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DEAR MEMBERS OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM!

Once again the time for our annual brochure came and we have the pleasure to share with you the overview of the year **2014 – another successful Vienna Economic Forum year!**

During our meetings in 2014 we experienced again and permanently the importance of cooperation and its significance for achieving positive and concrete results on regional and subregional level.

In April this year we had the pleasure to cooperate and organize together with the **Central European Initiative** on behalf the Austrian Presidency 2014, 25 years CEI and 10 years Vienna Economic Forum the **“Vienna Economic Talks – Building Bridges in a Challenging Time”** at the premises of Raiffeisen Bank International in Vienna. The Synergy of one private, like Vienna Economic Forum, and one governmental body, like CEI, that showed us the importance of these good cooperation especially in turbulent times as today. Special thanks are due here to the host Dr. Herbert Stepic, founding father and supporter of Vienna Economic Forum since its beginning.

In May Vienna Economic Forum organised together with the **Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO)** the **BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT FORUM ALBANIA**. The Albanian high-ranking delegation was lead by H.E. Prime Minister Edi Rama, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum and this conference was a further step in the already excellent and fruitful business relation between Austria and Albania.

A very important event in June 2014 was certainly the very timely **“Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014”**, under the patronage of the Premier Minister of Moldova H.E. Iurie Leanca. Following the Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014, the European Commission organised on the next day the “EU – Moldova International Investors’ Conference”, with the participation of the President H.E. Mr. Jose Manuel Durao Barroso, with an important point on the agenda: an overview on the Conclusions and Recommendations of Vienna Economic Forum after the Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014.

The much loved summer event of Vienna Economic Forum, the **13th Traditional Garden Party** “Culinary and musical journey through the partner countries of Vienna Economic Forum”, with its unique atmosphere showed once again how much people from the region have in common and how important the good economic development and the peaceful relations between neighbouring countries from the Region of Vienna Economic Forum are for all.

For the **11th Vienna Economic Forum – Vienna Summit 2014** we had the pleasure to welcome 400 participants from 44 countries at the Palais Niederösterreich in Vienna. Under the motto “Visions and responsibilities in a changing time” we were delighted that high-ranking participants such as the H.E. Federal President of the Republic of Austria **Dr. Heinz Fischer**, the Patrons of Vienna Economic Forum: H.E. Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria **Werner Faymann**, H.E. Prime Minister of Albania **Edi Rama**, H.E. Prime Minister of Macedonia **Nikola Gruevski**, H.E. Prime Minister of Montenegro **Milo Djukanovic**, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria **Tomislav Donchev**, **Sir Suma Chakrabarti**, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, contributed to the great success of the **11th Vienna Economic Forum – Vienna Summit 2014**. The importance of the Information technology, Energy efficiency, the economy cooperation in Danube and the Black Sea Region, the Role of the Turkish Economy for the development of the regional economy were the topics.

Let us cordially congratulate **Dr. Hannes Ametsreiter**, CEO of **Telekom Austria Group**, to the nomination as laureate as **Partner of the Year 2014**; and **Dr. Akkan Suver**, **President of Marmara Group Foundation** as **Strategic Partner of the Year 2014**.

We want to thank you – members, partners and friends of Vienna Economic Forum, for yours continuous support and active participation and can ensure you, that Vienna Economic Forum will continue the good cooperation for further economic development in and between the member countries, in all directions of the region, in Europe and worldwide.

Looking forward to meet all of you at the **12th Vienna Economic Forum – Vienna Dialogue 2015**, on 23 November 2015 in Palais Niederösterreich in Vienna!

Dr. Erhard Busek
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Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva
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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:

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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.**

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- 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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- Committee of Mayors of the Region
- Culture Committee

VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – BUILDING BRIDGES IN A CHALLENGING TIME

**10 years Vienna Economic Forum and
25 years Central European Initiative**

28 April 2014, Raiffeisen Bank International, Vienna

Vienna Economic Forum is proud that on the occasion of two anniversaries in the Year 2014 – **10 years Vienna Economic Forum** and **25 years Central European Initiative** the conference **VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – BUILDING BRIDGES IN A CHALLENGING TIME** was organized in cooperation with Central European Initiative.

The goal was to use the synergy of both organisations to support the economic development of VEF and CEI countries, especially in the current challenging time. This goal of Vienna Economic Forum was already defined 10 years ago and was proven in all these successful years by the economic cooperation with and between the VEF member countries.

Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva was glad to welcome more than 130 registered participants from 26 countries, high representatives of the economy and politics of all Vienna Economic Forum and also from CEI member countries. She welcomed especially the **Members of the Board** of VEF, Mr. Hermann Anderl – CEO of Canon CEE, Mr. Alois Steinbichler, Kommunalkredit Austria AG, Dr. Peter Harold, HYPO NOE Gruppe Bank AG, Mr. Valentin Mihov, Sberbank Europe AG, Dr. Friedrich Jergitsch, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Mr. Roland Frankl, Lansky, Ganzger and Partner, Members of the Governors Committee of VEF – Mr. Adrian Fulani, Governor of Bank of Albania, Ms. Ernadina Bajrovic, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of BiH, also Dr. Gyula Pleschinger, Member of the Monetary Policy Council at National Bank of Hungary, and Members of the VEF-Committee of the Presidents of National Chambers of Economy – Dr. Richard Schenz, Vice President of Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Mr. Bojidar Danev, President of Bulgarian Industrial Association, Mr. Zdravko Jelusic, Vice President of Serbian Chamber of Commerce, and also Mr. Uladzimir Ulakhovich, Deputy Chairman of Belarus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as a Representative from the CEI Countries.

