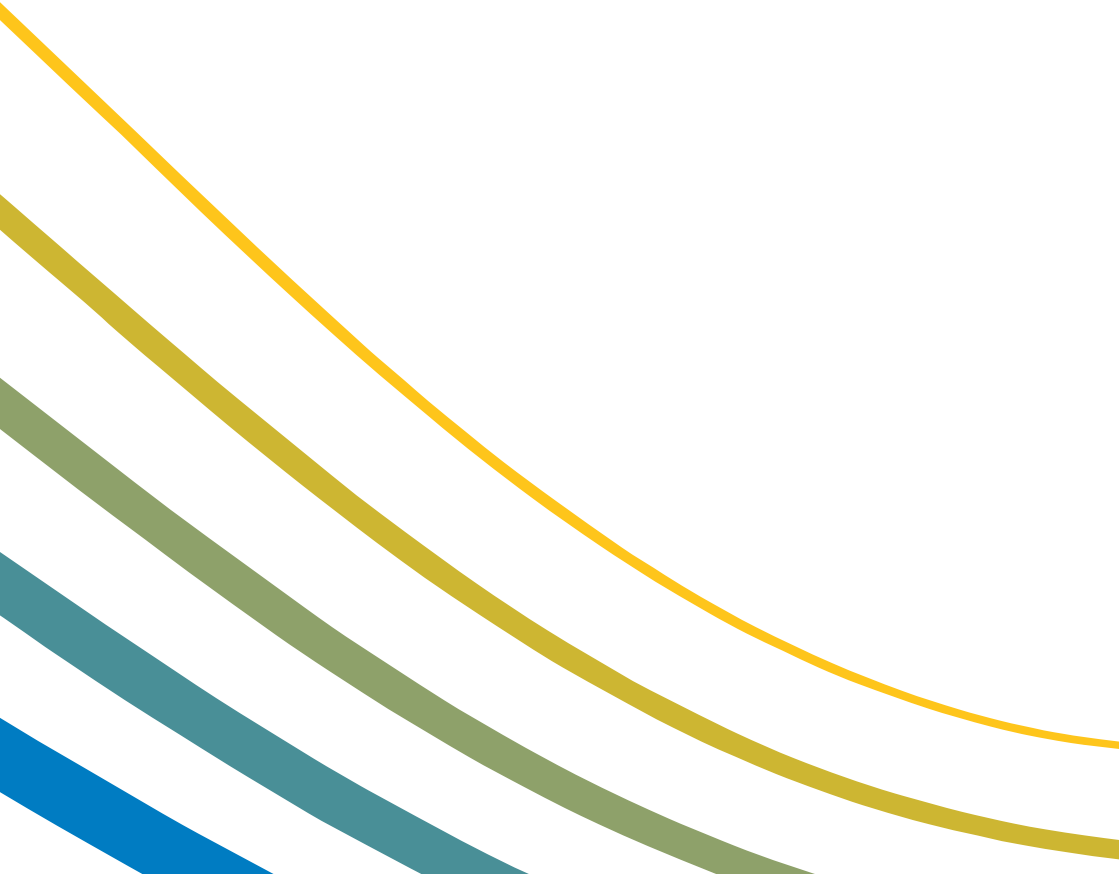


**Program**  
**Europa-Forum Wachau 2023**

Building a Resilient, Green and  
Competitive Europe



## Day 1 – Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Campus Krems - University for Continuing Education (UWK)

8.30 a.m.

### Accreditation

9.00 a.m.

### Joint Opening Event

Opening „Building a Resilient, Green and Competitive Europe“

Moderation: **Sandra Thier**

#### Opening

**Martin Eichinger**, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau

**Karl Wilfing**, President of the Parliament of Lower Austria

#### Video-Statement

**Margrethe Vestager**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission

#### Impuls

**Maja Popović**, Minister of Justice, Serbia

#### Interview

**Friedrich Faulhammer**, Rector of the University for Continuing Education Krems

**Ulrike Prommer**, Head of University Management, IMC Krems

**Rudolf Mallinger**, Rector of the Karl Landsteiner Private University

#### Impuls

**Harald Mahrer**, President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

**Vladimír Dlouhý**, President of Eurochambres

10.30 a.m.

