Director of the Board, Kommunalkredit Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Karl Stoss, CEO, Casinos Austria AG, CEO, Österreichische Lotterien GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Host of Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Montenegro in Vienna, Mr. Milojica Dakic, Governor of the Central Bank of Montenegro, Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro, H.E. Ms. Slavica Milacic, Ambassador of Montenegro to Austria, Mr. Velimir Mijuskovic, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro



Presentation of Mr. Manuel Geyer, Head of International Sales – CEE, Österreichische Post AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum



Speakers at Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Montenegro in Vienna, with Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Prof. Waltraud Steinböck, Publisher of Cercle Diplomatique et Economique International, Media Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Franz Kosyna, Deputy General Manager, Vienna Insurance Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum



Statement of H.E. Mr. Branimir Gvozdenovic, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro



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**“Visions and Visionaries. The Economy is the Motor”
24 -25 November 2013, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna**

Vienna Economic Forum celebrated its tenth jubilee

For the 10th time, we had the pleasure to welcome 550 from 34 countries and 19 international organisations from the region of the Vienna Economic Forum and beyond, to Palais Niederösterreich to not only hold the 10th Vienna Economic Forum but also to celebrate its first decade of existence.

President **Dr. Erhard Busek** and Secretary General **Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** were pleased to welcome the Prime Minister of Montenegro **H.E. Milo Djukanovic**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, who after his speech as Speaker of Honour, received the first ever Award for **Partner Country of the Year 2013**.

Verbund AG, **Founding Member** of Vienna Economic Forum and its CEO **Mr. Werner Anzengruber**, were awarded **Partner of the Year 2013** and **Raiffeisen Bank International AG**, founding Member and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and **Dr. Herbert Stepic**, Senior Advisor to the Board at Raiffeisen Bank International AG, were after their Jubilee speeches awarded **Partner of the Decade 2004–2013**.

This was followed by the ceremony for handing over the **decoration for the merit of successful 10-years development of Vienna Economic Forum** to all founding members, partners, members and strategic partners of Vienna Economic Forum, who contributed to the development and growth of Vienna Economic Forum and thus made it an important institution for the region Southeast Europe, which in 2011 has received the status **INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION** from the Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria, and since July 2012 the **SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS** at the Economic and Social Council of the **United Nations (ECOSOC)**.

On the second day, **Dr. Erhard Busek** and **Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** were pleased to host four interesting plenary sessions with high-ranking speakers and decision makers from the region of Vienna Economic Forum and beyond.

Federal President of the Republic of Austria **H.E. Dr. Heinz Fischer** and the Governor of Lower Austria, **H.E. Dr. Erwin Pröll**, sent special video messages. The numerous participants were able to profit from the expertise of the visionaries who held speeches: **H.E. Abdalla Salem El-Badri**, Secretary General of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (**OPEC**), **Mr. Ilker Ayci**, President of the **Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)**, Co-Organizer of the 10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum.

The members of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum spoke of their visions for the region: **Mag. Heinz Messinger**, Managing Director, AME International GmbH, **Mag. Stefan Szyszkowitz**, EVN AG, **Mag. Hermann Anderl**, Managing Director, Canon CEE, **Mark Arnold**, CEO Sberbank Europe AG, **Dr. Karsten Benz**, CCO Austrian Airlines AG, **Dr. Ognian Donev**, CEO, Sopharma AD, **Dkfm. Karl Fink**, CEO, Wiener Städtische Versicherungen, **Emmanuel Forest**, CEO, BOUYGUES Europe, **Christo Iliev**, Executive Chairman, AG Capital AD, **Dr. Gabriel Lansky**, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, **Dr. Willibald Plessner**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, **DI Dr. Günther Rabensteiner**, Member of the Board, Verbund AG, **Mag. Alois Steinbichler**, CEO, Kommunalkredit Austria, **Dr. Herbert Stepic**, Senior Advisor to the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, **Dr. Karl Stoss**, CEO, Casinos Austria and of Österreichischen Lotterien GmbH, **DI Peter Umundum**, Member of the Board, Österreichische Post AG