The Main Topics of the conference were:

- Building Bridges – The Role of the Synergy for the Economic Development of Vienna Economic Forum and CEI Member Countries
- Imagine the Future: For a Better Economic Cooperation. Economic Chamber's and Bank's Responsibilities.
- Family Business – Role and Perspectives

Several Ambassadors and high representatives from many Embassies in Vienna took part, which was a proof that cooperation is the right way to increase and support the economic development.

Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva pointed out that she is convinced that exactly the synergy of one private, like Vienna Economic Forum, and one governmental body, like CEI, is the right cooperation as seen from the present days, when we deal with challenges and change!



Vienna Economic Forum as a private non-profit organisation was founded according the Austrian law of associations. In it's already 10 years successful story Vienna Economic Forum has been growing and have since 2011 the status International Non-Governmental Organization from the Republic of Austria and since 2012 the Special Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Vienna Economic Forum wants to thank especially CEI Alternate Secretary General **Amb. Dr. Margit Waestfelt** and **Amb. Dr. Heidemaria Gürer**, Austrian National Coordinator of Central European Initiative.

Vienna Economic Forum is very grateful to **Dr. Herbert Stepic**, Founding Father of Vienna Economic Forum who was the host of the conference, and **Raiffeisen Bank International AG**, partner for a long time.

Several members of Vienna Economic Forum are big players in the family business sector of the region, like Mr. Hanno Soravia, Founding Father of Vienna Economic Forum, **Mr. Christo Iliev**, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, the President of the Association of the Family Business Network (FBN) Bulgaria. Their participation, as also of the Representatives of the **Family Business Associations** in Austria and Finland, from Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, give the confidence that the aspirations for sustainable economic development based on the importance of family businesses, become true.

Vienna Economic Forum, as the place where the participants experience the importance of thinking together about the present and future economic development, will continue the good cooperation with all member countries from South East Europe, and also with Countries from Central and Northern Europe, as Lithuania.



PROGRAM

28 APRIL 2014

LOCATION

**Raiffeisen Bank International,
Raiffeisen Hall, Am Stadtpark 9,
1030 Vienna, Austria**

8:30–9:15 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

9:15–9:25 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**

9:30–11:00 a.m. **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

BUILDING BRIDGES – THE ROLE OF THE SYNERGY FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF VEF AND CEI-MEMBER COUNTRIES

Moderation

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

Introduction

Amb. Dr. Heidemaria GÜRER, *National Coordinator Central European Initiative (CEI),
Ministry of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria*

Welcome Addresses

Dr. Herbert STEPIC, *Senior Advisor to the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG,
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Amb. Giovanni CARACIOLLO DI VIETRI, *Secretary General,
Central European Initiative (CEI), Trieste, Italy*

Main Statement

Amb. Dr. Michael LINHART, *Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs,
Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria*

Statements

Mag. Hermann ANDERL, *CEO, CANON CEE,
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Mr. Mark ALLEN, *Senior Adviser on Central and Eastern Europe,
European Investment Bank*

Dr. Friedrich JERGITSCH, *Office Managing Partner Wien, Freshfields Bruckhaus
Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

11:00–11:30 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 a.m.–
1:00 p.m. **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

**IMAGINE THE FUTURE:
FOR A BETTER ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
ECONOMIC CHAMBER'S AND BANK'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Moderation

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

Main Statement

Dr. Richard SCHENZ, Vice-President,
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Statements

Mr. Ardian FULLANI, Governor, Governor of the Bank of *Albania*,
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Mr. Bojidar DANEV, President, *Bulgarian Industrial Association*,
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Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, Partner, *LANSKY, GANZGER + partner*,
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Mr. Valentin MIHOV, Member of the Board of *Sberbank Europe AG*,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Zdravko JELUŠIĆ, Vice-President, *Serbian Chamber of Commerce*

Ms. Ernadina BAJROVIC, Vice-Governor, *Centralbank of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Mr. Uladzimir ULAKHOVICH, Deputy Chairman, *Belarusian Chamber of
Commerce and Industry*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

1:00–2:00 p.m. **Networking LUNCH – Buffet**

2:00–4:00 p.m. **PODIUM DISCUSSION**

FAMILY BUSINESS – ROLE AND PERSPECTIVES.

Moderation

Amb. Dr. Margit WAESTFELT, Alternate Secretary General,
Central European Initiative (CEI), Trieste, Italy

Main Statement

Dr. Matti VANHANEN, Former Prime Minister of Finland, Executive Director Family
Business Network (FBN) Finland – Finnish Family Firms Association

Participants in the Discussion

KR Heinrich SPÄGLER, President, *Family Business Network (FBN) Austria*

Mr. Erik CSERNOVITS, Deputy Secretary General, *Central European Initiative (CEI)*,
Trieste, Italy

Mr. Christo ILIEV, President, *Association of the Family Business Network (FBN), Bulgaria*,
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Dr. Gyula PLESCHINGER, Member of the Monetary Policy Council at National Bank
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Dr. Kurt PUCHINGER, Coordinator, *Priority Area 10, EU Strategy for the Danube
Region, Austria*

Mag. Christian GESSL, Director *CEE & Baltics, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

4:00 p.m.

