



**EUROPA
FORUM
WACHAU**

„Rebooting Europe“

EUROPA-FORUM WACHAU 2024

**PROGRAM-
DRAFT**

Day 1 – Thursday, 20th June 2024

Campus Krems - Campus Hall

8.30 a.m.

Accreditation

9.00 a.m.

Joint Opening Event

„Rebooting Europe“

Moderation: Sandra Thier

Opening and welcome speeches

Martin Eichinger, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau

Margit Göll, President of the Federal Council of the Austrian Parliament

Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Budget and Administration

Martin Polaschek, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research

Christina Egelund, Minister for Higher Education and Science, Denmark

Harald Mahrer, President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Round Table Talk

Topic 1: The importance of knowledge transfer as the foundation for our prosperity

Kambis Kohansal Vajargah, Head of Startup-Services und Deputy Head of Founder-Services at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Markus Wanko, Managing Director, xista

Daniel Varro, University Professor, University for Continuing Education Krems

Daniela Buchmayer, Co-Founder & CEO, Sarcura

Topic 2: Bright minds on the move – International Careers in Science & Research

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

Alexandra Lieben, President, ASclNA

Florian Krammer, Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA and Medical University of Vienna

12.15 p.m.

Lunch

1.45 p.m.

Thematic focus: Invest in Health

Moderation: Johanna Setzer

Opening Speeches

Claudia Plakolm, State Secretary for Youth, Civilian Service and Digitalisation

Abby Finkenauer, U.S. Special Envoy for Global Youth Issues, USA

Valérie Péresse, President of the Île-de-France Regional Council, France

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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

Impulse

Michael Zettel, Country Managing Director Accenture Österreich & Health Lead EMEA

Round Table Talk

Moderation: Sebastian Mörth, Principal Government Affairs Specialist Austria & Switzerland at Medtronic

Topic: Rebooting healthcare policy

Joachim Bogner, Managing Director for Siemens Healthineers

Marco Porak, Country General Manager & Director of Technology, IBM Austria

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

Franz Leisch, Chief Digital Officer of Praevenire

Breakout Sessions

Session I: Invest in Prevention

Session II: Invest in the Healthcare Career

Session III: Invest in Cross-Sectoral & Cross-Border Initiatives

Wrap up, short summaries in plenary

5.00 p.m.

Siemens Lounge

Topic: Innovations, Trend and New Technologies by DigiLab Siemens

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“Economic Salon Europa-Forum Wachau”

Topic: Invest in Aerospace

Moderation: Johanna Setzer

Opening and welcome speeches

Kari Ochsner, President of the Federation of Austrian Industries Lower Austria

Impulse

Claus Zeppelzauer, Senior Management ecoplus, Division Head Companies & Technology ecoplus, The Business Agency of Lower Austria

Michael Glatz, Managing Director H&PS & Products Accenture Österreich

Round Table Talk

Thematic focus: Invest in Aviation

Siegfried Knecht, VP Director R&T Affairs in the AIRBUS Public Affairs Germany Department, Germany

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

Karl Dandler, Chief Financial Officer Malta International Airport

András Gálffy, CEO, Head of Technology & Research of Turbulence Solutions

Thematic focus: Invest in Space

Carlos Fernandes de Retana, Head of ESA Phi-Lab Austria

Susanne Katzler-Fuchs, Managing Partner and Key Researcher of Brimatech Services

Markus Schaffhauser, Country Manager Eviden Austria

Insight into Space

Graham Turnock, Special Advisor to the European Space Agency, United Kingdom

Markus Woltran, Programme Officer at United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

Networking event

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Day 2 – Friday, 21st June 2024

Göttweig Abbey

- 9.30 a.m.** **Accreditation**
- 10.00 a.m.** **Opening and welcome speeches**
Rt. Rev. **Columban Luser**, Abbot of Göttweig
Martin Eichinger, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau
Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Governor of Lower Austria

Moderation: Nina Kraft
- 10.15 a.m.** **Award Ceremony**
„Dr Alois Mock Europe Prize“ for
Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice President of the European Commission

Eulogy
Alexander Schallenberg, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs
- 10.45 a.m.** **Panel Discussion with the Foreign Ministers from the Western Balkans: “Western Balkans EU Enlargement: Time to Get Real!”**

Moderation: Nathalie Tocci, Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
- Plenary Session**
Karl Nehammer, Federal Chancellor with international guest
- 1.00 p.m.** **Reception**
hosted by **Johanna Mikl-Leitner**, Governor of Lower Austria

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MS Dürnstein

- 4.30 p.m.** **„Danube Salon Europa-Forum Wachau“**
- 5.00 p.m.** **Get together**
Culinary and Musical Journey through the Member Countries of Vienna Economic Forum

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

Opening and welcome speeches
Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Governor of Lower Austria
Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution with the network of „The Next Generation is Female“
- Round Table Talk**
Topic: Change the point of view - Women's Insights into the Future of Europe

Moderation: **Sophia Beiter**, Research Associate, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe
- Focus panel**
Marina Rožić, Secretary General of the Croatian Chamber of Economy (CCE) and chair of the Eurochambers Women Network (EWN), Croatia
Milena Kadieva, Managing director, DA Foundation – united against violence, Bulgaria
Christina Chiriac, President of the National Confederation for Women Entrepreneurship (CONAF), Romania
Ana Revenco, Director of the Center for Strategic Communication and Combating Disinformation, Moldova
- 8.30 p.m.** **Dinner and Networking event**

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Day 3 – Saturday, 22nd June 2024

Göttweig Abbey

9.30 a.m.

Accreditation

10.00 a.m.

Opening and welcome speeches

Martin Eichinger, President of the Europa-Forum Wachau

Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Governor of Lower Austria

Moderation: Nina Kraft & Roland Adrowitzer

Keynote

Theresa May, Former Prime Minister, United Kingdom

Round Table Talk

Topic: The Future of Europe

Theresa May, Former Prime Minister, United Kingdom

Sigmar Gabriel, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Germany

Global panel

Topic: Europe between the Sino-American relations

Huiyao Wang, President of the Center for China and Globalization, China

Daniel Gros, Director of the Institute for European Policymaking at

Bocconi University, Germany

David O. Shullman, Senior Director at the Global China Hub, USA

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Göttweig Abbey

Plenary Session

Topic: The Next Generation is Female

Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution

Anna Lührmann, Minister of State for Europe, Germany

Andreja Metelko-Zgombić, State Secretary for Europe, Croatia

Daniela Grigore Gîțman, Secretary of State for European Affairs, Romania

Marilena Raouna, Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Cyprus

Inês Domingos, Secretary of State for European Affairs, Portugal

Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence, Ireland

Closing words

12.30 p.m.

Reception

hosted by the **Federal Chancellery** of Austria

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