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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
December 11, 2018

Connecting Europe and Asia

Conference organized by the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and the Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee (RBWC)

Conference date: December 14, 2018

Conference venue: Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna, Austria

CONFERENCE ASPECTS

Taking place toward the end of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, this conference will discuss ways to improve cooperation between Europe and Asia and to better connect Europe and Asia to the benefit of both sides.

Experts from academia, business and politics will debate how to achieve these goals and promote deeper integration between Europe and Asia.

They will discuss the current institutional framework, initiatives such as the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative, European integration and relations between the European Union (EU) and Eurasia, focusing on trade relations and on Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

A related focus will be on Asia's relations with the Danube region, with contributions also from the Danube Macro Region Business Forum (DMRBF)

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8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Opening remarks

Ewald Nowotny

Governor

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Marc Uzan

Executive Director

Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

9:00 a.m. Panel 1: **Integration in Europe: European Union (EU) and Eurasia**

Chair: **Franz Nauschnigg**, Head of Division, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Panelists:

Elena Rovenskaya, Program Director, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Petros Sourmelis, Head of Unit, EU Commission

William Tompson, Head of Eurasia Department, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD

Tatyana Valovaya, Member of the Board (Minister), Eurasian Economic Commission

11:00 a.m. Coffee break

- 11:30 a.m. **Panel 2: Connecting Europe and Asia: the land dimension**
- Chair: **Rudolf Schicker**, Coordinator, Danube Region
- Panelists:
David Gould, Lead Economist, The World Bank
Alexey Grom, President, United Transport and Logistics Company
Mario Holzner, Deputy Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
Jonas Grätz, Economic Adviser, OSCE
Osman Erol, Managing Director, Rail Cargo Logistics Austria
- 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 2:15 p.m. **Panel 3: Connecting Europe and Asia: the maritime dimension**
- Chair: **Ernst Schmied**, Chairman, Danube Macro Region
- Panelists:
Stephan Barisitz, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Zeno D'Agostino, President, Trieste Port Authority
Massimo Deandreis, General Manager, S.R.M. Economic Research Center related to Intesa Sanpaolo Bank
Igor Hribar, Head of Rail Services Austria, DB Cargo AG
Wojciech Szymulewicz, CEO, Adriatic Gate Container Terminal
- 4:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 4:30 p.m. **Panel 4: Europe and Asia: Financial Connectivity, Risks Challenges and Opportunities**
- Chair: **Ousmène Jacques Mandeng**, Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Panelists:
Baurzhan Bektemirov, Chief Economist, Astana International Financial Centre
Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Former Prime Minister of Georgia
Mattia Romani, Managing Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- 6:30 p.m. End of conference

This program is subject to change. Panelists are listed in alphabetical order.

Please note that the OeNB will take pictures of participants during the conference and may use them in its online or print publications.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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