The esteemed speakers of the 10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum were: **Amb. Alain Brian Bergant**, Secretary General, Bled Strategic Forum, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, **Slovenia**, **Dr. René Siegl**, CEO, Austrian Business Agency, **Prof. Dr. Danica Purg**, President, IEDC-Bled School of Management, **Mr. Goran Svilanovic**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat, Sarajevo, **Dr. Reinhard Zuba**, Group Chief Marketing Officer, **Telekom Austria Group**, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, **Mag. Richard Kühnel**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria, **Mr. Henri Thome**, CEO, **ESLNetwork Brussels**, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, **Dr. Mario Holzner**, Deputy Director, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, **Suleyman Onatca**, Chairman, **TURKONFED**, Turkey, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, **Dr. Milan Parivodic**, Founder and Chairman, Foreign Investors Services (FORINVEST), **Serbia**, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, **Rasa Ristivojevic**, Vice President of the Chamber of Economy and Industry of **Serbia**, **Amb. Victor Jackovich**, Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe and Eurasia (BACSEE), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, **Mag. Andreas Schieder**, State Secretary of Finance of the Federal Republic of Austria.

The high-ranking participants, **H.E. Edi Rama**, Prime Minister of **Albania** and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, and **H.E. Daniela Bobeva-Filipova**, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Development of **Bulgaria** delivered speeches and discussed the Vision Europe and Southeast Europe, and ideas and solutions for further economic development and cooperation in the region. **Ms. Rasa Noreikiene**, Vice Minister of Economy of the Republic of **Lithuania** gave a greeting speech on behalf of the EU Presidency. On this occasion Vienna Economic Forum was also pleased to welcome the Republic of **Lithuania** as a **new member country of Vienna Economic Forum**.

Vienna Economic Forum **is proud to have** strategic partners from 34 countries and international organisations.

Vienna Economic Forum thanks all cooperation partners, members and strategic partners for the excellent cooperation, trust and the continuous support in all these 10 years!

Special thanks for the support of the 10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum go to:

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PROGRAM

24 NOVEMBER 2013

	LOCATION Palais Niederösterreich, Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna
4:15 p.m.	ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION
	WELCOME RECEPTION
5:00 p.m.	OFFICIAL OPENING of the 10th Vienna Economic Forum
	Moderation and OPENING Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, Member of the Board, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum
	Jubilee Speeches Dr. Erhard BUSEK, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria Dr. Wolfgang ANZENGRUBER, CEO, Verbund AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum Dr. Herbert STEPIC, Senior Advisor to the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
	Speaker of Honour H.E. Mr. Milo DJUKANOVIC, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum
	ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM, NOMINATION OF PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2013, OF PARTNER OF THE DECADE 2004–2013, PARTNER COUNTRY OF THE YEAR 2013 and CEREMONY FOR HANDING OVER THE DECORATION FOR THE MERIT OF SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM
	FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)
6:00 p.m.	OPENING SESSION VISIONS ARE ON DEMAND! THE ECONOMY IS THE MOTOR!

Participants in the Discussion

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

Mag. Hermann ANDERL, Managing Director,
Canon CEE GmbH, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum

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

Dr. Willibald PLESSER, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of the
Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Ognjan DONEV, President of the Confederation of
the Employers and Industrialists – CEIBG, Strategic
Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, CEO, Sopharma AD, Bulgaria, Member of the Board of
Vienna Economic Forum

Amb. Alain Brian BERGANT, Secretary General, Bled Strategic Forum, Strategic Partner
of Vienna Economic Forum, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Followed by

GALA RECEPTION

for the participants at the 10th Vienna Economic Forum
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

25 NOVEMBER 2013

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
FIAMM Industrial Batteries

8:45-9:00 a.m.

FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)

9:00-10:45 a.m.

FIRST OPENING PLENARY SESSION**THE VISIONS IN THE ECONOMY: THE MOTOR OF DEVELOPMENT.****Moderation and Jubilee Speech**

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

Festivity Address

H.E. Dr. Heinz FISCHER, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

Impulse Statement

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

Main Statements

H.E. Mr. Abdalla Salem EL-BADRI, *Secretary General, Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)*
Mr. Ilker AYCI, *President, The Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)*

Participants in the Discussion

H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ, *Minister of Finance of Kosovo*
Dr. René SIEGL, *CEO, Austrian Business Agency*
Prof. Danica PURG, *President, IEDC-Bled School of Management, Slovenia*
DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER, *Member of the Board, Verbund AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*
Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC, *Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat, Sarajevo*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

