



Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia
to the Republic of Austria

Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Slovenia
in Lower Austria

18th Vienna Economic Forum

VIENNA FUTURE DIALOGUE 2021

Economy Meets Politics in a Digital World

During the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2021

Energy Transition Infrastructure and Financial Challenges for the Countries of the VEF Region

22 November 2021

Working Language: English

Sunday, 21 November 2020
Location: Hotel Imperial, Kärntner Ring 16, 1015 Vienna

6-8 pm WELCOME COCKTAIL hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
and Verbund AG (by invitation)



Monday, 22 November 2021

ONSITE Participants

Location:
House of Industry (Federation of Austrian Industries)
Schwarzenbergplatz 4
1030 Wien

ONLINE Participants

via

LIVE STREAMING LINK: <https://juracka-live.at/events/d1ykiEq2OelbYuom>
also available on the Vienna Economic Forum Homepage: www.vienna-economic-forum.com
and on Europe by Satellite (EbS)

Moderation: Ms. Daniela PHILIPP

09:00 - OPENING OF THE HYBRID EDITION OF THE 18TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM
09:30 a.m.

WELCOME WORDS:

- Mr. Georg KNILL, President of the Federation of Austrian Industries, *onsite*

OPPENING:

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

GREETING WORDS:

- DI Peter UMUNDUM, Member of the Executive Board of the Österreichische Post AG, President of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

VIDEO MESSAGES:

- H.E. Mr. Janez JANŠA, Prime Minister of Slovenia, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, *Video message*
- Dr. DI Erwin PRÖLL, former Governor of Lower Austria, Honorary Consul of Slovenia with the Consular District of Lower Austria, Honorary member of Vienna Economic Forum, *Video message*

OUTLINE:

- Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, Founding Father and Honorary President of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

09:30 -
10:40 a.m.

1. SESSION: Energy Transition

IMPULSE STATEMENT:

- H.E. Ms. Kadri SIMSON, European Commissioner for Energy, *Video statement*

KEYNOTE:

- H.E. Mr. Denys SHMYHAL, Prime Minister of **Ukraine**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

STATEMENTS:

- H.E. Mr. Kreshnik BEKTESHI, Minister of Economy of **North Macedonia**, *onsite*
- Mr. Aleksandar VLAHOVIĆ, President, **Serbian** Association of Economists, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- Mr. Marko PERUNOVIĆ, State Secretary for Energy and Mining, Ministry of Capital Investments of **Montenegro**, *onsite*
- Mr. Admir ANDELIJA, General Manager of JP Elektroprivreda d.d., **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, *onsite*

ONSITE/ONLINE DISCUSSION:

- Dr. Achim KASPAR, Member of the Executive Board, COO, Verbund AG, Vice President of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- Mag. Stefan SZYSZKOWITZ, Spokesman of the Executive Board, EVN AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- Ahmet Burak DAĞLIOĞLU - President, Presidency of the Republic of **Turkey** Investment Office, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *online from Istanbul*
- DI Peter UMUNDUM, Member of the Executive Board of the Österreichische Post AG, President of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, Partner, LANSKY, GANZGER GOETH FRANKL+ partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

SESSION SUMMARY:

- Dr. Janez KOPAC, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna, *onsite*

10:40 a.m. -
10:50 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK



10:50 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

2. SESSION: Infrastructure and Financial challenges for the countries of the VEF Region

KEYNOTE:

- H.E. Mr. Edi RAMA, Prime Minister of **Albania**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, *online from Tirana*
- H.E. Mr. Albin KURTI, Prime Minister of **Kosovo**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

MAIN STATEMENT:

- Dr. Lilyana PAVLOVA, Vice-President of European Investment Bank (EIB), *onsite*

ONSITE DISCUSSION:

- Mag. Thomas ARNOLDNER - CEO, A1 Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- Mr. Wilbert VERHEIJEN - Managing Director, Canon CEE GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- Mag. Peter HÖFINGER, Member of the Board of Vienna Insurance Group AG, Cooperation Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

- **Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT**, Hon. Prof. (FH), Certified Expert in Sustainable Finance (Frankfurt School of Finance), Managing Director MIFI GmbH, CEO Oikocredit Austria, Member of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*

PARTICIPANTS ONSITE/ONLINE:

- **Dr. Ognian DONEV**, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Director, Sopharma PLC, Vice President of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- **Mag. Heinz MESSINGER**, Managing Director AME International GmbH, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- **Mr. Emmanuel FOREST**, Member of the EU Mission Board for Climate-neutral and Smart City, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *online from Paris*
- **Amb. Prof. Dr. Vasilka Poposka-TRENEVSKA**, Honorary member of Vienna Economic Forum, representative of OMEKS d.o.o. Slovenia, *onsite*
- **Dr. Nina DRAKIĆ**, Acting President, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *onsite*
- **Dr. Dennis HESSELING**, Head of Department Infrastructure, Gas and Retail, EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) with Headquarters in Ljubljana, *onsite*

SESSION SUMMARY:

- **Amb. Victor JACKOVICH**, President, Jackovich International LLC, USA, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, *online from Washington*

12:30 p.m. End of 18th Vienna Economic Forum – Vienna Future Dialogue 2021
Economy meets Politics in a digital world

-END OF THE EXTERNAL STREAM-

Followed by a **Lunch for the onsite participants**
Hosted by the **Federation of Austrian Industries**



Vienna Economic Forum is proud to cooperate with:

