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15th Conference of the
European Regions and
Cities



Europe and Peace



1919 – 1989 – 2019



from Sunday, 6 October to
Tuesday, 8 October 2019
Salzburg Congress, Austria

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Europe and peace, will this still be true in the future? It is an exciting question. Undisputedly, the European Union is a peace project that has been securing peace in Europe for some 70 years. For instance, Eastern and Western Europe are united. The Common House of Europe secures peace.

All of this will be recalled in the first part of this conference with a historical retrospective. The occasion is a number of commemoration days: 100 years ago, the controversial Paris peace treaties were signed, completely redesigning Europe. The awful World War II began 80 years ago, and ten years later, in 1949, the Council of Europe was founded. Thirty years ago, the fall of the "Iron Curtain" and the Berlin Wall marked the beginning of a new era in Europe. Twenty years ago, the Euro was introduced in eleven European countries, and ten years ago the important Lisbon Treaty came into force.

Now, in recent years, the European Union has faced many internal challenges. Populism on the left and on the right, margins and nationalism are increasing. Both are phenomena which directly counteract the peaceful development of our continent and against how the European integration process is supposed to work. Europe is surrounded by crises, both conflicts and armed conflicts. But even at its borders and within Europe, there are trouble spots when thinking about Ukraine/Russia or Serbia/Kosovo. They are waiting for a peaceful solution. The peaceful settlement of the conflict between Greece and the new North Macedonia gives hope.

The conference deals in detail with the chances of resolving conflicts in the crisis regions Ukraine/Russia and Serbia/Kosovo. Many political leaders and experts are going to discuss it.



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Sunday, 06 October 2019

Salzburg Congress

Auersperstraße 6, 5020 Salzburg
Herbert von Karajan-Saal (2nd Floor)
5020 Salzburg, Österreich

Conference Languages: German, English, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian, Russian

11:30

Registration and Welcome Lunch

(Opening of the exhibitor area of all partners and sponsors, 2nd Floor, Salzburg Congress)

12:30

IRE-General Assembly 2019

(entitled to vote are only IRE-Members, Guests are warmly welcome)

Chairman: Stefan Eder, Chairman of the IRE-Support-Association, Vienna, Austria

"Presentation on the Adjara Region in Georgia"

Davit Gabaidze, Chairman of the Supreme Council
of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara, Georgia



Davit
Gabaidze

13:30

Networking Coffee Break

Europe - a Peace Project?

For centuries, Europe was formed and marked by armed conflicts. Looking back, there has never been such a long period of peace in Europe's history. It was not until the second half of the 20th century - the collapse of the old Europe after the two world wars – that the conditions were created for a united Europe in peace and freedom.

On 9 May 1950, French Foreign Minister Robert Schumann emphasized the ambitious goal of unifying Europe through voluntary economic integration. The European nations, which had been fighting each other for decades, should be so closely linked to a community of peace until war between them would no longer be possible. This was followed by the Treaty of Rome in 1957, which marks the beginning of the European Peace Project. 1999 marked the "birth" of the European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP). The reconciliation between East and West has taken place, they are now united, and the peace in the common house of Europe seemed assured. Therefore, the resulting European Union is a political concept, a peace project, a European idea born in response to the mutual terrible historical experiences.

In 2012, the EU won the Nobel peace prize for its stabilizing role in transforming Europe from a continent of wars into a continent of peace. In addition to a historical review of the EU's contribution to peace in Europe, the IRE-Forum questions the future of peace and the EU's ability to solve existing crises. Why is it not possible to resolve the Ukraine crisis, the crisis between Serbia and Kosovo, the critical situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the frozen conflict in Moldova or the division of Cyprus in a peaceful manner?



Sunday
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15th Conference for European Regions and Cities

14:00

Opening Address
Franz Schausberger, IRE-Chairman, Salzburg, Austria

14:15

IRE Forum: Europa – ein Friedensprojekt?