10:45-11:15 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**
 hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and SOPHARMA AD

11:15 a.m.-
1:00 p.m. **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

MAKE VISIONS REAL. VISIONARIES FROM DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SECTORS.**Moderation and Impulse Statement**

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

Participants in the Discussion

Dr. Franz WOHLFAHRT, *President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC 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*
Mr. Dorin DRAGUTANU, *Governor, National Bank of Moldova, Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*
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Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, *Lansky, Ganzger + Partner Attorneys, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Reinhard ZUBA, *Group Chief Marketing Officer, Telekom Austria Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*
Mr. Zoran VISNJIC, *Member of the Board, UNIQA International, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

1:00-2:00 p.m. **LUNCH BUFFET**
 hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and the Representation of the European Commission in Austria

2:00-3:30 p.m. **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

REGIONAL COOPERATION – VISIONS FOR THE DANUBE.**Moderation and Impulse Statement**

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

Main Statement

Mag. Richard KÜHNEL, *Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria*

Participants in the Discussion

Mag. Heinz MESSINGER, *Managing Director, AME International GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*
Mr. Henri THOME, *CEO, ESLNetwork Brussels, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*
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Mr. Christo ILIEV, *Executive Chairman, AG Capital AD, President of Association of the Family Business, Bulgaria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

3:30-4:00 p.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**
 hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and ESLNetwork Brussels

4:00-6:00 p.m. **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION**

VISIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY. ASK THE VISIONARIES.

Moderation

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

Impulse Statement and Conclusion

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

Greeting Speech on behalf of the EU Presidency

Ms. Rasa NOREIKIENE, *Vice-Minister of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania*

Panelists

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

H.E. Mr. Hashim THACI, *Prime Minister of Kosovo, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum*

H.E. Mr. Edi RAMA, *Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum*

H.E. Daniela BOBEVA-FILIPOVA, *Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Development of Bulgaria*

Mr. Mark ARNOLD, *CEO of Sberbank Europe AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

CEREMONY for handing over the Decoration for the merit of successful development of Vienna Economic Forum

Followed by **FAREWELL RECEPTION** for all participants at the **10th VEF** hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

7:30 p.m. **END of the 10th Vienna Economic Forum**



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VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM AWARD 2013

MONTENEGRO – PARTNER COUNTRY OF THE YEAR 2013

Prime Minister of **Montenegro H.E. Milo DJUKANOVIC**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, received the first ever Award for Partner Country of the Year 2013



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Dr. Herbert Stepic, Senior Advisor to the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, H.E. Milo Djukanovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

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President Dr. Erhard Busek, H.E. Milo Djukanovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva



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Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum **Dr. Herbert STEPIC**,
Senior Advisor to the Board at Raiffeisen Bank International AG



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Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the
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*Opening Session of the 10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum:
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*Festivity Address of H.E. Dr. Erwin Pröll,
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Second Plenary Session “Make Visions Real. Visionaries from different Economic Sectors.”



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



Mr. Alois Steinbichler, Director of the Board, Kommunalkredit Austria, 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



Moderation and Impulse Statement by Mr. Alois Steinbichler, Director of the Board, Kommunalkredit Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



Dr. Karsten Benz, CCO, Austrian Airlines AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Mr. Dorin Dragutanu, Governor, National Bank of Moldova, Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



Presentation of Mr. Dorin Dragutanu, Governor, National Bank of Moldova, Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



Third Plenary Session “Regional Cooperation – Visions for the Danube”



Mag. Heinz Messinger, Managing Director, AME International GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



Mag. Richard Kühnel, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Mr. Henri Thome, CEO, ESLNetwork Brussels, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Mag. Heinz Messinger, Managing Director, AME International GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



Mr. Christo Iliev, Executive Chairman, AG Capital AD, Bulgaria, President of Association of the Family Business, Bulgaria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, President Dr. Erhard Busek, Mag. Richard Kühnel, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria



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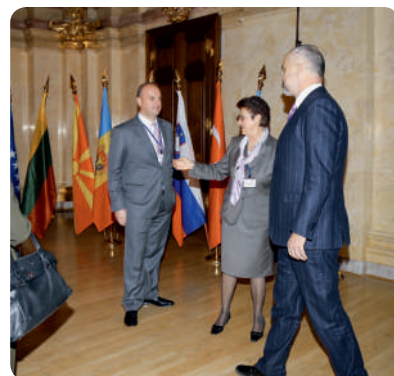


