

# AUSTRIA CONNECT BENELUX 2022

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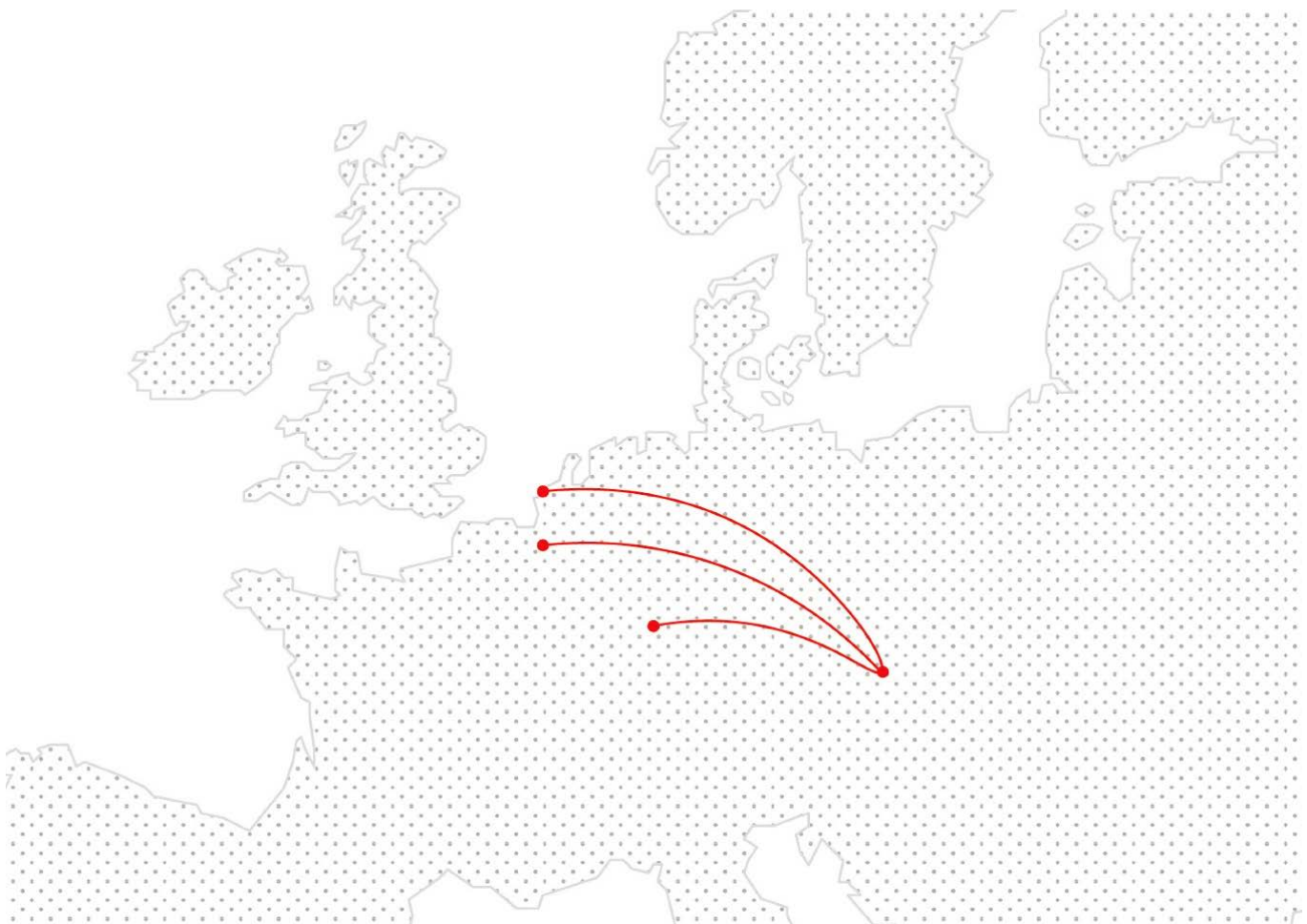
1<sup>st</sup> NETWORKING CONFERENCE FOR AUSTRIAN SUBSIDIARIES IN BENELUX AND NEWCOMERS

Thursday, 9 June 2022, Brussels

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**Thursday 09.06.2022**

<b>08.30 – 09.00</b>	<b>ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION</b>
<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY &amp; OPENING STATEMENTS</b> <b>Moderation:</b> Michael <b>SPALEK</b>   Austrian Commercial Counsellor for BENELUX H.E. Elisabeth <b>KORNFEIND</b>   Austrian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and to NATO H.E. Melitta <b>SCHUBERT</b>   Austrian Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg H.E. Astrid <b>HARZ</b>   Austrian Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands  <b>High-ranking executive member</b> of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber - TBC
<b>09.30-10.00</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> Expert in energy business  <b>CHALLENGES AND IMPACTS ON ENERGY ISSUES FROM CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE UKRAINE WAR</b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<b>ROUND TABLE WITH AUSTRIAN SUBSIDIARIES</b> CEOs of Austrian subsidiaries in Benelux  Wienerberger -TBC Alex <b>GAMBROUDES</b>   Kronospan (Luxembourg) - TBC Hans De <b>SUTTER</b>   TGW (The Netherlands) - TBC  <b>Moderation:</b> Veronika <b>MÖLLER</b>   EU Representation Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> Hubert <b>COTTOGNI</b>   Director & Head of Mandate Management at European Investment Fund (EIF)  <b>WHAT CAN THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND DO FOR YOUR BUSINESS?</b>
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>COFFEEBREAK</b>

11.30-12.00

**KEYNOTE**

Carlo **THELEN** | CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Luxembourg

**DIGITALIZATION AND INNOVATION DRIVER CORONA: HOW DID THE CRISIS DRIVE INNOVATIONS AND WHAT WILL REMAIN OF IT.**

12.00-12.30

**ROUND TABLE: WHAT EFFECTS WILL HAVE INNOVATION AND DIGITALIZATION ON THE COMPANY STRATEGY IN THE COMING YEARS**

CEOs of Austrian subsidiaries in Benelux

Michael **GESCHKE** | Hödlmayr (Belgium)

Andreas **OLTHOFF** | CERATIZIT (Luxembourg) - TBC

Gernot **SCHWENDTNER** | weGrow (The Netherlands)

**Moderation:** Michael **SPALEK** | Austrian Commercial Counsellor for BENELUX

12.30-13.00

Elisabeth **KÖSTINGER** | Austrian Minister for Sustainability and Tourism – TBC

**KICK-OFF FOR THE NEW SUMMER AND WINTER SEASON**

13.00-15.00

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

Typical Austrian lunch in cooperation with Austrian National Tourist Office