

International Conference



What future for the relations between the European Union and the Russian Federation? Points of view from Southeast Europe

16th November 2015

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
WKO Sky Lounge
Wiedner Hauptstraße 63, 1040 Wien

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration and Coffee**

09.30 – 10.00 **Opening**

Johannes KYRLE, Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (AFC), Vienna

Dominique DAVID, President of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe and Advisor to the President of the French Institute for International Relations, Paris

Richard SCHENZ, Vice-president of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO), Vienna

Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL, President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA – AUSTRIA), Vienna (tbc)

10.00 – 10.30 **Keynote speech**

Igor IWANOW, former Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Russian Federation (tbc)

Ivan Janez JANŠA, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee Break**

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10.45 – 11.45 **1st panel: The main key points in the political dialogue between the European Union and the Russian Federation**

Chair: **Ursula PLASSNIK**, Austrian Ambassador to France, Paris

Heidemaria GÜRER, Head of Department: Eastern Europe, South Caucasus, Central Asia, EU Eastern Neighbourhood Policy, Eastern Partnership, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

Tatiana KASTOUEVA-JEAN, Head of the Russian Centre at the French Institute for International Relations (ifri), Paris

Olga POTEKINA, Head of the European Integration Department, European Institute at the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

11.45 – 12.15 **Discussion**

12.15 – 13.15 **Lunch**

13.15 – 14.15 **2nd panel: The challenge of economic and energy cooperation**

Chair: **Dominique DAVID**, President of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe and Advisor to the President of the French Institute for International Relations, Paris

Walter KOREN, Head of AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA at the Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce, Vienna

Ruslan GRINBERG, Head of the Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Ejup GANIĆ, former President of the Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina, Founder and Rector of the Sarajevo School of Sciences and Technology, Sarajevo

14.15 – 14.45 **Discussion**

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14.45 – 15.45 3rd panel: Geopolitical challenges and cooperation between the European Union and the Russian Federation

Chair: **Johannes KYRLE**, Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

Veronica ANGHEL, Foreign Affairs Adviser at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Presidential Administration of Romania, Bukarest

Ernest PETRIĆ, former President of the Slovenian Constitutional Court, Ljubljana

Milan PAJEVIĆ, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the International and Security Affairs Center Fund (ISAC), Belgrade

15.45 – 16.15 **Discussion**

16.15 – 16.30 **Coffee Break**

16.30 – 17.00 **Conclusion**

Peter JANKOWITSCH, former Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of the ACF Directorate, Vienna