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*Fourth Plenary Session
"Visions and Responsibility for the Future
Development of the Economy. Ask the Visionaries."
with H.E. Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of
Albania, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum*



*Statement of H.E. Ms. Daniela Bobeva-Filipova,
Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Development
of Bulgaria*



*Speech of H.E. Mr. Edi Rama,
Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of
Vienna Economic Forum*



Audience



*H.E. Mr. Edi Rama,
Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of
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Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, H.E. Mr. Edi Rama,
Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of
Vienna Economic Forum, H.E. Ms. Daniela
Bobeva-Filipova, Deputy Prime Minister for
Economic Development of Bulgaria,
Dr. Erhard Busek, President of
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- In Haus Wittgenstein
- At the Diplomatic Academy Vienna



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2004

1st Vienna Economic Forum

8 November 2004

“Integrating Europe – the growing importance of South East Europe – von der Adria bis zum Schwarzen Meer, das liest sich fast wie ein Werbeprospekt für einen Traumurlaub, ist aber zugleich eine Ortsangabe für eine der dynamischsten und spannendsten Regionen, deren Bedeutung und Potential dieses Vienna Economic Forum ausloten will. Und das ist etwas Besonderes.

Es wird eine Privatinitiative von Unternehmern gestartet, die die Chancen und Möglichkeiten dieser Region ernst nehmen und sie auch aktiv nutzen.”

Dr. Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL, Federal Chancellor of Austria in the year 2004,
Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

Addresses of the Prime Ministers on behalf of the Member Countries:

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Croatia
Macedonia
Montenegro
Romania
Serbia
Slovenia
Turkey

“It is my pleasure to convey my warmest congratulations on the successful organisation of the 1st Vienna Economic Forum.

Turkey welcomes the objectives of the 1st Vienna Economic Forum and is determined to play its full part in order to achieve them. I believe this platform will be a fruitful occasion with many more mutually beneficial exchanges in the future.”

Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey in the year 2004

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2004

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“The Vienna Economic Forum strives to support the business community in its efforts to overcome borders, thus promoting the further European integration process. I am convinced that the Vienna Economic Forum will be able to make a substantial contribution towards this goal. I would like to extend my sincere wishes to the Vienna Economic Forum for success with its activities.”

Dr. Martin BARTENSTEIN, *Federal Minister of Economy of the Republic of Austria in the year 2004, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*

“We have the chance of forming a region.”

Mag. Andreas TREICHL, *CEO, Erste Group Bank AG, Founding Member and Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*



2005

Vienna Economic Forum – Bucharest Meeting

19–20 June 2005

“I would like to thank Dr. Josef Taus – President of Vienna Economic Forum, as well as your colleagues, for all the joint efforts to facilitate our discussions here today – promoting investment opportunities in the region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea. I am convinced that foreign investors have made a good decision when they turned their focus to this regional market, in the framework of their global architecture and in the context of a globalized world.”

Mr. Calin POPESCU-TARICEANU, Prime Minister of Romania in the year 2005 and Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

“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 in the year 2005, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum



2005

2nd Vienna Economic Forum

7 November 2005

“It is with great pleasure that I extend my wholehearted welcome the participants of this year’s Vienna Economic Forum taking place in Austria’s capital. The Vienna Economic Forum, founded only in April 2004, has already proved to make a valuable contribution to enhance economic cooperation in the countries from the Adriatic to the Black Sea. The high-ranking participants of this meeting also emphasise the significance this institution has already reached.”

Dr. Heinz FISCHER, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

“It is with pleasure that I accepted to be part of the Committee of Patrons of the Forum and to participate in today’s conference devoted to spurring investment into the South East Europe.”

H.E. Mr. Milo DJUKANOVIC, Prime Minister of Montenegro in the year 2005,
Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

„Aus Sicht der österreichischen Industrie ist es sehr erfreulich, dass Spitzen aus Politik und Wirtschaft Wien für diesen Meinungsaustausch gewählt haben.“

Dr. Veit SORGER, President of the Federation of Austrian Industries in the year 2005,
Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum

“South East European markets are the closest. The light was already dark green because the markets are ready for investments, there is not very much to be changed, although there are still the people who are waiting, and then somebody was blowing the horn that other guys first, and passing by and made the investment already or would make their investments rather way. So all I can say on this question is: Please jump on your gas and get to South East Europe because that is an area that is waiting for investments and has all the prerequisites you can think about. Thank you for coming to 2nd Vienna Economic Forum.”

