

EEDF2016 | EUROPEAN ECONOMIC DANUBE FORUM

THE SENATE OF ECONOMY INVITES YOU TO THE FOLLOWING EVENT
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Danube Macro Region Business Forum

„Ecology & Economics: Why Paris is part of the Danube Region“

SEPT. 12TH, 2016 – 12.30 PM: HOFBURG VIENNA - OSCE/RATSAAL



in the premises of: SECI – SouthEast European Cooperative Initiative
c/o OSCE - Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Hofburg Conference Centre - Heldenplatz 1 - 1010 Vienna – Austria

ABSTRACT

The Danube connects entire Europe and is more than just the river. It influences an entire region which is the most developing economy on the continent. Along its 2.900 km the Danube connects 10 countries directly and 14 country are part of the whole Danube Region, where more than 115 Mio. people are living and working, generating more than 1,6 trillion Euros of GDP.

The challenges for the Danube region are huge: from political stability, brain-drain, investment policies, anti-corruption-issues to legislation and minority-rights. But the chances are huge.

Therefore the European Economic Danube Forum (EEDF) has been established as a project of the SENATE OF ECONOMY Austria and SECI-SouthEast European Cooperative Initiative in 2013. It hosts the Kick-off-day of the Danube Macro Region Business Week in the OSCE-venue in the Vienna Hofburg. From 12th to 16th September 2016 the most important issues are covered by a close cooperation of relevant organisations. Additionally, it is part of the programme to highlight how the Danube region is connected to the Arabic, Russian and Asian business-regions and hubs. The theme of the kick-off-day is:

„Ecology & Economics: Why Paris is part of the Danube Region“

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KEYPOINTS

- ✓ The ideology of the SENATE OF ECONOMY regarding the Danube region & ecology
- ✓ Best practice like „Climate-Alliance“ & „Greening the Danube“
- ✓ What are the benefits for the competitiveness of the Danube region?
- ✓ What have decision makers to do NOW?

AGENDA | 12. SEPT. 2016

13.30 Registration

14.00 Welcome & Opening Statement

- ✓ Dr. Erhard Busek | President of the SENATE OF ECONOMY Austria & SouthEast European Cooperative Initiative
- ✓ Dr. Christoph Grabmayr | Regional Manager Chamber of Commerce Austria, Department for foreign economic – Central Europe and Baltic States
- ✓ Dr. Johann Sollgruber | European Commission
- ✓ Dr. Ernst Schmied | CVI Group
- ✓ Jochen Ressel | Chief of Operations SENATE OF ECONOMY Austria

14.15 The EEDF as a Senate & SECI-Project – “The reason Why”

- ✓ Jochen Ressel | Chief of Operations SENATE OF ECONOMY Austria

14.30 The ecological situation of the Danube Region

- ✓ Dr. Jürgen Schneider | Federal Environmental agency

15.00 The economic situation of the Danube Region & the role of education

- ✓ Mr. Štefan Chudoba, PhD | State Secretary of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic | EUSDR-Priority Area Coordinator 7 (tbc)

15.30 Coffee break

15.45 Best practice for a CO₂-neutral economy: Climate-alliance

- ✓ Dr. Johannes Linhart, Climate-Alliance representative | SENATE OF ECONOMY Austria

16.00 Best practice for making better use of the Danube – A Green Deal for Danube River Transport

- ✓ Manfred Seitz, Pro Danube International

16.15 Best practice for agricultural improvements

- ✓ The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences

16.30 How ecological improvements influences competitiveness of the Danube Region

- ✓ Hans Peter Herdlitschka, Ministry for Finance and Economy, Baden-Württemberg & EUSD-Prority Area Coordinator 8

16.45 Decision makers: What to do now!

- ✓ Bill Price, Economist

17.00 Podium discussion: Realization ideas & comments from leaders

17.45 Conclusion

18.00 Austrian culinary & cultural Get-together in the heart of Vienna

GENERAL INFORMATION

DANUBE MARKO REGION BUSINESS WEEK – 12TH – 17TH SEPT. 2016

Monday

12th September 2016 | **Vienna Hofburg - SECI**
Opening session by SECI & SENATE OF ECONOMY Austria
“Ecology & Economics: Why Paris is part of the Danube Region”

Tuesday

13th September 2016 | **Vienna Chamber of Commerce Austria**
B2B Day
[Click here for more details](#)

Wednesday

14th September 2016 | **Bratislava**
Cluster Automotive & Food

Thursday

15th September 2016 | **Vienna European Commission**
Competitiveness (incl. Export)
[Click here for more details](#)

Friday

16th September 2016 | **Vienna European Commission**
Juncker Invest vs Bubble Finance
[Click here for more details](#)

Saturday

17th September 2016 | **Oberwaltersdorf**
Social Day: Golf for beginners & professionals



MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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