Keynote Speaker: **Michael Gehler**
University of Hildesheim, Germany



Moderator: **Christoph Takacs**, Director of the ORF Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria

Elmar Brok, former Member of the European Parliament, Germany

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Christoph Takacs

16:30

End of IRE-Forum

18:45

Busshuttle to Salzburger Residenz (Departure: Salzburg Congress)

19:30

Reception of the Land and the City of Salzburg
in the "Fürsterzbischöfliche Residenz", Residenzplatz 1, Carabinieri-Saal, Salzburg, Austria

22:00

End and Busshuttle to the Conference Hotels



1919

The Big Four of the Allies chat while gathering in Versailles for the Treaty, which officially ended World War I. They are, left to right, David Lloyd George of Great Britain, Vittorio Orlando of Italy, Georges Clemenceau of France, and Woodrow Wilson, United States President.

1949

The founders of the Council of Europe: Robert Schuman, Foreign Minister of France, Alcide De Gasperi, Foreign Minister of Italy, Dirk Stikker, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, Paul Van Zeeland, Foreign Minister of Belgium, Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of Germany and Joseph Bech, Foreign Minister of Luxembourg.



1989

East German border policemen, refuse to shake hands with a Berliner who stretches out his hand over the border fence at the eastern site nearby Checkpoint Charlie, in this November 10, 1989.



1989

Young Czechoslovak people jubilate in support of Vaclav Havel following his election 29 Dec. 1989 at Prague Hradcany Castle as Czechoslovakia's first non-communist president since 1948.

Monday
07 October
2019

Monday, 7 October 2019

Salzburg Congress, Europa Saal, 3rd Floor

Conference Languages: German, English, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian, Russian

08:30

Registration

Festive Event Europe and Peace 1919 – 1989 – 2019

LIVE Broadcast on ORF III

09:00

Welcome and opening: Franz Schausberger, IRE-Chairman, Salzburg, Austria

Moderator: Christoph Takacs, Director of the ORF Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria

Wilfried Haslauer, Governor of Salzburg, Austria

Sebastian Kurz, Former Austrian Chancellor, Vienna, Austria

Maia Sandu, Prime Minister of Moldova, Chişinău, Moldova

Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the Austrian National Assembly, Vienna, Austria (tbc)



Wilfried
Haslauer



Sebastian
Kurz



Maia Sandu



Wolfgang
Sobotka



Christoph
Takacs

09:45

Official Speech
Peace in Freedom
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1. Ukraine – Chances for a Peaceful Solution?

When we talk about unifying Europe in peace and freedom, we can not exclude the conflict between Ukraine and Russia which has been going on for over five years. On the contrary: This conflict plays a central role in the question of peace throughout Europe. For a long time this question did not arise. Reconciliation between East and West had taken place and while they were united, peace in the common house of Europe seemed secured to all.

However, in response to the annexation of Crimea, restrictive measures against Russia have been imposed since 2014. The sanctions also have impacted the European economy. The Minsk Agreement is waiting for its fulfillment. The situation seems to be developing into a “frozen conflict”. The question is whether the measures taken can actually lead to a peaceful solution.

Did the conditions change for a peaceful solution by the election of a new president and by the parliamentary elections in Ukraine? All this should be discussed in this panel with the objective consideration of the positions of all involved sides.



Montag
07. Oktober
2019

10:30

Panel Discussion 1:
Ukraine – Chances for a Peaceful Solution?
LIVE Broadcast on ORF III

Keynote Speaker: **Karin Kneissl**
Former Austrian Minister for Europe, Integration
and Foreign Affairs, Vienna, Austria



Moderator: **Journalist**

Reinhard Lauterbach, Journalist and Author, Ukraine-Expert, former ARD-Correspondent

Alexej Puschkow, Senator and Chairman of the Committee for Information and Council of the Federation, Moscow, Russian Federation (tbc)

Martin Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, Vienna, Austria

Peter M. Wagner, Head of the Support Group for Ukraine at the European Commission and Director in the Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations, Brussels, Belgium

