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A MATCHING EVENT FOR RESEARCHERS FROM AUSTRIA AND THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES

University of Vienna, 13th November 2006

This meeting of researchers from Austria and the Western Balkan countries will take place on 13th November 2006 at the University of Vienna. The Science Day is focused on establishing and promoting networking activities (partnering) as well as strengthening existing cooperations between Austrian and Western Balkan researchers for further research activities.

The three thematic domains of the Conference are:
- Social Sciences
- Economics and Business Administration
- Information Society Technologies (IST)

The morning session provides information about Austrian and European funding opportunities. The afternoon is reserved for networking, elaboration of new project ideas and discussion of future cooperation in the thematic workshops.

All researchers from Austria and the Western Balkan countries have the possibility to present their research institutions and scientific interests (institution profile, competencies, experience in international RTD cooperation) by poster presentations in the exhibition area. A short institution profile will be included in the conference documentation.

Target group: Researchers and Research Managers
from Austria and the Western Balkan countries
Venue: University of Vienna, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 1, 1010 Vienna
Language: English
Registration: http://asowestbalk.stage.zsi.at
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Online Registration only.

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AGENDA

MORNING SESSION

Venue: University of Vienna, Kleiner Festsaal, 1010 Vienna

8.30 – 9.00	**Registration**

09.00   **Opening and Welcome Addresses**
Georg Winckler, Rector of the University of Vienna
Peter Kowalski, Austrian Federal Ministry for Education,
Science and Culture, Director General for scientific research and
international relations – division of science

Moderation:
Johann Eder, University of Vienna, Faculty of Computer Science,
and Vice-President of the Austrian Science Fund

09.15 – 10.00   **Keynote Speaker + Discussion**
Erhard Busek, Special Coordinator of the
Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

10.00 – 11.00   **Presentation of funding opportunities**
• Call for Proposals of the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Offices
(ASOs): Martin Felix Gajdusek and Miroslav Polzer

• Launch of the Pilot Joint Call for Proposals of the SEE-ERA.NET:
Florian Gruber, Centre for Social Innovation

• Cooperation in Innovation and Research with Central and Eastern Europe
(CIR-CE): Romana Bohnenstingl, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

• TEMPUS: Martina Friedrich, TEMPUS National Contact Point

• CEEPUS: Elisabeth Sorantin, CEEPUS Secretary General

11.00 – 11.30   Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area

11.30 – 13.00   **7th Framework Programme + Discussion**
Ralf König and Evelina Santa, Austrian Research Promotion Agency,
Division European and International Programmes

Moderation:
Carmen Siller, Centre for Social Innovation

13.00 – 14.00   Buffet Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

14.00 – 16.30   **Parallel workshops**
Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration as well as
Information Society Technologies

- "Tour de table" Short presentation of each participant with focus on
  challenges and future plans
- Network presentations
- What is important in SEE? Feedback to the stakeholders
- Link to an interdisciplinary co-operation/approach

WORKSHOP 1 – Social Sciences

Moderation:
Hannes Haas, Professor at the Department of Communications, University of Vienna

Rapporteur:
Dieter Segert, Professor at the Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna

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WORKSHOP 2 – Economics and Business Administration

Moderation:
Peter Rosner, Head of the Department of Economics, University of Vienna

Rapporteur:
Franz Wirl, Professor at the Department of Business Studies, Chair: Industry, Energy and
Environment, University of Vienna

WORKSHOP 3 – Information Society Technologies (IST)

Moderation:
Dimitris Karagiannis, Professor at the Department of Knowledge Engineering in the Institute
Computer Science and Business Informatics at the University of Vienna

Rapporteur:
Elena Miron, Department of Knowledge Engineering in the Institute Computer Science and
Business Informatics at the University of Vienna

16.30 – 17.00   **Plenary Session – Final Conclusions**
Moderation:
Klaus Schuch, Centre for Social Innovation

17.00 – 18.00   Reception

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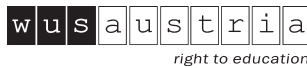
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