**END of Vienna Economic Talks
“Building Bridges in a challenging time”**

PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. Michael Linhart, Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Dr. Herbert Stepic, Senior Advisor, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Amb. Dr. Heidemaria Gürer



Amb. Dr. Margit Waestfelt reported



KR Hanno Soravia, CEO, Soravia Group GmbH, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum



Mr. Christo Iliev, CEO, AG Capital, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum as speaker



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva reported



Dr. Richard Schenz, Vice-President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, Mr. Zdravko Jelusic, Vice-President, Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bojidar Danev, President, Bulgarian Industrial Association, Member of the Committee of Presidents of the Economic Chambers of Vienna Economic Forum



Presentation of Mag. Alois Steinbichler, Director of the Board, Kommunalkredit Austria AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



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



final preparations ...



Presentation of Mag. Hermann Anderl, CEO, CANON CEE GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



Mr. Valentin Mihov, Member of the Board of Sberbank Europe AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum



H.E. Mehmet Hasan Gögüs, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Member of the Ambassadors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



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



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BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT FORUM ALBANIA

12 May 2014, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vienna

On 12 May 2014 Vienna Economic Forum in cooperation with Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO) co-organized the Business and Investment Forum Albania with a high-ranking delegation from Albania, headed by **H.E. Prime Minister Edi RAMA**, Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum.

Host **Dr. Christoph LEITL** President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and Member of the Committee of the Presidents of Economic Chambers of the region on Vienna Economic Forum, and **Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum opened the conference. The Opening Speech was held by **H.E. Edi RAMA**, Prime Minister of Albania.

Statements were held by Albanian Ministers: **H.E. Arben AHMETAJ**, Minister of Economy of Albania and Member of the Committee of the Ministers of Economy of the region of Vienna Economic Forum, **H.E. Damjan GJIKNURI**, Minister for Energy and Industry of Albania and **H.E. Edmond PANARITI**, Minister for Agriculture of Albania.

Numerous Members of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum – VEF Vice President **Mag. Stefan SZYSZKOWITZ**, Member of the Board, EVN AG, **Mag. Heinz MESSINGER**, Managing Director, AME International GmbH and **DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER**, Member of the Board, Verbund AG, Honorary Member **Dr. Herbert STEPIC**, Senior Advisor to the Board, Raiffeisen Bank International AG – and Members of Vienna Economic Forum took part in Business and Investment Forum Albania.

Around 160 participants took advantage of the exchange of experience and bilateral talks. Vienna Economic Forum thanks EVN AG, AME International GmbH and Verbund AG for their support.



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PROGRAM

12 MAY 2014

LOCATION

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ),
Rudolf-Sallinger-Saal, Mezzanine, Wiedner Hauptstraße 63, 1040 Vienna

9:00-9:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**9:00-11:00 a.m. **OPENING SESSION**

Moderation

Mag. Karl HARTLIEB, Deputy Head of Department, AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA

Welcome Address

Dr. Christoph LEITL, President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria,
President of Vienna Economic Forum

Keynote Speech

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

Main Statement

H.E. Mr. Arben AHMETAJ, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and
Entrepreneurship of Albania: “The New Economic Masterplan for Albania”,
Member of the Committee Ministers of Economy of Vienna Economic Forum

Statements

Ms. Ellen GOLDSTEIN, Director for Southeast Europe and Central Asia, Worldbank
H.E. Mr. Damjan GJIKNURI, Minister for Energy and Industry of the Republic of Albania
H.E. Mr. Edmond PANARITI, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the
Republic of Albania

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

COFFEE BREAK

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderation

Dr. Peter HASSLACHER, Head, Advantage Austria for Slovenia, Albania, Kosovo

Statements

Ing. Dietmar REINER, CEO, Energy Ashta, Joint Venture of Verbund AG and EVN AG
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Mag. Peter SIMONER, CEO, Österreichische Lotterien Albania
Thorsten BIBA, Regional CEO, RÖFIX Albania

12:30-13:30 a.m. **NETWORKING LUNCH**

13:30-16:00 a.m. **INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEETINGS
BETWEEN AUSTRIAN AND ALBANIAN COMPANIES**

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Welcome address by Dr. Christoph Leitl,
President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber,
Member of the Vienna Economic Forum Committee
of Presidents of Economic Chambers



Audience



Dr. Erhard Busek, President of
Vienna Economic Forum
addressing the audience



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The high-ranking delegation of Albania including H.E. Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, H.E. Mr. Arben Ahmetaj, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship of Albania, Member of the Vienna Economic Forum Committee of Ministers of Economy, H.E. Mr. Damjan Gjiknuri, Minister for Energy and Industry of Albania, H.E. Mr. Edmond Panariti, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Albania



Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva and Dr. h.c. Karl Blecha, Former Federal Minister of Interior of the Republic of Austria, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum, Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum



Statement of H.E. Mr. Arben Ahmetaj, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship of Albania, Member of the Vienna Economic Forum Committee of Ministers of Economy

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VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – CHISINAU MEETING 2014

10–11 June 2014, Chisinau, Moldova

in cooperation with the **Moldovan Investment and Export Promotion Organisation (MIEPO)**

Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014 was successfully organized under the patronage of the Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Iurie Leanca.

For both days over 300 participants from 18 countries were registered: from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Monte Carlo, The Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Moldova.

In his Opening Statement President **Dr. Erhard Busek** said that things in Moldova improve and by holding such events, Vienna Economic Forum focuses on the attraction of long-term investments. “We want Moldova, which has incomes lower than the European states, but which has potential and is developing, to benefit from the Vienna Economic Forum activities. The solution to rapid development resides in the attraction of investments, increase in exports and enhancement of competitiveness of the Moldovan products on the European markets,” stated President Dr. Busek.

