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ECONOMIC FORUM KOSOVO-AUSTRIA

with Federal Minister Dr. Margarete SCHRAMBÖCK and
Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
Dr. Richard SCHENZ

Date: 20.-22.04.2022

PROGRAM

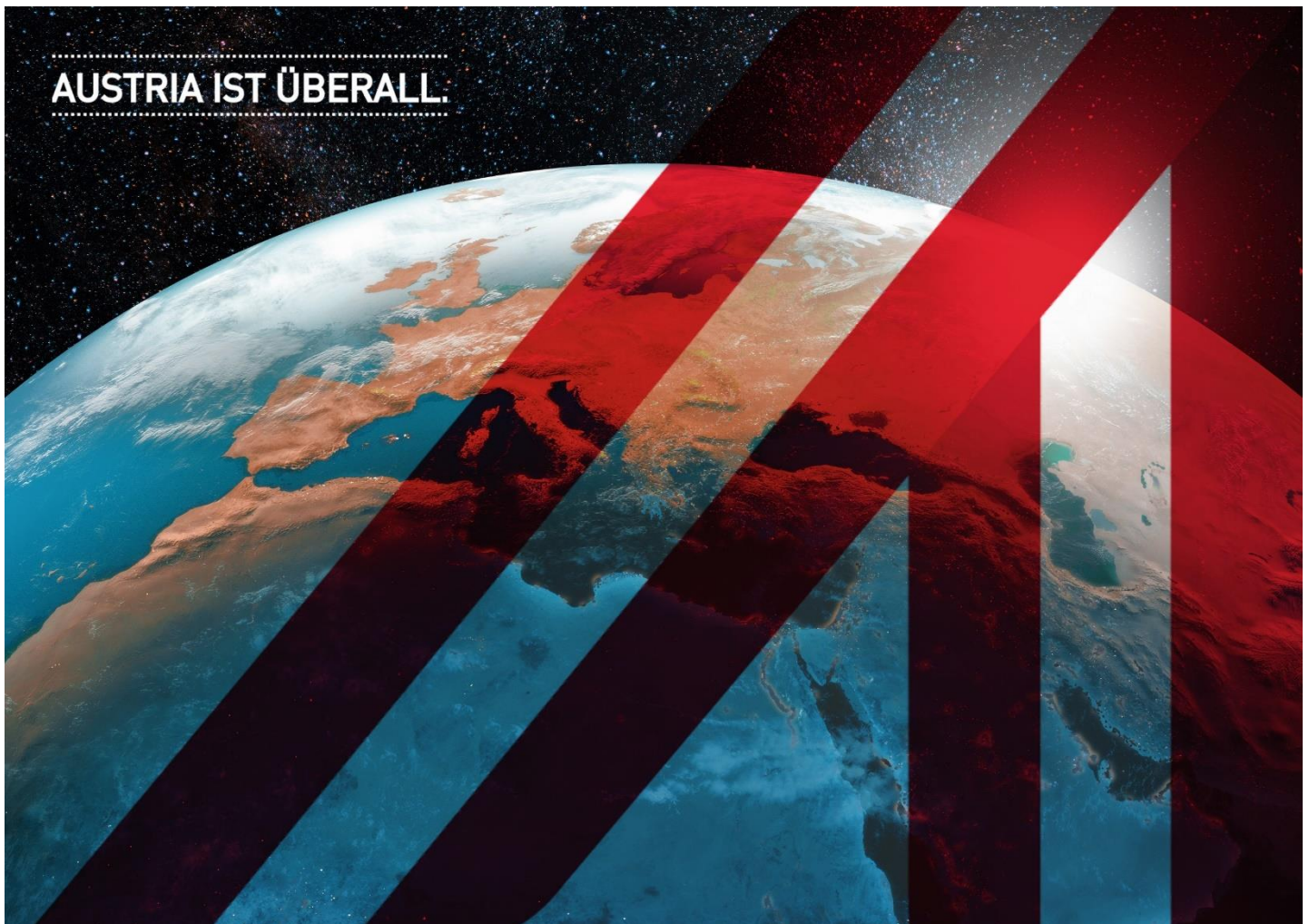
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The event takes place within the scope of [go-international](#) and ReFocus Austria, a joint initiative of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, the Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs, the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, the Austrian National Tourist Office and representatives of other federal ministries.

