

**Academic Conference "Towards the Vision of a
Common Economic Space from Vancouver to Vladivostok:
Connectivity, Trade and Economic Cooperation"**

15-16 May 2017, Linz

PROGRAMME

Monday, 15 May 2017:

10:00

Registration of Participants

Welcome Coffee

11:00 to 13:00

Opening Session

Welcoming Remarks

- **Thomas Stelzer**, Governor of Upper Austria
- **Amb. Nicolas Brühl**, Assistant State Secretary for Europe, Central Asia, Council of Europe, OSCE at Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- **Michael Linhart**, Deputy Foreign Minister, Austria

Opening Panel

- **Nadezhda Arbatova**, Head of Department for European Political Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Federation
- **Amb. Štefan Füle**, Special Envoy for the OSCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague; former European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy
- **Eric Frey**, US Expert, Journalist and Managing Editor at Der Standard, Austria
- **Georgine Rumpler-Heindl**, Member of the Board, HABAU Hoch- und Tiefbaugesellschaft, Austria
- **Amb. Florian Raunig**, Head of Task Force of the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

Moderator:

- **Hannes Swoboda**, President of the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

13:00 to 14:00

Lunch hosted by the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship

14:00 to 15:30

First Round of Plenary Discussions:

Connectivity, Trade and Economic Cooperation – how to overcome economic barriers in the OSCE area

Speakers:

- **Alexander Mattelaer**, Assistant Professor at the Institute for European Studies; Director of European Affairs at Egmont - the Royal Institute for International Relations, Belgium
- **Péter Balás**, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); former Deputy Director, DG Trade, Hungary
- **Ruslan Grinberg**, Head of Research, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation
- **Veronika Movchan**, Academic Director, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (IER), Ukraine
- **Gabrielle Marceau**, Professor University of Geneva and Senior Counsellor in Legal Affairs, World Trade Organization (WTO), Switzerland
- **Wolfgang Eder**, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO, VoestAlpine AG, Austria

Moderator:

- **Michael Landesmann**, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Austria

15:30 to 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 to 17:30

Second Round of Plenary Discussions:

Connectivity and Co-operation in Conflict Contexts – how to strengthen regional reconstruction in the economic and environmental field

Speakers:

- **Pavel Kabat**, Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
- **Ricardo Giucci**, Managing Director, Berlin Economics; German Advisory Group Ukraine, Germany
- **Kataryna Wolczuk**, Professor of East European Politics, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
- **Nenad Đurđević**, Director of International Economic Relations, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia
- **Peter Havlik**, Senior Economist at The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) and Guest Research Scholar at International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA), Austria

Moderator:

- **Amb. Marcel Pesko**, Director of Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE

18:30

Dinner Reception hosted by the Mayor of the City of Linz

Tuesday, 16 May 2017:

9:30 to 11:00

Third Round of Plenary Discussions:

Transport, Trade Facilitation and Infrastructure – how to enhance economic ties between Europe and Asia

Speakers:

- **Gabriel Felbermayr**, Director of the ifo Center for International Economics, Germany
- **Philippe Isler**, Director, Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, World Economic Forum, Switzerland
- **Susanne Aigner**, Head of Customs Legislation Unit, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
- **Dita Nowicka**, Director, OSCE Border Management Staff College, Tajikistan
- **Uwe Leuschner**, Senior Vice President Business Development Eurasia, Deutsche Bahn Cargo AG, Germany

Moderator:

- **Amb. Kairat Sarybay**, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee

11:00 to 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 to 13:00

Fourth Round of Plenary Discussions:

Digitalisation and Innovation – how new technologies can help to overcome economic barriers

Speakers:

- **Alois Ferscha**, Head of Department, Institute for Pervasive Computing, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria
- **Hannes Leo, CEO**, Community based innovation systems GmbH (cbased); Delegate to the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCMI/EESC), Austria
- **Bettina Vogl-Lang**, Vice-Chair World Customs Organization, Europe Region; Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
- **Agnes Streissler-Führer**, Member of Executive Board, Austrian Union of Private Sector Employees, Austria
- **Klaus Steinmaurer**, Vice President International Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom, Germany

Moderator:

- **Amb. Vuk Zugic**, OSCE Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities

13:00 to 14:00

Lunch hosted by the Economic Chamber of Upper Austria

14:00 to 16:00

Closing Session and

High Level Kick-Off Meeting for Ambassadorial Retreat

Introductory Remarks

- **Amb. Christian Strohal**, Special Representative of the 2017 OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Austria
- **Ulrike Rabmer-Koller**, Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ); President of the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (UEAPME)

Concluding Panel

- **Eka Tkeshelashvili**, President, Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies; former Minister of Justice and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia
- **Shigeo Katsu**, President of Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan
- **Sergey Utkin**, Head of Strategic Assessments Section of RAS Center for Situational Analysis, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Federation
- **Lanxin Xiang**, Professor of International History and Politics, Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland
- **Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Jose Manuel Durao Barroso**, Non-Executive Chairman, Goldman Sachs International, United Kingdom; former President of the European Commission

Moderator:

- **Wolfgang Danspeckgruber**, Founding Director of the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University, United States

19:00

Dinner Reception hosted by the Governor of Upper Austria