In his Introductory Statement **H.E. Prime Minister Iurie Leanca** thanked Vienna Economic Forum for the idea of staging this event in Chisinau. “It is a good occasion for discussing the new cooperation opportunities that will appear when Moldova signs the Association Agreement with the EU and when the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area is created. Our objective is to place Moldova on the political and economic map of Europe,” he stated.

Moldova has been a Member Country of Vienna Economic Forum from the very beginning and it is a proof of how high the members of Vienna Economic Forum value Moldova and its way towards market economy and EU values so that Vienna Economic Forum organized this specialized meeting for the third time, after the years 2008 and 2010.

Secretary General Amb. **Dr. Elena Kirtcheva** stated that Vienna Economic Forum focuses on authentic values and long-term cooperation and she is convinced, that the markets in CEE continue to offer great potential. The close cooperation of Vienna Economic Forum with the governments is an important incentive for the achievement of this goal and she very much expects an active cooperation with the Moldovan Government in this direction. The aim of Vienna Economic Forum is always concentrated to animate investors from different sectors and from different countries for activities in the Vienna Economic Forum region. Because only a good balance in the mosaic of foreign investors, a colourful palette of companies from different countries, especially in the large structure relevant investments, secures the best choice of a country for the national economic development.



Several Members of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum took part in the meeting:

- **Dr. Ognjan Donev**, President of the Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria (CEIBG), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum; CEO, Sopharma AD, Bulgaria Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mag. Heinz Messinger**, CEO, AME International GmbH, Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **DI Peter Umundum**, Member of the Board of Österreichische Post AG, Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

On the second day of the meeting **H.E. Mr. Vasile Bumacov**, Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry and **Mr. Mihai Ciocanu**, Deputy Minister of Health of Moldova took part with Introductory Statements, presenting concrete projects in diverse economic sectors of Moldova.

Vienna Economic Forum is especially proud that after the First Opening Session on 10 June in Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014 we could present **The National Energy Globe Award for Moldova** – which goes to the NGO “First Aid Centre” and Mr. Vitalie Zaharia for the project “Implementing the street lighting system with solar cells and LED lamps”, and which was handed over by **Mag. Rudolf Lukavsky**, Commercial Counselor for Romania and Moldova at the Austrian Embassy Bucharest, Romania.

Following the successful **Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014**, on the next day, on **June 12, 2014**, the **EU – Moldova International Investors’ Conference** was organized, with the participation of **H.E. Mr. Jose Manuel Durao Barroso**, President of the European Commission and **H.E. Mr. Iurie Leanca**, Prime Minister of Moldova. Many Members of Vienna Economic Forum took part in the conference, also the Members of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, **Mag. Heinz Messinger**, CEO, AME International GmbH, Austria, and **Dr. Ognjan Donev**, President of the Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria (CEIBG), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum; CEO, Sopharma AD, Bulgaria. The event was also attended by businessmen and potential investors in the national economy, representatives of government structures and agencies, chambers of commerce, and representatives of diplomatic missions.

Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva gave an overview on the Conclusions and Recommendations of Vienna Economic Forum after the Vienna Economic Talks – Chisinau Meeting 2014 and wished the Moldovan economy a realisation of a colourful investors interest and assured that Vienna Economic Forum, as the place where the participants experience the importance of thinking together about the present and future economic development, will continue the good cooperation with Moldova and the countries of the region.



PROGRAM 10 JUNE 2014

LOCATION

Leograd Convention Centre, Chisinau

4:45–5:30 p.m. **REGISTRATION**

5:15–5:25 p.m. **FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**

5:30–7:00 p.m. **DAY 1 OPENING SESSION**

EUROPE AND MOLDOVA – HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. EXAMPLES FROM FOREIGN INVESTORS

Moderation

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

Impulse Statement

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

Introductory Statement

H.E. Mr. Iurie LEANCA, *Prime Minister of Moldova*

Statements

Mag. Herbert KRUTINA, *Member of the Board, Managing Director, STRABAG AG, Austria*

Dr. Karl BLECHA, *President, Pensionistenverband, SeniorenReisen, Austria, Founding Member and Member of the Honorary Committee of Vienna Economic Forum*

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

Mr. Alex MUNTEANU, *Chairman of Business Advisory Council for Southeastern Europe and Eurasia (BAC SEE), Thessaloniki, Greece, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, Head of Private Equity, Dragon Capital, Kiev, Ukraine*

Mag. Rudolf LUKAVSKY, *Commercial Counselor for Romania and Moldova at the Austrian Embassy, Bucharest, Romania*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

7:00 p.m.

Cocktail (by invitation)

hosted by the Government of Moldova

PROGRAM 11 JUNE 2014

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

8:45–8:55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**

9:00–10:30 a.m. **DAY 2 FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

**INVESTMENTS IN MOLDOVAN ECONOMY – HOW TO ATTRACT INVESTORS.
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Moderation and Opening

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

Introductory Statement

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

Impulse Statement

H.E. Mr. Valeriu LAZAR, Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Economy of **Moldova**

Main Statement

Dr. Heinz OLBERS, Director for Lending Activities in Eastern Neighbours
and Central Asia, European Investment Bank (**EIB**), **Luxembourg**

Statements

DI Peter UMUNDUM, Member of the Board of Österreichische Post AG, **Austria**,
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Mr. Juan Luis Martín ORTIGOSA, CEO, Banca Comerciala Romana Chisinau S.A.
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Dr. Gerhard SCHAUMBERGER, Head of Office, Coordination Office for Technical
Cooperation Austrian Embassy Chisinau, **Austrian Development Agency (ADA)**

