

Kick off to the event series:
„Social Innovation under discussion“
Expert Discussion on the question:
„Can social innovations serve as a booster for sustainable
economic growth ?“



Thursday, February 12th 2015, 5.30 pm
Centre for Social Innovation - Linke Wienzeile 246, 1150 Vienna



Host: Mag. Dr. Klaus Schuch - Scientific Director and CEO at the ZSI

Klaus Schuch is an expert on research and innovation policies and international S&T developments. At present he is scientific director at the ZSI in Vienna as well as managing director of the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. He has been and is involved in many European and national projects and has published more than 50 papers and reports.

Discussion participants:



Univ. Prof. Dr. Josef Hochgerner – Founder and Senior Strategy Adviser at the ZSI

President of the European School of Social Innovation (ESSI), sociologist, professor and scientific head of the course “MA in Social Innovation” at Danube University Krems. Researcher, expert in national and European agencies and advisory boards on RTD and innovation; lecturing in adult education, at universities in Austria and abroad. Main focus in research, teaching and practice: Innovation, in particular social innovation; social conditions and societal impact of knowledge, science and technology; working, learning and living in the global information society.



Dr. Marieke Huysentruyt - Co-founder and partner of i-propeller, a social business innovation consultancy based in Brussels. The core activity is to advise clients on how they could innovate new and alternative market solutions or services that proactively engage and respond to one (or more) of the societal trends. Marieke is also an applied micro-economist, whose research covers the fields of organizational economics, poverty and social policy, holding academic positions at SITE, Stockholm School of Economics and London School of Economics.



Roland Wadl MAS is managing partner of an international executive search company and management-consultant. He shows his personal commitment as management board and member of the executive board of *respekt.net*, which enables commitments to civil society. With www.respekt.net he runs the most successful platform for enabling and financing of important socio-political and innovative projects in the German-speaking area.

The event is rounded up by a final get-together with refreshments and light snacks with the possibility to exchange your opinions.

End of the event at 7.30 pm