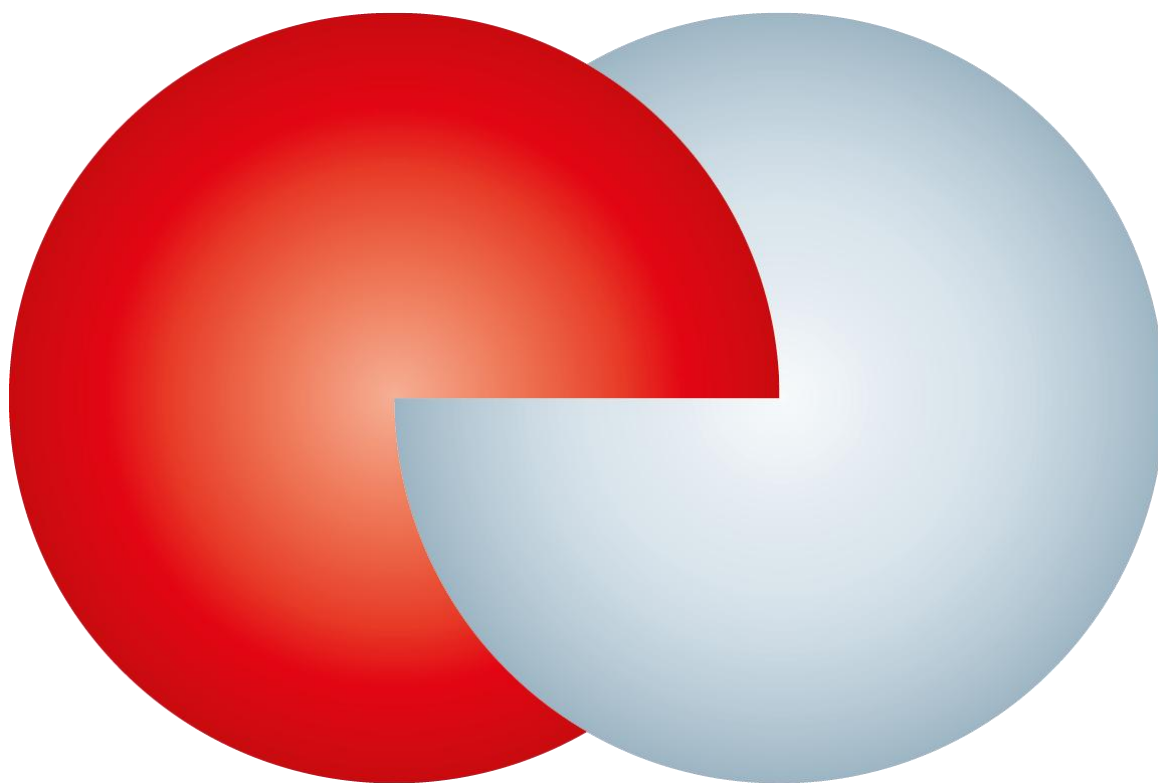


AUSTRIA CONNECT CESEE 2026

„COMPETITIVENESS IN TRANSITION –
NAVIGATING CHALLENGES & SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES “

23.4.2026 | BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA



As of 22 January 2026

PROGRAM

Thursday 23.4. MORNING PROGRAM	
8.30 – 9.30	<p>WELCOME & REGISTRATION</p> <p>Location: Hotel Carlton Hviezdoslavovo nám.3, 811 02 Bratislava</p>
9.30 – 10.00	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Official Opening and Welcome Speeches in the “Harmony Hall”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidium Austrian Federal Economic Chamber • Michael Otter Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA • Eva Liebmann Deputy Secretary General - Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (tbc) • Peter Mihók President of the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry SOPK (tbc) • Bettina Trojer ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Bratislava and Johannes Wimmer Austrian Ambassador to Slovakia
10.00 – 10.45	<p>KEYNOTE “Two Regions redefining themselves “</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Felbermayr WIFO
10.45 – 11.15	<p>EXPERT PANEL</p> <p>„Deep Dive“ with Experts from the Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Felbermayr WIFO • Alf Netek ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA EXPO Belgrad 2027 • Rainer Schnabl RBI <p>Moderation: ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA N.N.</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p> <p>Networking and Simultaneous On-Site Advise from Event Partners</p>

11.45 – 12.30

HIDDEN CHAMPIONS FROM CEE & SEE

Keynote: CEO Alexander Punzenberger | COPA-DATA GmbH

- Andrea Basilova | Sensoneo
- György Huszics | CarbonCrane
- N.N. | Infobip (tbc)

Moderation: Gerhard Schlattl | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Zagreb

12.30 – 13.45

NETWORKING-LUNCH

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

13.45 – 14.30

COMPETITIVENESS IN TRANSITION

Keynote: René Stranz | Gebrüder Weiss

- Moritz Freyborn | Strabag
- Harald Miessner | BILLA/Rewe
- Boštjan Bandelj | NGEN/Belektron

Moderation: Josef Treml | AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA

14.30 – 15.15

THE FUTURE OF WORK

Keynote: Wolfgang Gomernik | DELTA

- Klemens Wersonig | Target Executive Search
- Vladimir Slezak | Siemens
- N.N. | Bene (tbc)

Moderation: Roman Rauch | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Prag

15.15 – 15.45

COFFEE BREAK

Networking and Simultaneous On-Site Advise from Event Partners

15.45 – 16.30

AUTOMOTIVE

Keynote: Franz Lang | Lagermax [

- Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl | Volkswagen Slovakia (SK)
- N.N. | MAGNA Steyr + FV Fahrzeugindustrie WKÖ (tbc)
- N.N. | AVL (tbc)

Moderation: Philipp Schramel | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Budapest

16.30 – 17.15

FOCUS CEE: TAKING OFF SUCCESSFULLY IN CEE

Keynotes: Stefan Bergsmann | Horváth & Partner Management

Claus Retschitzegger | Oberbank AG

- RA Bernhard Hager | Eversheds Sutherland
- Stb. Zoltán Gálffy | FALCON (

Moderation: Christian Lassnig | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Warschau

17.15 – 18.00

FOCUS SEE: COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN A COMPLEX REGION

Keynote: Christian Oberhumer und Pavo Djedović | LeitnerLeitner

- Wirtschaftsdelegierte in Belgrad, Sarajevo, Laibach
- Dietmar Reiner | Verbund Green Power GmbH

Moderation: Christoph Sturm | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Athens

18.00 – 18.10

CLOSING

All Commercial Counsellors and Commercial Attachés

EVENING PROGRAM

18.30 – 19.00

WELCOME & REGISTRATION

Location: Hotel Carlton, Restaurant "Savoy"

19.00 – 19.30

OPENING REMARKS

- Bettina Trojer | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Bratislava
- Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (tbc)

19.30 – 22.00

NETWORKING-DINNER

Buffet and Austrian Wines