Wednesday, 20.04.2022

Arrival Option 1

22.45 – 00.20

FLIGHT VIENNA-PRISHTINA WITH AUSTRIAN AIRLINES OS 769 (INDIVIDUAL BOOKING!)

Pick-up organized by Advantage Austria and transfer to the hotel

[Hotel Emerald](#) | Prishtina (special room rate of EUR 79.20 for a single room (incl. breakfast) and EUR 103.20 for a double room (incl. breakfast) - please refer to Advantage Austria Kosovo when directly booking your room at the hotel)

Flight and hotel costs are not included in the participation fee. Payment of hotel costs will be made by participants upon check-out from the hotel.

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Arrival Option 2

06.40 – 08.25

FLIGHT VIENNA-PRISHTINA WITH WIZZ AIR W62883 (INDIVIDUAL BOOKING!)

Arrival Option 3

10.05 – 11.40

FLIGHT VIENNA-PRISHTINA WITH AUSTRIAN AIRLINES OS 767 (INDIVIDUAL BOOKING!)

12.30 – 13.30

PICK UP, TRANSFER TO HOTEL AND CHECK-IN

13.30 - 14.00

WELCOME BY THE AUSTRIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER MAG. WILHELM NEST AND OFFICE MANAGER MS. VJOSA HURUGLICA

Briefing on the economic situation and preliminary discussion of the program.
Location: Hotel Emerald | Prishtina

14.00 – 15.30

TRANSFER BY BUS TO DEVOLLI CORPORATION IN GJAKOVA IN WESTERN KOSOVO

Location: Nenë Tereza Street, 50000 Gjakova (former “Emin Duraku” Factory)

15.30 – 17.00

TOUR OF THE MATTRESS AND UPHOLSTERY MANUFACTURER COMODITA HOME

At the Gjakova site, Devolli Corporation operates the third largest production of mattresses and pillows in the world. Every day, 10,000 mattresses and 12,000 pillows are produced. 95% of the production is exported (USA, Canada, Western Europe). By further expanding its production capacities, Devolli Corporation aims to become the world's largest manufacturer of mattresses by 2023.

17.00 – 20.00

TRANSFER TO THE RESTAURANT AND DINNER AT THE INVITATION OF DEVOLLI CORPORATION

Restaurant: tbc | Gjakova or Peja

20.00 – 21.30

RETURN TO EMERALD HOTEL IN PRISHTINA

THURSDAY, 21.04.2022

08.30

REGISTRATION FOR THE ECONOMIC FORUM

09.00 - 12.30

ECONOMIC FORUM: ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE KOSOVO

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09.00 – 09.10 Welcome by the Austrian Ambassador in Prishtina Mag. Christoph Weidinger and the Austrian Trade Commissioner for Kosovo Mag. Wilhelm Nest

09.10 – 09.40 h: Session 1 - Prime Minister Albin Kurti and Chancellor Karl Nehammer (tbc)

09.40 – 10.10 h: Session 2 – Minister for Industry, Trade and Entrepreneurship Rozeta Hajdari and Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs Dr. Margarete Schramböck

10.10 – 10.40 h: Session 3 - Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce of Kosovo and Austria Berat Rukiqi and Dr. Richard Schenz

10.40 – 11.00 h: Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 h: Session 4 - Business Location Kosovo / Short presentations and Q&A