Christian Wehrschütz, ORF-Correspondent in Ukraine

Tatiana Zhurzhenko, Univ.-Prof. for political science, guest professorship for Eastern European Studies at the University of Vienna

Representative of the Ukraine



Reinhard
Lauterbach

Martin Sajdik

Alexej
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Wagner

Christian
Wehrschütz

Tatiana
Zhurzhenko

11:45

Networking Coffee Break

12:00

Media Conference

2. Peace in the Western Balkans – Peace in Europe

As a peace project, the EU repeatedly acts in crisis situations across Europe and also in the most diverse regions of the world. This is particularly the case in the enlargement countries of the Western Balkans, eg. in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in the Serbia-Kosovo conflict. While the EU has been particularly successful in the conflict between Greece and Macedonia, the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and above all in the Kosovo shows that the EU is also reaching the limits in its assertiveness, where peaceful coexistence of hostile ethnic groups can not be enforced – not even through international agreements (Dayton). Mutual provocation of the political actors in the region and to a certain degree, the lack of knowledge and interest and prejudices in some EU countries as well as the specific interests of non-European forces complicate the way to peaceful solutions. However, these are existential for a lasting peace in Europe, since the countries mentioned are in the midst of EU countries and thus in the middle of Europe.



Monday
07 October
2019

12:15

Panel Discussion 2:
Peace in the Western Balkans – Peace in Europe
LIVE Broadcast on ORF III

Keynote Speaker: Johannes Hahn
EU-Commissioner for European Neighborhood
Politics and Enlargement Negotiations, Brussels



Moderator: Christian Wehrschütz, ORF-Correspondent in Serbia

Majlinda Bregu, General Secretary of the Regional Cooperation Council, former Albanian Minister of European Integration

Ana Brnabić, Serbian Prime Minister, Belgrad, Serbia (tbc)

Marija Pejčinović Burić, Deputy Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia

Dhurata Hoxha, Minister for European Integration of Kosovo, Pristina, Kosovo

Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Franz Schausberger, IRE-Chairman and Special Adviser to Johannes Hahn (EU-Commissioner for European Neighborhood Politics and Enlargement Negotiations)



Majlinda
Bregu



Ana Brnabić



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Burić



Dhurata
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13:45

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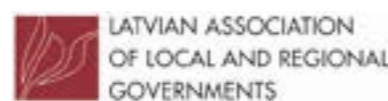
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Association of European Border Regions



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Sochi-Dialogue: Governors-Network

As part of the 15th IRE-Salzburg Europe Summit will be organized a meeting of Russian and Austrian governors.

Sunday, October 6, 2019

19:30 **Reception of the State and the City of Salzburg**
given by Governor Dr. Wilfried Haslauer and Mayor Dipl. Ing. Harald Preuner

Monday, October 7, 2019

09:00 **Celebration „Europe and Peace“ 1919 – 1989 – 2019**
Salzburg Congress, Europa Saal

10:30 **Panel discussion „Ukraine - chance for a peaceful solution?“**

12:15 **Panel Discussion „Peace in the Western Balkans - Peace in Europe“**

14:00 – 16:00 **For invited guests of the Sochi dialogue only:**
Hotel Sheraton
Working talk and aperitif „Governors Network“
Working lunch given by Governor Dr. Wilfried Haslauer

AAfterwards short Sight-Seeing Tour (on request)



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3. Currency and Peace in Europe – 20 years of the Euro