Mr. Alexandru GOZUN, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Moldova Office Leader, **Moldova**

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

10:30–11:00 a.m. **Networking Coffee Break**

11:00 a.m.–
12:30 p.m. **DAY 2 SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

**CONCRETE PROJECTS IN DIVERSE ECONOMIC SECTORS
IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

Moderation

Mag. Heinz MESSINGER, CEO, AME International GmbH, **Austria**, Member of the Board
of Vienna Economic Forum

Introductory Statements

H.E. Andrei USATHI, Minister of Health of **Moldova**

Mr. Gheorghe GABERI, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of **Moldova**

Statements

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Mag. Alexander LINKE, Head of Energy, Environment and Climate Change Department,
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Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

12:30–1:00 p.m. **CONCLUSION**

**CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES
AFTER CHISINAU MEETING 2014**

H.E. Mr. Valeriu LAZAR, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy of **Moldova**

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

1:00–2:00 p.m. **Farewell LUNCH BUFFET hosted by the Government of Moldova**

2:00 p.m. **END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – CHISINAU MEETING 2014**

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM

LOCATION

Leograd Convention Centre,
Chisinau

11 JUNE 2014

3:00–6:00 p.m. **POSSIBILITIES for BILATERAL MEETINGS**
for the Vienna Economic Forum Members, organised by MIEPO

With the President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of **Moldova**
Mr. Gheorghe CUCU, Member of the Committee of the Presidents of Economic Chambers
of Vienna Economic Forum
With **Mr. Dorin CHIRTOACA**, General Mayor of Chisinau, Member of the Mayors
Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

3:30–5:30 p.m. **POSSIBILITY to visit Republican Clinical Hospital**

A successful international joint project in Chisinau, together with the project developers

12 JUNE 2014

8:30 a.m.–
6:00 p.m. **MOLDOVA-EU INTERNATIONAL**
INVESTORS CONFERENCE

10:00 a.m. **Keynote speeches**

MOLDOVA'S AA/DCFTA WITH THE EU:
WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE EU?

H.E. Mr. José Manuel Durão BARROSO,
President of the European Commission

MOLDOVA'S AA WITH THE EU:
WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MOLDOVAN BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS?

H.E. Mr. Iurie LEANCA, Prime Minister of **Moldova**

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS of Vienna Economic Forum

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

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Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva,
President Dr. Erhard Busek,
H.E. Mr. Iurie Leanca, Prime Minister of Moldova,
H.E. Mr. Valeriu Lazar, Deputy Prime Minister
of Moldova



Audience



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



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Dr. Ognian Donev, CEO, Sopharma PLC, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



Dr. Ognian Donev, CEO, Sopharma PLC, Vice-President of Vienna Economic Forum as speaker



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Meeting of the friends between the Adriatic and the Black Sea

13 June 2014, in the Garden
of the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna

On 13 June 2014 the Board of Vienna Economic Forum together with the Ambassadors of the Member Countries invited to the 13th traditional meeting of the friends between the Adriatic and the Black Sea. The already in Vienna much-loved "Culinary and musical journey through the countries of the Region" with the involvement of all the Member Countries of Vienna Economic Forum took place in the garden of the Diplomatic Academy.

The embassies spared no effort to indulge the guests with country specific culinary specialties. The artistic performance has been, as in the years before, the highlight of the evening and the guest enjoyed the performance of the various artists.: Macedonian folk song "Dimna Juda" accompanied by a dance of the **folklore group "Makedonka"** – Vienna; **Ms. Flaka Goranci**, mezzo-soprano and **Mr. Alfred Bushi**, guitar, presented the songs "Lule Bore" and "Margjelo" from **Albania**; **Turkish folklore dance group** from the Gaziantep region with a potpourri of a number of folk dances, **Mr. Danijel Piller**, accordion and **Mr. Darko Piller**, violin, music students from **Serbia**, played traditional songs from the balkan region, the **Bulgarian dance group "KITKA"** presented bulgarian dances.

The program was moderated by **Prof. Eugeniy Chevkenov**, Head of the Culture Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, the whole organisation was supported by the Vienna Economic Forum – mediapartners **Cercle Diplomatique et Economique International** and **Monitor TV**, and technically by the Vienna Economic Forum – Cooperation partner Canon CEE GmbH.

More than 400 guests celebrated with good mood, culinary specialties and musical performances. The unique atmosphere was once again proof of how much the people of the region have in common.

The 14th Traditional Garden Party will take place on 19 June 2015 in the Garden of the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna.



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24 November 2014, Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna

On 24 November 2014 the Board of Vienna Economic Forum had the pleasure to welcome more than 400 participants from 44 countries at the Palais Niederösterreich in Vienna.

Under the motto “Visions and responsibilities in a changing time” the high-ranking participants such as the H.E. Federal President of the Republic of Austria **Dr. Heinz Fischer**, the Patrons of Vienna Economic Forum: H.E. Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria **Werner Faymann**, H.E. Prime Minister of Albania **Edi Rama**, H.E. Prime Minister of Macedonia **Nikola Gruevski**, H.E. Prime Minister of Montenegro **Milo Djukanovic**, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria **Tomislav Donchev**, **Sir Suma Chakrabarti**, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and **Amb. Dr. Margit Waestfelt**, Alternate Secretary General of the Central European Initiative (CEI) discussed in the first session about the role of the Economy as a Motor of the development in the Vienna Economic Forum region.

