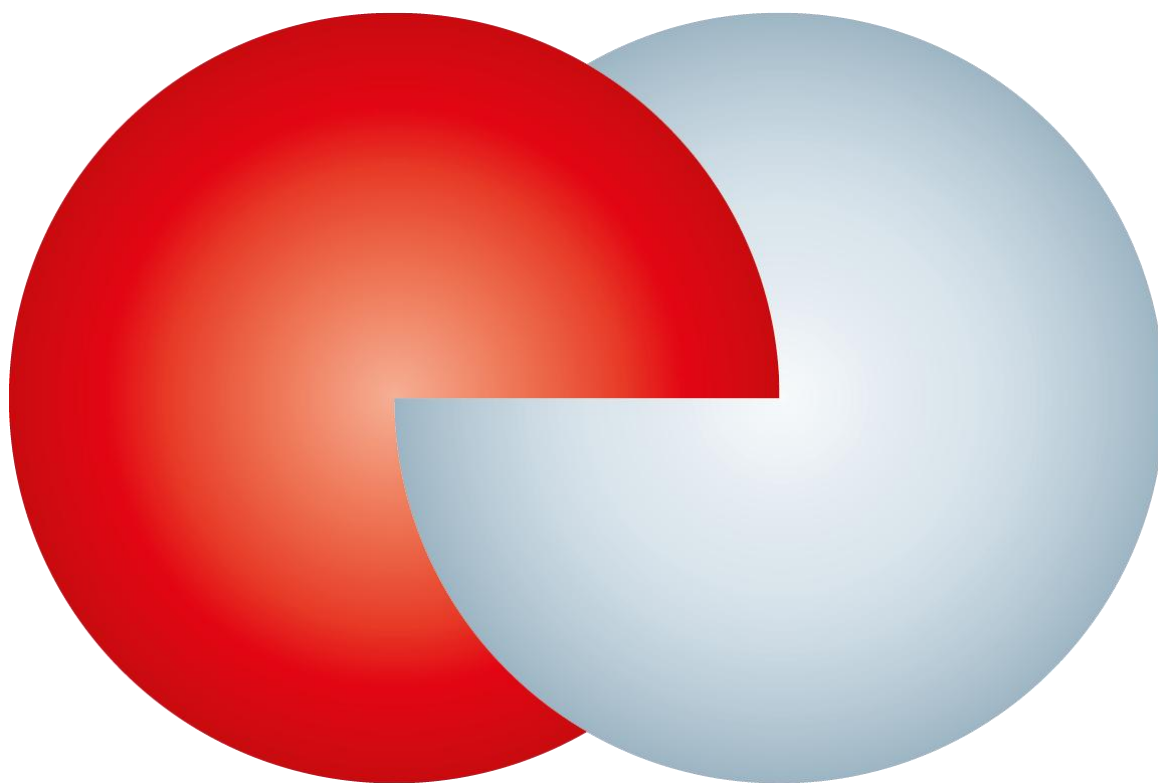


# AUSTRIA CONNECT CESEE 2026

„COMPETITIVENESS IN TRANSITION –  
NAVIGATING CHALLENGES & SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES “

**23.4.2026 | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA**



**As of 13 April 2026**

## OUR PARTNERS

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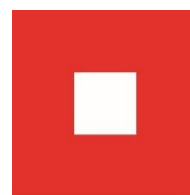
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### PLATINUM