Dr. Herbert STEPIC, Deputy Chairman in the year 2005,
Raiffeisen Zentral Bank AG (RZB)



2006

Vienna Economic Forum – Belgrade Meeting

11–12 June 2006

“It is my privilege and satisfaction, as a Patron of Vienna Economic Forum to welcome you all. Vienna Economic Forum is particularly important and it is reflected in a fact that this is an investment gathering, which includes 10 countries from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.”

Mr. Vojislav KOSTUNICA, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia in the year 2006, Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



2006

3rd Vienna Economic Forum

6 November 2006

“It is the third time that we meet here for the Vienna Economic Forum and it seems to have become a tradition to meet here in Vienna in order to discuss strategies and challenges for the future.”

Dr. Walter ROTHENSTEINER, Chairman of the Board,
Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG (RZB)



„Ich freue mich sehr, dass es wieder gelungen ist, dieses hochrangige Treffen von Politik und Wirtschaft hier in unserer Stadt zu organisieren.“

Dkfm. Karl FINK, Member of the Executive Board, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein



2007

Vienna Economic Forum – Ohrid Meeting

20-21 April 2007

„As a President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and Patron of Vienna Economic Forum it is my great pleasure and privilege to wish you welcome to this important event.“

H.E. Mr. Nikola GRUEVSKI, *President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in the year 2007, Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*

„Wir von der Soravia Gruppe definieren uns über eine ausgesprochene ‚First Move Mentalität‘. Wir nehmen dieses unternehmerische Risiko in Kauf, uns auf ein Terrain zu begeben, wo vorher noch keiner war.“

Mr. Hanno SORAVIA, *Soravia Group, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum*



2007

Vienna Economic Forum – Istanbul Meeting

24 -25 June 2007

“I would like to begin by expressing my best wishes for the success of this meeting and conference, which has been jointly organized by the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK) and the Vienna Economic Forum. And I hope it will open new horizons regarding relations with the European Union as well as relations between Turkey and Austria.”

H.E. Mr. Ali BABACAN, *Minister of State in charge of Economy of the Republic of Turkey in the year 2007*



2007

4th Vienna Economic Forum

5–6 November 2007

„Ich darf Ihnen auch meine große Bewunderung zu dem ausdrücken, was Sie in den letzten Jahren geschaffen haben. Die Teilnehmer des Vienna Economic Forums sind steigend und die Spitzen vieler großer Unternehmen nehmen daran teil.“

Dkfm. Elisabeth GÜTLER, CEO Hotel Sacher Wien,
Ehrenmitglied des Vienna Economic Forum

“Gathering for the 4th time, the Vienna Economic Forum has turned into a good tradition as of our annual appointment schedules.”

Dr. Martin BARTENSTEIN, Federal Minister of Economy of the Republic of Austria
in the year 2007, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



2008

Vienna Economic Forum – Chisinau Meeting

20–21 February 2008



Vienna Economic Forum – Becici Meeting

14–15 April 2008

Montenegro, Hotel Splendid Becici



2008

Vienna Economic Forum – Tirana Meeting

8–9 June 2008



Vienna Economic Talks – Pleven Meeting, in cooperation with many representatives of municipalities and decision-makers on municipality level of different Bulgarian cities

30 June–1 July 2008, Pleven, Bulgaria



2008

5th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum
10–11 November 2008



2009

**Vienna Economic Talks – The Financial Market Crisis:
Effects and Implications for South-Eastern Europe**
27 February 2009

“It was also in 2004 that the Vienna Economic Forum was established as a vehicle for promoting economic development and investment opportunities in Southeastern Europe and the Black Sea region. Much has happened since then. The Vienna Economic Forum will continue to play an important role in the region.”