Dr. Hannes Ametsreiter, CEO of Telekom Austria Group and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum lead the moderation of the Second Plenary Session about the development of IT-Infrastructure and the importance of Energy Efficiency. **Mag. Bernadette Gierlinger**, Section Chief in the Federal Ministry of Research, Science and Economy and **Mag. Wilhelm Molterer**, Vicepresident of the European Investment Bank (EIB), discussed together with H.E. **Arben Ahmetaj**, Minister of Economy of Albania and Member of the Vienna Economic Forum Committee of Ministers of Economy, **Mag. Stefan Szyszkowitz**, Member of the Board of EVN AG and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, **DI Dr. Günther Rabensteiner**, Member of the Board of Verbund AG and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, **Dr. Gabriel Lansky**, Partner at LANSKY, GANZGER + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and **Ing. Gerald Sturm-Ofenböck**, General Manager AT/CEE, Siemens Industry Software, Member of Vienna Economic Forum.

The third Session “As long ad the Danube and the Black Sea connect us – responsibility for today and for the future. Cooperation is on demand!” moderated by the President of Vienna Economic Forum **Dr. Erhard Busek**, H.E. **Amb. Miklos Lengyel**, Vice President of the Danube Commission, **Mr. Alan Paic**, Head of the Investment Compact for South East Europe, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), **Mr. Mihai Daraban**, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, Member of the Committee of Presidents of the Economic Chambers of Vienna Economic Forum, **Dr. Boris Vujcic**, Governor of the National Bank of Croatia, Member of the Governors Committee of Vienna Economic Forum, **Prof. Dr. Helmut Habersack**, Universität für Bodenkultur and **Dr. Strahil Karapchanski**, Deputy Mayor of Russe, discussed interesting projects along the river Danube and the in Black Sea Region.

The fourth Session was dedicated to the growing economic importance of Turkey in the region of Vienna Economic Forum. It was organised as COUNTRY FORUM TURKEY in Cooperation with the Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT), the moderator of the session was **DI Peter Umundum**, Member of the Board of Österreichische Post AG and Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum.



Mr. Arda Ermut, Vice President of Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT), **Dr. Cetin Nazikkol**, CEO of ThyssenKrupp Turkey, **Mag. Heinz Messinger**, CEO of AME International GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, **Dr. Willibald Plesser**, Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, as well as **Mr. Mustafa Koca**, President of the Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON), **Mr. Halil Kulluk**, President of Intekno Group and Chairman of the Business Advisory Council for Southeastern Europe and Eurasia (BACSEE), Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum and **Prof. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis**, President of Biopolitics International Organisation, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, discussed successful project, their own positive experience and the further possibilities and economic perspectives.

In the yearly festive ceremony for the Vienna Economic Forum Awards the Telekom Austria Group was nominated as **“Cooperation Partner of the Year 2014”**. **Dr. Hannes Ametsreiter**, CEO of Telekom Austria Group received the Award. The Award for **“Strategic Partner of the Year 2014”** was given to the Marmara Group Foundation based in Istanbul and its President **Dr. Akkan Suver**.

The deepening of cooperation with a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)**, based in Sarajevo and the **Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON)**, based in Istanbul was appreciated by the Secretary General of RCC **Goran Svilanovic**, and the President of ASKON **Mr. Mustafa Koca**, and Secretary General of ASKON **Mr. Bahadir Tuzcu**.

Between Vienna Economic Forum and the **Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)** a cooperation agreement for the next 3 years was signed in the context of the **11th Vienna Economic Forum – Vienna Summit 2014**.

Vienna Economic Forum thanks all its cooperation partners, members and partners for their constant support. A special thanks goes to: the Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT), Austrian Airlines AG, Bären Industriebatterie GmbH, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Canon CEE GmbH, DenizBank AG, Socar, Sopharma AD and the Telekom Austria Group.



PROGRAM

24 NOVEMBER 2014

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 SOPHARMA AD

8:50–9:00 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**

9:00–10:45 a.m. **FIRST OPENING ALPHA SESSION**

THE ECONOMY IS THE MOTOR – VISIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN A CHANGING TIME

Moderation

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

Official Opening

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

Main Statement

H.E. Werner FAYMANN, *Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria*

Panel Discussion

Impulse Statement

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

Panelists

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

H.E. Mr. Nikola GRUEVSKI, *President of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum*

H.E. Mr. Milo DJUKANOVIC, *Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum*

H.E. Mr. Tomislav DONCHEV, *Deputy Prime Minister for EU funds and Economic Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Sir Suma CHAKRABARTI, *President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)*

10:45–11:15 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and DenizBank AG

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

IMAGING THE FUTURE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGE. ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM:

Nomination of COOPERATION PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2014

**Signing of
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Vienna Economic Forum
and Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)**

Moderation and Introductory Statement

Dr. Hannes AMETSREITER, *Telekom Austria AG,
Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum*

Main Statement

H.E. Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER, *Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of Science,
Research and Economy of Austria*

Panel Discussion

Impulse Statement

Mag. Wilhelm MOLTERER, *Vice President, European Investment Bank (EIB)*

Panelists

H.E. Mr. Nihat ZEYBEKCI, *Minister of Economy of Turkey,
Member of the Vienna Economic Forum Committee of Ministers of Economy*

H.E. Mr. Bekim NEZIRI, *Minister of Economy of Macedonia*

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H.E. Mr. Tomislav RADOS, *Deputy Minister of Economy of Croatia*

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Siemens Industry Software, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Q and A Session

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)

1:00–2:00 p.m. **LUNCH BUFFET**
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Telekom Austria Group