- Advantage Austria Kosovo, Wilhelm NEST: „Services for Austrian Businesses in Kosovo“
- Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo, Anita KOVACIC: “Environment Social Governance (ESG) for Businesses”
- Kosovo Investment and Enterprise Support Agency (KIESA), Zef DEDAJ: “Investing in Kosovo”
- Innovation Center Kosovo (ICK), Uranik BEGU: “IT-Startups and Information Process Outsourcing (IPO) in Kosovo”
- Innovation and Training Park Prizren (ITP), Fabian BONERTZ: “Investment Location Prizren”
- Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Sandra HORINA: “Business Partnerships”

12.30 – 14.00

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

14.00 - 16.00

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON SPECIAL TOPICS (MORE INFORMATION TBA) AND INDIVIDUAL B2B MEETINGS WITH LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS AND AUTHORITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECONOMIC MISSION.

The B2B meetings are organized by Advantage Austria according to the company's wishes. Before leaving for Kosovo, each participant receives a list of the interlocutors intended for him or her.

in parallel

14.00 -16.00

5TH MEETING OF THE AUSTRIAN-KOSOVAR JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

(Location: tbc)

- Ms. Rozeta HAJDARI, Minister for Industry, Trade and Entrepreneurship
- FBM Dr. Margarete SCHRAMBÖCK, Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs
- Vice President Dr. Richard SCHENZ, Federal Economic Chamber

Austrian companies will have the opportunity to present concrete concerns and projects within the framework of the Joint Economic Commission and to submit memoranda.

18.00 – 20.00

AUSTRIAN BUSINESS CIRCLE „AUSTRIA MEETS KOSOVO“ WITH KOSOVAR AND AUSTRIAN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Location: Hotel Emerald

Sponsor: Raiffeisen Bank Kosovo

Networking with politicians and the Austrian business community in Kosovo.

Friday, 22.04.2021

08.00 – 09.30

WORKING BREAKFAST WITH THE NEW MAYOR OF PRISTINA, MR. PERPARIM RAMA

Interested participants will have the opportunity to meet with the mayor of Prishtina to get first-hand information about the plans for the Kosovar capital or to present projects for Prishtina to the mayor.

10.30

DEPARTURE TO THE AIRPORT

12.25 – 14.05

RETURN FLIGHT PRISHTINA-VIENNA WITH AUSTRIAN AIRLINES OS 768

14.45 – 16.30

RETURN FLIGHT PRISHTINA-VIENNA WITH WIZZ AIR W62884

TIPS FOR A WEEKEND IN KOSOVO

Prishtina

Starting from the Skanderbeg equestrian statue at the central Bulevardi Nënë Tereza (Mother Teresa), most sights can be easily reached on foot: Mosques, churches, and the National Museum. The architecture of the National Library and the Youth Palace with the NEWBORN sign are especially interesting. There is a lot of renovation and construction going on at the moment. However, the cityscape is not very compact.

Excursions in the surroundings of Prishtina

It is recommended to take a trip to the heart of Kosovo Polje (Blackbird Field) to the northwest of Prishtina, where the Gazimestan Memorial commemorates the famous battle of 1389. Within sight of it, the two lignite-fired power plants Kosova A and B in the small town of Obiliq cover about 95% of the country's electricity needs.

In the southeast of Prishtina, the Serbian Orthodox monastery of Gracanica, which is also a UNESCO cultural heritage site, is an inviting place to visit. Nearby, you can visit the excavations of the Illyrian-Roman settlement of Ulpiana.

Prizren

The prettiest town in Kosovo with fortress, mosques, the famous stone bridge, the hammam turned into a museum opposite the bell tower, the museum of the League of Prizren and a lively and pleasant city center with coffeeshops and restaurants.

Travel Agency

Ms. Eleonora ÇEKU from Intours & Travel can assist you in organizing and carrying out a small weekend program (T +383 44 500, M +383 44 938 708, info@intoursandtravel.com, W www.intoursandtravel.com).