Vor 20 Jahren wurde der Euro eingeführt. Man war überzeugt, dass eine gemeinsame Währung den Frieden in Europa stabilisiert. Andere wieder fürchteten den Verlust eines wichtigen Identitätsfaktors ihres Landes. Aber der Euro war die logische Konsequenz für ein gemeinsames Europa. Der Euro gehört zu den ganz jungen Währungen und ist eine besondere Konstruktion, gehört er doch nicht zu einem Staat, sondern zu einem Staatenbund. Der Euro ist ein einmaliges Experiment, das noch nicht von allen EU-Mitgliedstaaten eingeführt wurde. Der Euro hat in den letzten 20 Jahren eine durchaus gemischte gesamtwirtschaftliche Entwicklung durchgemacht: Der „Schönwetterperiode“ der Jahre 1999 bis 2008 folgte die „Eurokrisenperiode“ von 2009 bis 2019.Die einen sagen: „Scheitert der Euro, scheitert Europa.“ Die anderen sagen: „Der Euro bringt Unfrieden zwischen den Völkern“.Die Mehrheit der Menschen in den Euro-Ländern halten die gemeinsame Währung für eine gute Sache. Er hat letztlich Stabilität, Frieden und Wohlstand gebracht. Der Euro steht für die Einigungsidee Europas, ist das am weitesten vorangeschrittene Konzept im Prozess der Einigung und daher stellt die permanente Verletzung europäischer Stabilitätsregeln in einem Land eine Gefahr für alle anderen dar. Andere wiederum stellen die friedensstiftende Wirkung des Euro vehement in Abrede.Alles das wird von anerkannten Experten in diesem Panel diskutiert, nach ein Einleitung durch den „Vater des Euro“, Theo Waigel.



1999

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in the centre, Klaus Kinkel, left, and the Minister of Finance Theo Waigel, „Father of the Euro“.

Monday,
07 October
2019

15:00

Panel Disussion 3:
Currency and Peace in Europe – 20 years of the Euro
LIVE Broadcast on ORF III

Keynote Speaker: **Theo Waigel**
former German Finance Minister,
“Father of the Euro”, Munich, Germany



Moderator: **Monika Graf**, Economic Editor in the Vienesese Office of the newspaper “Salzburger Nachrichten”, Vienna, Austria

Matthias von Hellfeld, German Historian, Journalist und Publicist

Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), Luxemburg

Daniela Schwarzer, Director of the German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin, Germany

Jean-Claude Trichet, Former President of the European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany (tbc)

Willibald Cernko, Member of the Board, Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG, Vienna, Austria



Monika Graf



Matthias von Hellfeld



Wilhelm Molterer



Daniela Schwarzer



Jean-Claude Trichet



Willibald Cernko

17:00 End of Panel the Discussion
18:15 Busshuttle to Augustiner Bräu (Depature: Salzburg Congress)

19:00 **Dinner Gathering “Salzburg Evening”**, Augustiner Brewery, Augustinergasse 1, 5020 Salzburg, “Marmorsaal” (charge of EUR 20 per person to cover all food and beverage)
Welcomeadress: Helmut Falschlehner, Member of IRE-Board, Vienna, Austria

22:00 End of the Second Day of the Conference, Busshuttle to the Conference Hotels

Tuesday, 8 October 2019

Salzburg Economic Chamber, Julius Raab Festsaal, Julius Raab Platz 1, 5027 Salzburg
Konferenzsprachen: English, German

8:30 Registration

4. 30 Years of the Fall of the Iron Curtain – Tourism in Europe

For more than forty years, the Iron Curtain formed an impermeable barrier between the socialist Eastern Block countries and the democratic West. 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Iron Curtain. The newly created possibility of the free crossing of national borders was extremely important. Freedom of movement not only helps in cross-border cooperation, but also in the tourism development of all European countries, and especially in the frontier regions of the states in Central and Eastern Europe. The possibility of traveling is considered the “embodiment of freedom”, which was clearly expressed by the Fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989. The success story of tourism is very much connected with the growing freedom of travel.



1989

Alois Mock, damals Außenminister von Österreich, und sein ungarischer Amtskollege Gyula Horn durchtrennten am 27. Juni 1989 den Stacheldraht an der österreichisch-ungarischen Grenze.

