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6:00 p.m. ADMISSION

**6:20 p.m.
FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation)**

**6.30 p.m.
OFFICIAL OPENING of the 9th Vienna Economic Forum**

Moderation:

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

Opening speeches:

- **Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria
- **Dr. Georg PÖLZL**, CEO, Österreichische Post AG

Speaker of Honour:

- **H.E. Dr. Johannes HAHN**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Statements:

- **Dr. Akkan SUVER**, President, Marmara Foundation, Turkey, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. Rudi GURAZIU**, Chief Executive, International Business and Diplomatic Exchange (IBDE), London, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Prof. Agni VLAVIANOS ARVANITIS**, President and Founder, Biopolitics International Organization, Greece, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Ms. Miriam MOZGAN**, Secretary General, Bled Strategic Forum, Slovenia, Strategic Partner of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- **High Representatives from VEF Member Countries / Partners of VEF**

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM – Nomination of PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2012

**7:30 p.m.
WELCOME COCKTAIL**

for the participants at the 9th Vienna Economic Forum
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and Österreichische Post AG



19 November 2012

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08.00-09.00 a.m. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and



08.30-08.45 a.m. FAMILY PHOTO (by invitations)

09.00- 10.15 **FIRST OPENING PLENARY SESSION**
Quo vadis, Europe?
Regional Cooperation for European Integration

Moderation and Opening:

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

Introductory Statements

- H.E. Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER, Federal Minister of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria
- Dr. Erhard BUSEK, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

Speaker of Honour:

- H.E. Dr. Erwin PRÖLL, Governor of the Province of Lower Austria

Main Statements:

- Mag. Andreas TREICHL, CEO, Erste Group Bank AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- Sir Suma CHAKRABARTI, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) (tbc)
- Mr. Indermit GILL, Chief Economist for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank (tbc)
- Mr. German GREF, CEO, Chairman of the Management Board, Sberbank (tbc)
- Dr. Wolfgang KINDL, CEO, UNIQA International Versicherungs-Holding AG, Member of the Management Board, UNIQA Versicherungen AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- Amb. Dr. Gerhard PFANZELTER, Secretary General, Central European Initiative (CEI), Trieste, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum
- H.E. High Representatives from Vienna Economic Forum Member Countries

Q and A Session with the Audience (led by the moderator)

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

10.15-10.45 a.m. NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and

10.45-12.30 a.m. SECOND PLENARY SESSION
*Growth and Finance - Motors in New Frameworks
Infrastructure and Innovative Locations. The Fresh Wind*

Moderation:

- Mr. Alois STEINBICHLER, Director of the Board, Kommunalkredit Austria, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statement:

- H.E. Dr. Maria FEKTER, Federal Minister of Finance of the Republic of Austria

Keynote Speaker:

- H.E. Mr. Mehmet ŞİMŞEK, Minister of Finance of Turkey (tbc)

Statements:

- Dr. Friedhelm BOSCHERT, CEO VOLKSBANK International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- Dr. Claus J. RAIDL, President of the Austrian National Bank
- Mr. Vladimir YAKUNIN, President, Russian Railways, Russia (tbc)
- H.E. Mr. Mladjan DINKIC, Minister of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Serbia (tbc)
- Dr. Roland FALB, Managing Partner, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants
- H.E. Mr. Ivaylo MOSKOVSKI, Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of Bulgaria (tbc)
- Dr. Peter HAROLD, Chairman of the Management Board, HYPO NOE Gruppe Bank AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- Dr. Gabriel LANSKY, Partner, Lansky, Ganzger + partner, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)

Q and A Session with the Audience (led by the moderator)

12.30-1.30 p.m. LUNCH BUFFET
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and

1.30-3.15 p.m. THIRD PLENARY SESSION
*The Danube Region - European Challenges.
Energy, Transport, Logistics. Social Responsibility.*

Moderation and Statement:

- Dr. Erhard BUSEK, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

Introductory Statements:

- **Dr. Karsten BENZ**, CCO, Austrian Airlines AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **DI Peter UMUNDUM**, Member of the Board, Österreichische Post AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statements:

- **H.E. Mr. Totyu MLADENOV**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of **Bulgaria**
- **H.E. Mr. Besim BEQAJ**, Minister of Economic Development of **Kosovo**

Panelists:

- **Dr. Hannes AMETSREITER**, CEO, Telekom Austria Group, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- **Dr. Franz WOHLFAHRT**, President of the Board of Directors, NOVOMATIC AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. İlker AYCI**, President, The Investment Support and Promotion Agency of **Turkey** (ISPAT)
- **High representative from Neighbour Countries**
- **DI Dr. Günther RABENSTEINER**, Member of the Board, Verbund, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Dr. Farid SIGARI**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Q and A Session with the Audience, (led by the Moderator)

3.15-3.45 p.m. NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and The Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)



4.00 p.m. – 5. 30 p.m. MINISTERIAL SESSION
Quo vadis, Europe?
Exchange of Ideas from the Southeast European Perspective

Moderation and Statement:

- **Dr. Herbert STEPIC**, CEO, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Mr. Werner FAYMANN**, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

Statements:

- **H.E. Mr. Igor LUKSIC**, Prime Minister of **Montenegro**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum
- **H.E. Mr. Vjekoslav BEVANDA**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum
- **H.E. Mr. Zoran MILANOVIC**, Prime Minister of the Republic of **Croatia**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum
- **H.E. Mr. Boyko BORISSOV**, Prime Minister of **Bulgaria**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- **H.E. Prof. Sali BERISHA**, Prime Minister of **Albania**, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC**, Co-ordinator of **OSCE** Economic and Environmental Activities

Q and A Session with the Audience, (led by the Moderator)

5.30 p.m. CONCLUSION - PERSPECTIVES AFTER THE 9TH VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

- **Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM

5.45 p.m. END OF THE 9th Vienna Economic Forum

followed by COCKTAIL for all participants at the 9th VEF, hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and

7.30 p.m. GALA DINNER, hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum and ...
in the Federation of Austrian Industries, Founding Member of Vienna Economic Forum (*by invitations*)

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