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

**AS LONG AS THE DANUBE AND THE BLACK SEA CONNECT US –
RESPONSIBILITY FOR TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE.
COOPERATION IS ON DEMAND! EXAMPLES AND CONCRETE PROJECTS.**

Moderation and Impulse Statement

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

Main Statement

Mr. Ilker AYCI, *President, Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT),
President, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)*

**Signing of
COOPERATION AGREEMENT between Vienna Economic Forum
and Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)**

**Nomination of
STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2014**

Panel Discussion

Participants in the Discussion

H.E. Amb. Miklós LENGYEL, *Vice-President, Danube Commission, Hungary*
Mr. Alan PAIC, *Head of the Investment Compact for South East Europe,
Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), Paris, France*
Mr. Mihai DARABAN, *President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania,
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UNESCO Chair for “Integrated River Research and Management”*

Dr. Ismail SAFI, *President, Black Sea – Caspian Sea International Fund, Romania*

Dr. Strahil KARAPCHANSKI, *Deputy Mayor of Russe, Bulgaria*

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

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3:45–4:15 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and BÄREN INDUSTRIE BATTERIE GmbH

4:15–6:15 p.m. **COUNTRY FORUM TURKEY**
in Cooperation with the Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)

**THE ROLE OF THE TURKISH ECONOMY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMY – EXAMPLES AND VISIONS**

Moderation and Impulse Statement

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

Main Statement

H.E. Mr. Nihat ZEYBEKCI, *Minister of Economy of Turkey,
Member of the Committee of Ministers of Economy of Vienna Economic Forum*

Panel Discussion

Participants in the Discussion

Mr. Mustafa KOCA, *President, Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON)*

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Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience (led by the Moderator)

Signing of

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Vienna Economic Forum and Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON)

FAREWELL RECEPTION

for all participants at the 11th Vienna Economic Forum – Vienna Summit 2014

hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)

7:30 p.m.

END OF THE 11th Vienna Economic Forum – VIENNA SUMMIT 2014

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before the beginning





Dr. Ognian Donev, CEO, Sopharma PLC, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, H.E. Milo Djukanovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Willibald Plesser, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



The conference hall ...



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preparations



encounters



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Members of th Board of Vienna Economic Forum



H.E. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum with Dr. Willibald Plesser, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



before the beginning



Time to start



Opening speech by President
Dr. Erhard Busek



H.E. Dr. Heinz Fischer,
Federal President of
the Republic of Austria,
H.E. Werner Faymann,
Federal Chancellor of
the Republic of Austria,
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and high ranking participants



the Alpha Session



H.E. Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania,
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interested audience



President Dr. Erhard Busek



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H.E. Dr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Republic of Austria congratulates Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva



Vision for Europe



Statement by DI Dr. Günther Rabensteiner, Member of the Board, Verbund AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



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Presentation by DI Peter Umundum, Member of the Board, Österreichische Post AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



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Turkey Session



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Memorandum of Understanding with the Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON)



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Questions and Answers



Mag. Stefan Szyzkowitz, Member of the Board, EVN AG, Vice-President Vienna Economic Forum, H.E. Arben Ahmetaj, Minister of Economy of Albania, Member of the Committee of Ministers of Economy of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Hannes Ametsreiter, CEO, Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Dr. Gabriel Lansky, Partner, LANKSY, GANZGER + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum



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*H.E. Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski
and the Macedonian delegation
with VEF-Board Members*



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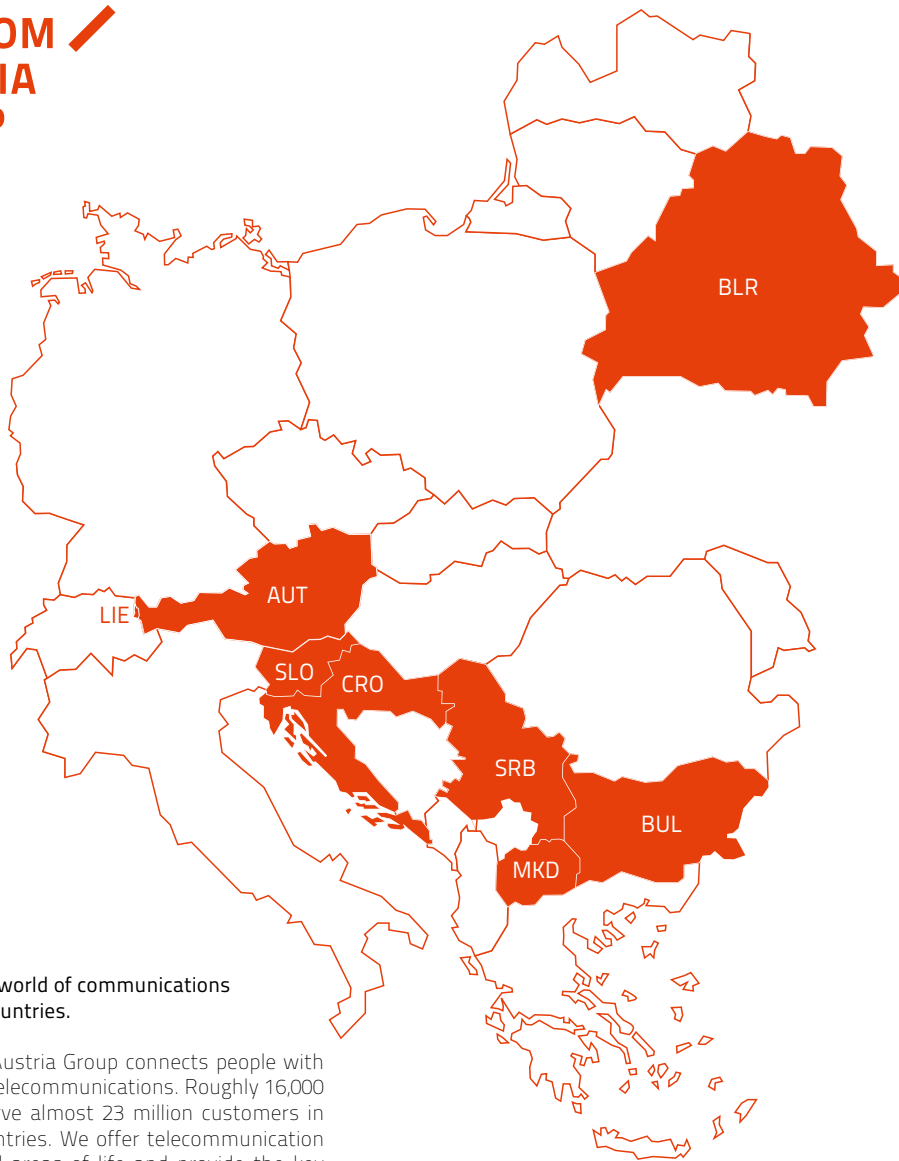


