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11:30 a.m.  Registration and light buffet lunch

1:00 p.m.  **Opening remarks and chair**
**Ewald Nowotny**
Governor
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1:15 p.m.  **Welcome address**
**Hartwig Löger**
Federal Minister
Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance

1:30 p.m.  **Keynote lecture**
**Financing economic and social cohesion**
**Benoît Cœuré**
Member of the Executive Board
European Central Bank

2:00 p.m.  **Panel 1**
The role of monetary policy in catching-up

**Anita Angelovska Bezhoska**
Governor
National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia

**Mugur Isărescu**
Governor
National Bank of Romania

**Dimitar Radev**
Governor
Bulgarian National Bank

3:00 p.m.  Coffee break

3:30 p.m.  **Session 1**
Cohesion within and between countries

**Chair**
**Peter Mooslechner**
Executive Director
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

**Athanasios Orphanides**
Professor
MIT Sloan School of Management

**Isabel Schnabel**
Professor
German Council of Economic Experts

6:00 p.m.  End of session

7:30 p.m.  Dinner
**Dinner speech**
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4:30 p.m.  Session 2
The role of the EU budget

Chair
Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald
Director
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Michael Erhart
Head of Unit
European Commission

Sándor Richter
Economist
The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

Stéphane Saurel
Senior Policy Adviser
Permanent Representation of the European Investment
Bank in Brussels

Margit Schratzenstaller-Altzinger
Deputy Director
Austrian Institute of Economic Research

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8:45 a.m. **Introductory remarks and chair**

Kurt Pribil  
Executive Director  
Österreichische Nationalbank

**Keynote lecture**  
Strengthening economic convergence in Europe  
Jeffrey D. Sachs  
Professor  
Columbia University

9:30 a.m. **Session 3**  
**Industrial policy and investment**

Ralph De Haas  
Director of Research  
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Michael Peneder  
Economist  
Austrian Institute of Economic Research

Tomáš Slačík  
Senior Economist  
Österreichische Nationalbank

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 a.m. **Session 4**  
**Improving host countries’ investment environment**

Chair  
Helene Schuberth  
Head of Division  
Österreichische Nationalbank

Linda Van Gelder  
Country Director for the Western Balkans Region  
The World Bank

Irmfried Schwimann  
Deputy Director-General  
European Commission

Andrew Watt  
Deputy Director  
Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK)
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12:15 p.m. **Panel 2**
**Corporate investment across EU borders**

**Chair**

Andreas Ittner  
Vice Governor  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank  

Andrea Diamanti  
Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board  
UniCredit S.p.A.  

Franz Hiesinger  
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Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG  

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1:30 p.m. **Buffet lunch**

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