Prof. Ewald NOWOTNY, Governor, Oesterreichische Nationalbank,
Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



Vienna Economic Talks – Pristina Meeting
25–26 March 2009



2009

Vienna Economic Talks – Sarajevo Meeting

27–28 September 2009



6th Vienna Economic Forum

9–10 November 2009



2010

**Vienna Economic Talks –
Meet Bosnia and Herzegovina in Vienna**
11–12 March 2010



Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting
25–26 April 2010

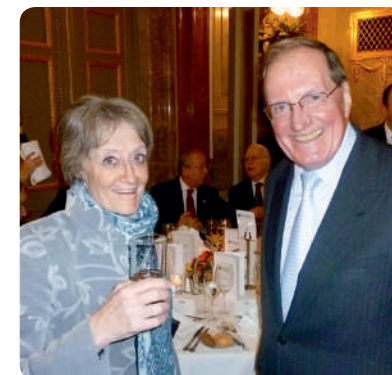


Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting
24–25 June 2010



2010

7th Vienna Economic Forum
8-9 November 2010



2011

Vienna Economic Talks – Istanbul Meeting

22–23 May 2011, Palais Yeniköy and Sakip Sabanci Museum



Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Kosovo in Vienna

24–25 October 2011



2011

8th Vienna Economic Forum

20–21 November 2011, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna



2012

Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting

3–4 April 2012



Vienna Economic Talks – Meet Turkey in Vienna

18–19 June 2012



2012

9th Vienna Economic Forum

18–19 November 2012, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna



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GREETINGS TO THE JUBILEE

"I still remember the first Vienna Economic Forum meeting in November back ten years ago. When one goes to the first meeting of such initiatives one usually does not know how it will evolve. But the first Vienna Economic Forum meeting was far beyond my expectations, even habit forming. Since then I attended all meetings in Vienna except one I missed because of a business trip. Then there were Vienna Economic Talks. I attended all that took place in Turkey. They were also high caliber, good subjects and powerful speakers, fruitful discussions. I would like to thank to and congratulate Dr. Busek, Dr. Kirtcheva, and Vienna Economic Forum Team for their efforts. Keep up the good work!"

Mr. F. Sadi GÜCÜM, Executive Director of Cukurova Holding A.S. and Cukurova Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Chairman of DEIK/Turkish-Austrian Business Council, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum



"I was highly honoured by your invitation for Lithuania to become a member country of Vienna Economic Forum and for me as the Prime Minister to join the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum. I believe this important role will give a new stimulus for political and economic cooperation of South-Eastern Europe and Central and North Europe."

H.E. Mr. Algirdas BUTKEVICIUS, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania, Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

„Das Vienna Economic Forum blieb konzentriert, Beiträge zum wirtschaftlichen Gleichklang Südosteuropas mit seiner europäischen Dimension zu finden. Ich danke als Gründungsmitglied des Vienna Economic Forums allen, die an der positiven Zukunft des „Adria-Schwarzmeer-Raumes“ mitwirken.“

Dr. Rudolf GRUBER, Former President of the Supervisory Board of EVN AG, Founding Member and Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

„Das Vienna Economic Forum hat einen entscheidenden Beitrag dazu geleistet, die wirtschaftlichen Chancen und Investitionsmöglichkeiten sowie die kulturelle Vielfalt der aufstrebenden SOE-Region aufzuzeigen. Ich bedanke mich beim Vienna Economic Forum für zehn gelungene Jahre und freue mich, den Weg dieser einzigartigen Institution auch in Zukunft begleiten zu dürfen – denn Südosteuropa beginnt in Wien.“

Dkfm. Karl FINK, Member of the Board, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, Founding Father and long-time Vice President of Vienna Economic Forum, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



“Vienna Economic Forum for the last ten years has a successful cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina to promote the potential of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as creating a positive climate for attracting foreign investors in this country, increasing its activities to support the regional economy, its choice of hot topics and its organization of several Vienna Economic Talks for countries of the region.”

H.E. Mr. Vjekoslav BEVANDA, *Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Member of the Patrons Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*

„Investitionsmöglichkeiten aufzuzeigen, Impulse zu geben und Orte der Begegnung zu schaffen haben das erste Jahrzehnt dieser Organisation geprägt.

Die Konferenzen des Vienna Economic Forum am Standort Wien und in den weiteren Mitgliedsländern waren stets ein lebendiges Miteinander, das von politischem und wirtschaftlichem Weitblick getragen wurde.