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Dr. Hannes Ametsreiter receives the Award Cooperation Partner of the Year 2014



STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2014



Dr. Akkan Suver receives the Award Strategic Partner of the Year 2014

TODAY VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM HAS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH 25 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES:

- Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON), **Istanbul, Turkey**
- Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.), **Athens, Greece**
- Bled Strategic Forum, **Bled, Slovenia**
- Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), **Sofia, Bulgaria**
- Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe and Eurasia (BACSEE), **Thessaloniki, Greece**
- Central Europe Initiative – CEI, **Trieste, Italy**
- Confederation of the Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria – CEIBG, **Sofia, Bulgaria**
- Diplomatic Academy Vienna, **Vienna, Austria**
- EastEuroCo Executive Search Group, **Budapest, Hungary**
- European Center for Environmental Economy (ECEE), **Sofia, Bulgaria**
- Federation of Austrian Industries, **Vienna, Austria**
- Foreign Investors Services d.o.o., **Belgrade, Serbia**
- Hayek Institute, **Vienna, Austria**
- Handelskammer Schweiz-Österreich-Liechtenstein, **Vienna, Austria**
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- International Business and Diplomatic Exchange (IBDE), **London, United Kingdom**
- Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Group, **Istanbul, Turkey**
- Österreichischer Gewerbeverein, **Vienna, Austria**
- East-Forum Berlin of the Ost-Ausschuss der deutschen Wirtschaft, **Berlin, Germany**
- Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat, **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Risk Management Laboratory of the New Bulgarian University, **Sofia, Bulgaria**
- The Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), **Istanbul, Turkey**
- Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TURKONFED), **Istanbul, Turkey**
- TSOMOKOS GROUP INTERNATIONAL d.o.o., **Belgrade, Serbia**
- Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises (UBCCE), **Athens, Greece; Istanbul, Turkey; Baku, Azerbaijan**



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Chairman of the Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft Dr. Eckehard Cordes and Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva sign the Memorandum of Understanding in the presence of Vice-Chancellor of Germany H.E. Sigmar Gabriel



Signing of the Memorandum with President Dr. Erhard Busek, Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva



Mr. Mustafa Koca, President, Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON), President Dr. Erhard Busek and Secretary General Amb. Dr. Elena Kirtcheva

**DEAR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS
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We can by all means describe 2014 as good and successful years for our activities.

Our status as **International Non-Governmental Organization** and **the Special consultative status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC)**, gives us new chances to spread the visions of Vienna Economic Forum not only within Europe but world wide and first results are already facts!

Therefore I am also delighted to inform you that Vienna Economic Forum has registered successfully as international NGO in the **Transparency Register of the European Commission and European Parliament**.

The number of countries from which Vienna Economic Forum Members come from steadily grows and we can welcome two new Members of the Board from Vienna Economic Forum. In 2014 these are the **Vestner Aufzüge GmbH** from **Germany** and the **Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)**. The internationalisation of the VEF-Board works and this is very positive. The enlargement of the activities of Vienna Economic Forum also geographically, I see as one of our primary goals for the next years.

Vienna Economic Forum grows and gains importance and we should use this success in an especially difficult time for our economy for further economical cooperation and networking in the region.

In the 11 years of its existence Vienna Economic Forum grew and I am convinced that the time is ready for Vienna Economic Forum not only to be **THE platform** in Vienna, but to be **a European platform in Vienna**, in order to provide the numerous members and partners from the economy and politics in the member countries: a platform for building trust, for exchange of ideas and concrete cooperation in the economy and business world but also with state institutions and political circles. **A platform where visionaries meet.**

The **11th Vienna Economic Forum** we organised as **Vienna Summit 2014** and the outstandingly good echo gives us further confidence. We already work on the organisation of the **12th Vienna Economic Forum** on 23 November 2015 as **Vienna Dialogue 2015** and I strongly believe that our **Vienna Economic Forum** is, as it is stated in the statutes of Vienna Economic Forum already in 2004 a “place of definition, encounter, and of realising the public and private interests in connection with the various projects in the region as part of the **united Europe.**”

Let us achieve new horizons!

Yours,



Ambassador Dr. Elena Kirtcheva
Member of the Board
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