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## DELTA



## Lagermax

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### GOLD



## SALESIANER

## STEFE

## STRABAG

WORK ON PROGRESS



TATRA BANKA

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## PROGRAMME

Thursday 23.4.		MORNING PROGRAMME
8.30 – 9.30	<b>WELCOME &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	Location: Hotel Carlton   Hviezdoslavovo nám. 3, 811 02 Bratislava
9.30 – 10.00	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	<p>Official Opening (German)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bettina Trojer   ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Bratislava</li> <li>Johannes Wimmer   Austrian Ambassador to Slovakia</li> <li>Andreas Herz   Vice President Austrian Federal Economic Chamber WKÖ</li> <li>Vladimir Slezák   Vice President Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> </ul>
10.00 – 10.45	<b>KEYNOTE “Two Regions redefining themselves “ (German)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabriel Felbermayr   WIFO - Austrian Institute of Economic Research</li> </ul>
10.45 – 11.15	<b>DEEP DIVE into the Keynote (German)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabriel Felbermayr   WIFO -Austrian Institute of Economic Research</li> <li>Alf Netek   AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA EXPO Belgrad 2027</li> <li>Rainer Schnabl   Raiffeisen Bank International</li> </ul> <p>Host: Michael Otter   AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	Networking and On-Site Consulting with Event Partners
11.45 – 12.30	<b>HIDDEN CHAMPIONS FROM CEE &amp; SEE (English)</b>	<p>Impulse: Jean-Baptiste Quiqueran-Beaujeu   COPA-DATA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrea Basilova   Sensoneo</li> <li>Sandra Ćatović Stručić   Ulpian AI</li> <li>György Huszics   CarbonCrane</li> </ul> <p>Host: Gerhard Schlattl   ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Zagreb</p>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>NETWORKING-LUNCH</b>	

## AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

13.30 – 14.15

### **COMPETITIVENESS IN TRANSITION** (German and English)

Impulse: René Stranz | Gebrüder Weiss

- Boštjan Bandelj | NGEN/Belektron
- Moritz Freyborn | STRABAG
- Zuzana Vinklerová | dm drogerie markt

Host: Josef Treml | AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA Central Europe

14.15 – 15.00

### **THE FUTURE OF WORK** (German)

Impulse: Wolfgang Gomernik | DELTA Group

- Günther Kronsteiner | Bene North Europe & CEE
- Vladimír Slezak | Siemens
- Klemens Wersonig | Target Executive Search

Host: Roman Rauch | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Praha

15.00 – 15.30

### **COFFEE BREAK**

Networking and On-Site Consulting with Event Partners

15.30 – 16.15

### **AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY** (German)

- Stefan Hieber | Porsche Slovakia
- Dirk Janetzko | AVL Hungary
- Franz Lang | Lagermax Autotransport Slovakia
- Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl | Volkswagen Slovakia
- Markus Zwicklbauer | voestalpine Hungary & Slovakia

Host: Philipp Schramel | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Budapest

16.15 – 17.00

### **FOCUS CEE: TAKING OFF SUCCESSFULLY IN CEE** (German)

Impulse: Stefan Bergsmann | Horváth & Partner Management

Claus Retschitzegger | Oberbank AG

- Stb. Zoltán Gálffy | FALCON Tax, Audit, Consulting
- RA Bernhard Hager | Eversheds Sutherland

Host: Christian Lassnig | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Warszawa

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17.00 – 17.45 **FOCUS SEE: COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN A COMPLEX REGION** (German)

Impulse: Pavo Djedović | LeitnerLeitner Tax, Audit, Advisory

- Dietmar Reiner | Verbund Green Power
- Wilhelm Nest | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Ljubljana
- Jürgen Schreder | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Beograd

Host: Christoph Sturm | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Athens

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17.45 – 18.00 **CLOSING**

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#### EVENING PROGRAMME

18.30 – 19.00 **WELCOME & REGISTRATION**

Location: Hotel Carlton, Restaurant “Savoy”  
Hviezdoslavovo nám. 3, 811 02 Bratislava

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19.00 – 19.30 **OPENING**

- Bettina Trojer | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Bratislava
  - Eva Maria Liebmann | Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
  - Michael Otter | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA
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19.30 – 22.00 **NETWORKING-DINNER**

Buffet and Austrian Wines by winemaker Hannes Reeh

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The event will be held in German and English (simultaneous interpreting between German and English will be provided).