

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the 2004 EU Enlargement, the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA), the Austrian Federation of Industries (IV), the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) cordially welcome you at the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEN YEARS AFTER THE 2004 EU ENLARGEMENT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Vienna, April 24-25, 2014

The conference will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the accession of ten Central, Eastern and Southeastern European countries to the European Union. It will reflect on achievements and lessons learned and discuss possible future political and economic developments in Europe:

- Lessons Learned from Past Enlargements: Achievements and Challenges Ahead
- The Economic Crisis and How to Resuscitate Convergence in Europe
- The Conduct of Macroeconomic Policy Pre- and Post-Accession
- Towards Stability in the Western Balkans
- Overcoming New Chasms in the EU's Neighbourhood
- European Integration and Nationalism: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back
- A Century of European Disintegration and Integration: 1914–2014

Please find enclosed a detailed conference program and further practical information.

With best regards,

BMEIA, IV, IWM, OeNB, wiiw

Thursday, April 24, 2014

- 10:00 Welcome Address and Introductory Statement**
Ewald Nowotny, Governor, Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)
- 10:30 Session 1: Overcoming New Chasms in the EU's Neighbourhood**
Chair: Gerald Knaus, President and co-founder of the European Stability Initiative
Lilia Shevtsova, Professor at the Higher School of Economics and Senior Associate, Carnegie Moscow Center
Olga Bielkova, Member of Parliament, Ukrainian Assembly
Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia and Senior Fellow, IWM
Herbert Stepic, Former CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International
- 12:00 Buffet lunch**
- 13:15 Session 2: Towards Stability in the Western Balkans**
Chair: Ellen Goldstein, Country Director for Southeast Europe, World Bank
Vesna Pešić, Party founder and Leader of the Civic Alliance of Serbia, former Member of the Serbian Parliament
Žarko Puhovski, Professor for Political Philosophy and former president of the Croatian Helsinki Committee
Susan L. Woodward, Professor of Political Science, City University New York
Vladimir Gligorov, Professor and Senior Researcher, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
- 14:45 Coffee break**
- 15:15 Session 3: The Economic Crisis and How To Resuscitate Convergence in Europe**
Chair: Michael Landesmann, Director of Research, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
Danuta Huebner, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
Jan Svejnar, Director of the Center for Global Economic Governance, Columbia University
Loukas Tsoukalis, President of the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
Péter Balázs, Director of the Center for EU Enlargement Studies at CEU, former EU Commissioner and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary
- 17:00 Break (Move to Palais Niederösterreich)**
- 18:00 Evening Panel: Returning to Europe: Ten Years of EU Integration in Central Eastern Europe – Achievements, Lessons Learned, Challenges Ahead**
- Introductory Remarks:**
Sebastian Kurz, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria
Georg Kapsch, President, Federation of Austrian Industries (IV)
- Miroslav Lajčák**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia
Enikő Györi, Minister of State for EU Affairs, Hungary
Igor Senčar, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
Andrej Mertelj, CEO Datalab AG, Slovenia
Andreas Treichl, Chairman and CEO, Erste Group Bank AG, Austria
- Moderated by:** Christian Ultsch, Foreign Editor, Die Presse
- 19:30 Buffet dinner**

Friday, April 25

Morning Session – 75th Anniversary of OeNB East Jour Fixe

Ten Years of EU Enlargement – What Have We Learned?

- 09:00 **Welcome Address and Introductory Statement**
Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald, Director, Economic Analysis and Research Department (OeNB)
- 09:15 **Session 4: Exchange Rate Strategies and Competitiveness (Panel Discussion)**
Chair: Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald
Konstantins Benkovskis, Head, Monetary Research and Forecasting Division, Latvijas Banka
Aurelijus Dabušinskas, Director, Economics Department, Lietuvos bankas
Lubos Komarek, Director, External Economic Relations Division, Česká národní banka
Mariella Nenova-Amar, Director, Economic Research and Forecasting, Bulgarian National Bank
Martin Šuster, Director, Research Department, Národná banka Slovenska
- 10:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 **Session 5: Challenges for Financial Stability (Panel Discussion)**
Chair: Helene Schuberth, Head, Foreign Research Division, OeNB
Ryszard Kokoszcyński, Deputy Director General, Research, Narodowy Bank Polski; Professor at Warsaw University
István Kónya, Head of Research, Magyar Nemzeti Bank
Florian Neagu, Head, Macroeconomic Risk Division, Banca Națională a României
Karsten Staehr, Research Supervisor, Eesti Pank; Professor at Tallinn University of Technology
Tatjana Šuler Štavn, Assistant Director, Financial Stability Department, Banka Slovenije
- 12:15 **Concluding Statement: 10 Years of EU Enlargement – What Have We Learned?**
Gertrude Tumpel-Gugerell, former Member of the Executive Board of the ECB, former Vice Governor of the OeNB
- 13:00 **Buffet lunch**

Friday, April 25

Afternoon Session – Continuation of Day 1

14:00 [Session 6: European Integration and Nationalism: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back](#)

Chair: Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia and Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM)

Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Professor of Democracy Studies, Hertie School of Governance

Lajos Bokros, Member of European Parliament and Professor of Economics at Central European University

Soli Ozel, Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Anton Pelinka, Professor of Political Sciences and Nationalism Studies, Central European University, Budapest

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 [Session 7: A Century of European Disintegration and Integration: 1914–2014](#)

Chair: Timothy Snyder, Professor of History at Yale University and Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM)

Holly Case, Associate Professor of History, Cornell University

Yaroslav Hrytsak, Professor of History, Ukrainian Catholic University

Dariusz Stola, Professor of Political Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences

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