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Dear Business Partners and Friends of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA!

With the holidays fast approaching, I'd like to bring you up-to-date on some of the highlights of the past few months as well as a few important events coming up:

Greenbuild, the annual conference and exhibition organized by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) took place in Atlanta November 20-22, 2019. An Austrian pavilion was organized by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, at which seven Austrian companies exhibited. As green technologies become ever more popular, we were happy to once again showcase what Austria has to offer in this sector.

The American Friends of Austria annual **Viennese Gala Ball** will be held on Friday, January 31, 2020 at Chicago's landmark hotel, the Drake. We hope you will be able to attend for an evening of Viennese music, dancing, great company and delicious food in the beautiful setting of the Drake.

And save the date for the the 13th Annual Conference for Executives of Austrian Subsidiaries in the US, Canada and Mexico, **AUSTRIA CONNECT**, which will be held Sept. 17 - 19, 2020 in Washington, D.C. More information to follow.

If you are an Austrian company doing business in the US, we'd love to share your news, completed projects, and success stories online too! Just send us an e-mail with your news or press releases to Chicago@advantageaustria.org.

As every year at this time, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many partners and friends that Austrian companies and our office have in the US for their trust in Austrian products and services and their interest in working with or visiting our country! All the best for a happy and healthy holiday season and all the best for 2020!

With best wishes,
Peter Sedlmayer and the team of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Chicago

And here a brief update on the economic situation in the EU in general:

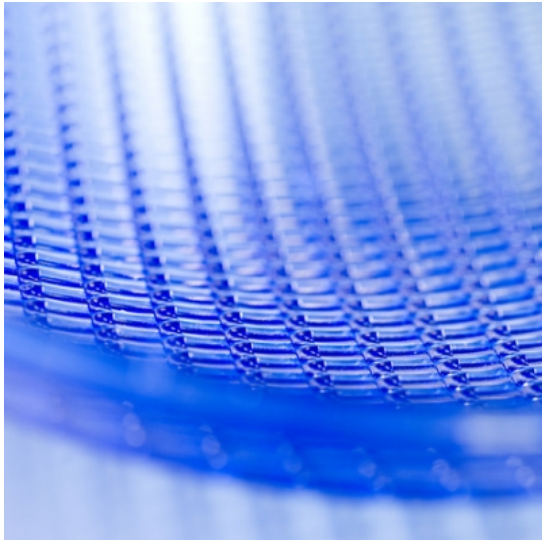
GDP up by 0.2% in the euro area and by 0.3% in the EU28*)

Seasonally adjusted GDP rose by 0.2% in the euro area (EA19) and by 0.3% in the EU28 during the third quarter of 2019, compared with the previous quarter, according to a preliminary flash estimate published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. In the second quarter of 2019, GDP had grown by 0.2% in both zones.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted GDP rose by 1.1% in the euro area and by 1.4% in the EU28 in the third quarter of 2019, after +1.2% in the euro area and +1.4% in the EU28 in the previous quarter

*) <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/10064429/2-31102019-BP-EN.pdf/231272f8-b6a4-f943-6d77-9b59ac91f44e>

NEWS



Plastics from Austria are an export hit

Austrian companies in the plastics sector score points worldwide with their skills. Many of them are traditional enterprises whose pioneering achievements and innovation make them global leaders, and it is little wonder that their export ratio now exceeds 60%. Their success is also founded on a high research ratio (4.8%) and excellent staff training.

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PROCESS IT. PACK IT. PROFIT.

The annual PROCESS Expo took place from October 8 – 11, 2019 at McCormick Place North in Chicago. An Austrian company, **AAT-Freezing**, was an exhibitor at the show and presented its innovative freezing systems, which are among the most advanced on the market..

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Fulbright Program supports the exchange of students, teachers, and researchers between Austria and the USA

Austria and the USA have been connected through the Fulbright Exchange Program since 1950. With the Fulbright Program students, teachers, and researchers from Austria and the USA have the opportunity to study, teach, and research in another country and thereby get to know another society first-hand.

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EVENTS

DECEMBER 4 2019, CHICAGO

Webinar "Personalsuche in den USA"

ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Chicago together with **YER USA** and the **German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest** is organizing a webinar on the topic of "Personalsuche in den USA – Tipps und Tricks für ein erfolgreiches Recruiting" (in German).

» event details (in German)

**DECEMBER 9 – 10 2019,
ANN ARBOR - DETROIT**

Future of Mobility – Midwest

Together with local partners in Michigan, ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA CHICAGO will host a trade mission on December 9-10, 2019 in Ann Arbor/Detroit on the topic the "Future of Mobility." This event will give Austrian companies and their US subsidiaries an overview of what the Midwest has to offer in the field of mobility related to transportation.

Highlights of the two-day program are meetings with Bosch Mobility, Navya, May Mobility, P3 Mobility as well as the University of Michigan, the Detroit Regional Partnership, Planet M Landing Zone and Ann Arbor Spark. The program also includes pitching sessions with local startups and multipliers.

» event details (in German)

DECEMBER 18 2019, CHICAGO

European Business Networking Event

Join us for our **European Networking Event** on December 18, 2019 at the W Hotel CURRENT Restaurant in Chicago.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



PSP - Petschacher Software und Projektentwicklungs GmbH

PSP is developing the bridge weigh-in-motion (iBVIM) system, which measures the load on bridges in real time when traffic passes over them.

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Schmid Schrauben Hainfeld GmbH

Schmid Schrauben is the only screw producer in Austria to have specialized in manufacturing timber construction screws / special parts for more than 175 years.

Wanted:
Direct Customers & Distributors

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T3K.AI

T3K-Forensics GmbH

At T3K-Forensics, we use our practical experience with digital forensics casework to develop AI-based, automated analysis and biometrics tools for government agencies.

Wanted:
Collaborative Partners

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Leitner GmbH

Ropeway systems produced by LEITNER ropeways are in operation worldwide and perform a variety of roles with long-term success.

Wanted:
Direct Customers

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Medek & Schörner GmbH

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Wanted:
Direct Customers



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