### Thematic Focus „Invest in Health“

#### Impuls

**Klaus Schuster**, Chief Operating Officer, Vamed Management und Service GmbH

#### Statement

**Rainer Thomas**, Deputy General Manager, Austrian Social Health Insurance Fund

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### Panel I - Modern Healthcare System

**Bernhard Tilg**, Vice-Rector for Research and Strategic Development  
Full Professor for Medical Informatics; UMIT TIROL – Private University for Health Sciences and Technology

**Astrid Jankowitsch**, Head Public Policy & Patient Advocacy - Takeda  
Manufacturing Austria AG

**Alexander Pretsch**, Biotech entrepreneur and CEO Oxford Antibiotic Group

### Panel II - Telemedicine

**Verena Ossmann**, Health Technology Hub Lower Austria Management, ecoplus.  
The Business Agency of Lower Austria

**Andreas Hofleitner**, Head of IT-Governance and Controlling, Health Agency of  
Lower Austria

**Gertraud Heinz**, Department of Medical and Interventional Radiology, University  
Hospital St. Pölten

**Video-Impuls** „Digital Pathology“

12.15 p.m.

**Lunch** hosted by HYPO NOE

1.45 p.m.

**Thematic Focus „Invest in Mobility“**

### Afternoon Opening

**Thomas Salzer**, President of the Federation of Austrian Industries

### International Input

**Magnus Berntsson**, President of the Assembly of European Regions

**Hubert Aiwanger**, Minister of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and  
Energy; Deputy Minister President of Bavaria, Germany (Online-Statement)

### Impuls

**Alexander Peschl**, Senior Business Developer and Strategist for Energy  
Generation, Transmission, Industrial Energy Solutions and New Energy Businesses,  
Siemens Energy Austria GmbH

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### Round Table Talk

**Alexander Klacska**, Chairman of the Transport and Logistics Division,  
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

**Hubert Schrenk**, Project Manager Mechatronics-Cluster / Initiative EMI - Energy  
Mobility Innovation, ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria

**Klaus von Moltke**, CEO BMW Group Plant Steyr, Acting Head of Drive Engine  
Production BMW Group worldwide

**Josef Paul**, CEO Paul Nutzfahrzeuge GmbH, Germany

**Günther Ofner**, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG

**Volker Fuchs**, Managing Director TEST-FUCHS

**Lukas Renz**, founder HydroSolid GmbH

4.00 p.m.

**Wrap Up**, short summaries in plenary

6.30 p.m.

**„Economic Salon Europa-Forum Wachau“** at the UWK (Campus Krems)  
**Topic:** Invest in Technology

### Salon-Opening

**Amelie Groß**, Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

**Thomas Salzer**, President of the Federation of Austrian Industries

**Helmut Miernicki**, Chief Executive ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower  
Austria

### Interview

**Juraj Droba**, President of the Bratislava Region, Slovak Republic

**Pavel Hroch**, Deputy District Governor South Bohemia Region,  
Czech Republic

### Video-Statement

**Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**, CEO Hydrogen Europe

### Impuls

**Stephan Wagenhofer**, Managing Director Gas Connect Austria

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### Round Table Talk I

**Lukas Gerhold**, Head of Digilab and Application Center, Digital Industry, Digital Health, Digital Energy, Siemens Austria

**Gudrun Kollmitzer**, Senior Vice-President Business and Digital Transformation, OMV AG

**Christian Weinberger**, Senior Adviser, Green Hydrogen (Hydrogen Europe)

**Jürgen Streitner**, Head of Department for Environmental and Energy Policy, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

### Round Table Talk II

**Karl Pözlbauer**, CEO, ERMAFA ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES GmbH

**Claus Zeppelzauer**, Division Head Companies & Technology, ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria

**Hamead Ahrary**, Director Hydrogen, VERBUND AG

**Josef Scheidl**, CEO Brantner Austria GmbH

### Networking Event

## Day 2 – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Göttweig Abbey

9.30 a.m. • **Accreditation**

10.00 a.m. • **Plenary Session**

**Moderation: Nina Kraft & Roland Adrowitzer**

### Opening & Welcome Speeches

Rt. Rev. **Columban Luser**, Abbot of Göttweig

**Martin Eichinger**, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau

**Johanna Miki-Leitner**, Governor of Lower Austria

**Othmar Karas**, First Vice-President of the European Parliament

### Round Table Talk I

**Topic:** EU Enlargement

**Alexander Schallenberg**, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, Austria

**Gordan Grlić Radman**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia

**Jan Lipavsky**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

**Miroslav Wlachovský**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia

### Interview

**Gerd Müller**, Director General, UNIDO

### Round Table Talk II

**Topic:** Switzerland as strong partner in Science and Research for Austria

**Martin Polaschek**, Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research, Austria

**Martina Hirayama**, State Secretary, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research EAER; State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI, Switzerland

12.30 p.m. •

### Reception

hosted by **Johanna Miki-Leitner**, Governor of Lower Austria

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## Day 2 – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

MS Dürnstein

2.00 p.m.

### RTI Panel

at the Summer refectory, Göttweig Abbey, hosted by the Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research

**Topic:** RTI locations competing for the brightest minds and striving for excellence – a special challenge for small countries?