Die Anerkennung als Internationale Nichtstaatliche Organisation und die Zuerkennung des speziellen Konsultativstatus beim Wirtschafts- und Sozialrat der Vereinten Nationen waren die daraus resultierenden Erfolge. Diesen Weg gilt es nun fortzusetzen.“

Dr. Walter ROTHENSTEINER, *Chairman, Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG, Founding Member and Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*

„Meine herzliche Gratulation zu diesem Erfolg Ihnen, Frau Botschafterin, und Ihrem Team.“

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



“Looking back at 10 years of the Vienna Economic Forum, it is clear how much the dynamics of economic involvement in South East Europe have changed. The Vienna Economic Forum has assumed the role of serving as a door opener, liaison and platform for a strategic exchange with the regions and markets, and has done an outstanding job.”

Dr. Georg PÖLZL, *CEO, Österreichische Post AG, Founding Member, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*

“We would all agree that Vienna Economic Forum is the right floor to meet various ideas for promoting the economic cooperation between membering countries. This is way broader visions are on demand. This is why I find Vienna Economic Forum goals so topical and needed. I do believe that as we share a ‘common’ Europe and probably some common problems as well, so we share common goals.”

Mr. Bojidar DANEV, *President, Bulgarian Industrial Association, Member of the Committee of Presidents of the Economic Chambers of the Region of Vienna Economic Forum*

„Herzliche Gratulation zur perfekten Organisation einer solch aufwendigen Veranstaltung.“

Mr. Hermann ANDERL, *Managing Director, Canon CEE GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*



“Vienna Economic Forum which serves as the leader of the social, cultural, economic and political issues of the Balkans, have also become an accepted guide for the region with its activities during the last ten years. While acting as a bridge between the Balkans and the European Union, Vienna Economic Forum's mission has already become an important milestone in the roadmap for the future's Europe. As Marmara Group Foundation, on their honorable 10th year, we wholeheartedly celebrate Vienna Economic Forum and wish for the continuation of their exceptionally successful efforts.”

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

“I would like to congratulate you, once again, for the success of the Forum. The discussions proved most inspiring and attracted so many distinguished personalities who spoke with commitment and enthusiasm.”

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

„Ich möchte Ihnen auf das Herzlichste zur Auszeichnung als ‚Erfolgreicher Kongressveranstalter der Stadt Wien 2012‘ gratulieren ... mehr als verdient, denn Sie schaffen es nun schon über so viele Jahre eine derart hoch besetzte Veranstaltung in Wien auf eine perfekte Art und Weise zu organisieren. Ich wünsche Ihnen das Allerbeste und bin überzeugt, dass Sie die Tradition des Vienna Economic Forums weiter so erfolgreich fortführen werden.“

Dr. Herbert STEPIC, *Senior Advisor to the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Founding Member and Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*



“The role of the Vienna Economic Forum, which has always encouraged and supported the development of this region, strongly supported by Austria as its home country, will certainly remain of great importance even in the future.”

Mr. Velimir MIJUSKOVIC, *President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro, Member of the Committee of Presidents of the Economic Chambers of the Region of Vienna Economic Forum*

„Die Nachhaltigkeit Ihrer Veranstaltungen schätze ich besonders. In den letzten Jahren ist VEF zu einer international hoch bewerteten Institution geworden, die von vielen Teilnehmern zu Recht als das österreichische Mini-Davos bezeichnet wird.“

Ms. Roumiana TASLAKOWA, *Präsidentin von European Center for Environmental Economy, Bulgaria, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

“The value and viability of VEF is in its powerful stimulus for the development of international partnerships, expansion of business ties and attraction of new investments in our economies of participating countries. All this testifies upon the prestige, relevance, high impact, and its turn into an annual dialogue platform between the leading representatives of governments and business organizations around the world, regardless the place of venue.”

Mr. Gheorghe CUCU, *President, Chamber of Economy of Moldova, Member of the Committee of Presidents of the Economic Chambers of the Region of Vienna Economic Forum*



“Vienna Economic Forum which brings together not only policy makers from the countries in the region but also investors and entrepreneurs is a truly praiseworthy initiative.”

Mr. Boris VUJCIC, Governor of the Croatian National Bank,
Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

“Thank you Vienna Economic Forum for your sterling example. We salute you on this on the occasion of your tenth anniversary.”

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