Tuesday
08 October
2019

09:00

Opening

Josef Schöchl, Member of IRE-Committee, Representative of the Europe-Committee of the Salzburg federal state parliament, Salzburg, Austria

Manfred Rosenstatter, President of the Salzburg Economic Chamber, Salzburg, Austria



Josef Schöchl Manfred Rosenstatter

09:30

Panel Discussion 4: 30 Years of the Fall of the Iron Curtain – Tourism in Europe

Keynote Speaker: **Nikolina Angelkova**
Minister of Tourism, Sofia, Bulgaria (tbc)



Moderator: **Claus Reitan**, Journalist, Vienna, Austria



Leo Bauernberger, CEO, Salzburg state Board of Tourism, Hallwang, Austria (tbc)

Johannes Hörl, General Director of the Grossglockner High Alpine Road, Salzburg, Austria

Karl-Heinz Kopf, General Secretary of the Austrian Economic Chamber, Vienna, Austria

Gabriele Lackner-Strauss, EUREGIO Bavarian Forest – Bohemian Forest Regional Management, Mühlviertel, Upper Austria, Austria

Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization, Madrid, Spain (tbc)



Leo Bauernberger



Johannes Hörl



Karl-Heinz Kopf



Gabriele Lackner-Strauss



Zurab Pololikashvili

11:00

Networking Coffee Break

5. Energy Supply in Europe: Question of Peace, Stability and Security

Energy is the basis of economic activity and social existence and therefore an important foundation for the peaceful coexistence of states. At the beginning of the European integration, energy policy was still clearly marked by the economic ties among the German, Belgian, Luxembourg, Dutch and French coal and steel industries, in order to secure long-term peace in Europe. The need for a “transnationally coordinated energy policy” gave European integration an important direction right from the start.

The connection between energy supply and peace is very close. The tense relations between Ukraine and Russia painfully show how dependent the EU is on oil and gas. The now long-lasting crisis in Ukraine is probably also a long-standing dispute over energy policy issues. Europe needs secure access to energy sources and wants to offer its consumers energy at the lowest possible prices while still protecting the environment. Therefore, especially now that the global race for energy supplies is tightening, Europe must assert its interests internationally in this area. It must speak with one voice and act accordingly. Energy policy will also have to make an efficient contribution to the EU’s climate change policy.

The panel discussion addresses the fundamental question if European energy policy has a direct impact on peace in Europe and its neighboring countries, how climate change can be effectively counteracted, whether a new European Energy Union can adequately answer all these questions, or whether a decentralized energy industry would be best.



Dienstag
08. Oktober
2019

11:30

Panel Discussion 5: Energy Supply in Europe: Question of Peace, Stability and Security

Keynote Speaker: **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**
Deputy Director-General of Energy Policy,
EU-Commission, Brussels, Belgium



Moderator: **Stefan Veigl**, Journalist, Salzburger Nachrichten, Austria

Gerhard Christiner, Member of the Board, Austrian Power Grid AG, Vienna, Austria

Gerhard Gamperl, Director, Head of Strategy, Corporate Development and Sustainability at the VERBUND AG, Vienna, Austria

Gunther Hauser, Head of Department for International Security at the Theresan Military Academy, Vienna, Austria

Reinhard Mitschek, Senior Vice President Gas Logistics & International Projects, OMV Gas & Power GmbH, Vienna, Austria

Kirsten Westphal, Member of the Expert Council of the Global Commission on the Geopolitics of Energy Transition, German Institute for International and Security, Berlin, Germany

Representative of the German Energy Sector



Gerhard Christiner



Gerhard Gamperl



Gunther Hauser



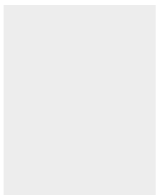
Reinhard Mitschek



Stefan Veigl



Kirsten Westphal



13:00

Lunch

14:00

End of Conference



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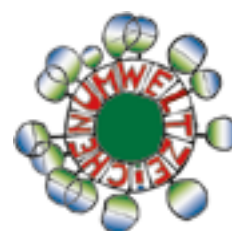
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