**Moderation:** **Christof Gattringer**, President, Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Austria

### Round Table Talk I

**Martin Polaschek**, Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research, Austria

**Michael O. Hengartner**, President of the ETH Board, Switzerland

**Martin Hetzer**, President and CEO of the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA), Austria

**Stefanie Lindstaedt**, CEO of the Know-Center – Austria's leading research center for Trustworthy AI & Data, Director of the Institute for Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS), TU Graz, Austria

### Round Table Talk II

**Claudia Rapp**, Professor of Byzantine Studies at Vienna University, Director of the Institute for Medieval Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences PI, FWF Cluster of Excellence 'EurAsian Transformations'

**Günther Rupprechter**, Director of Research of the FWF Cluster of Excellence „Materials for Energy Conversion and Storage (MECS)“, Head of Institute of Materials Chemistry, TU Wien, Austria

**Francesca Ferlaino**, Professor, Institute for Experimental Physics, University of Innsbruck, Austria

simultaneously

**Journalist Panel** hosted by the Austrian Newspaper Association VÖZ

**Topic:** Future of the Print Media

**Moderation:** **Roland Adrowitzer**

### Dr. Paul Lendvai Award

**Johanna Mikl-Leitner**, Governor of Lower Austria

**Florian Bayer**, Freelance Journalist

### Round Table Talk

**Daniel Lohninger**, Editor-in-Chief NÖN

**Markus Mair**, President VÖZ, CEO Styria

**Niki Fellner**, CEO OE24

**Thomas Lindner**, CEO FAZ

**Richard Grasl**, CEO Profil, Deputy Editor-in-Chief Kurier

**Eva Schütz**, CEO Exxpress

4.30 p.m.

### Accreditation

4.45 p.m.

### Departure

### „Danube Salon Europa-Forum Wachau“

on the MS Dürnstein

**Topic:** A New Compass - Which Direction will Europe's Security take?

**Moderation:** **Sebastian Schäffer**, Managing Director, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe

### Salon-Opening

**Martin Eichinger**, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau

### Round Table Talk I

**Karoline Edtstadler**, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution, Austria

**Peter Burke**, Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence, Ireland

**Tytti Tuppurainen**, Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering in Prime Minister Sanna Marin's Government, Finland

### Statement

**Colin Scicluna**, Head of Cabinet of Dubravka Šuica, Member of the European Commission & Vice-President responsible for Democracy and Demography

### Round Table Talk II

**Lukas Mandl**, Member of the European Parliament

**Niko Lange**, Senior Fellow, Zeitenwende Initiative/Munich Security Conference, Germany

**Alena Kudzo**, Vice-President for Policy and Programming, GLOBSEC, Slovakia

**Elisabeth Braw**, Senior Fellow / AEI, USA

### Statement

**Harald Stranzl**, Ambassador, Head of Department foreign economic relations and trade, National Coordinator - EU-Danube and EU-Alpine Strategy, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

## Day 2 – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

MS Dürnstein

8.00 p.m. • **Youth Evening** on the MS Dürnstein

**Moderation: Christiane Aschauer**

### Statement

**Christoph Thun-Hohenstein**, Ambassador, Director General for International Cultural Relations, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

**Eva Dohalova**, International Young Democrat Union Secretary General

**Pitches & Feedback** / 9 Nations - 9 Pitches

**Small Fishbowl-Session**

**Networking Event**

## Day 3 – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Göttweig Abbey

9.30 a.m. • **Accreditation**

10.00 a.m. • **Plenary Session**

### Opening & Welcome Speeches

**Martin Eichinger**, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau

**Johanna Miki-Leitner**, Governor of Lower Austria

**Gabriel Escobar**, Deputy Assistant Secretary overseeing policy towards the countries of the Western Balkans, USA

### Youth Statement

### Speech

**Johannes Hahn**, European Commissioner for Budget and Administration

### Impluse - Air Kiev 2021

**Christian Wehrschütz**, Ukraine and Balkans Correspondent ORF

**Iris Andraschek**, Austrian artist

**Kateryna Tykhonenko**, Ukrainian curator, Ukraine

### Round Table Talk

**Topic:** Internet Governance

**Karoline Edtstadler**, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution, Austria

**Matthias Kettmann**, Professor for Innovation, Theory and Philosophy of Law, University of Innsbruck

**Wolfgang Kleinwächter**, Communication Scientist and expert for internet-governance

### Speeches

**Rumen Radev**, President of the Republic of Bulgaria

**Giorgia Meloni**, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy

**Karl Nehammer**, Federal Chancellor of Austria

12.30 p.m. •


### Reception

hosted by **Karl Nehammer**, Federal Chancellor of Austria

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