

# High level meeting: Trade Policy beyond the Inflection Point: Economic Implications for Austria

Jointly organized by the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and the European Investment Bank (EIB)

**June 22nd 2026**, hybrid event (in person and online); Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB), Veranstaltungssaal, ground floor, Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna, Austria

## Conference outline

Rising trade barriers create uncertainty for investment decisions, at a moment of enormous investment needs for the green transition, security and defence, and digitalization driven by AI. Fragmentation affects policy transmission while companies navigate shifting capital flows. This event examines, in such shifting external environment, Austria's position through three perspectives: monetary policy implications, investment financing under uncertainty, and patterns in global capital movements.

## Agenda

9:00 – 09:15 **Arrival and registration**

9:15 – 09:30 **Trade Fragmentation and Monetary Policy: The Austrian Perspective**  
**Edeltraud Stiftinger** – *Vice-Governor, Oesterreichische Nationalbank*

9:30 – 10:00 **The New Trade Reality: Scenarios, Costs, and Options for Europe**  
**Elisabeth Christen** – *Economist, WIFO*

10:00 – 10:30 **Financing investments in Austria under heightened uncertainty**  
**Matteo Ferrazzi** – *Principal Advisor, European Investment Bank*

### *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel discussion – When trade policy moves: Financing Investments Amid Shifting Trade Opportunities**

Moderator: **Marina Delcheva** – *Economics editor, profil*

**Martin Kocher** – *Governor OeNB*

**Karl Nehammer** – *Vice President, European Investment Bank*

**Eva Liebmann (tbc)** – *Generalsekretär-Stellvertreterin der Wirtschaftskammer Österreich*

**Marie-Valerie Brunner** – *Board Member RBI*

Followed by lunch